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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

*Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine*

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. Samuel (1 Samuel 8:1–3)
2. Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1–10)
3. Joseph (Genesis 41:34)
4. Peter (Matthew 17:24–27)
5. Samuel (1 Samuel 8)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Aaron Heald
Announcements: Paul Hainline
Encouragement Talk: Josh Emerson
Opening Prayer: Kevin Buckner
Scripture Reading: Jordan Thomas
Luke 22:66–71
Song Leader: John Franks
Table Talk: Arturo Orozco
Contribution: Gary Tuttle
Helper: Corwin Richardson
Fruit of Vine: Tyler Blazek
Helper: Truett Blazek
Helper: Billy Lovell
Closing Prayer: Leighton Daniels

Sunday Afternoons

July 5 Nothing
July 12 3PM Summer Study
July 19 Nothing
July 26 Classroom Quarter Change

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: John Franks
Speaker: John Van Baale



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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A Sad Case

Zedekiah “also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar who had made him swear allegiance by God. But he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the Lord God of Israel. Furthermore, all the officials of the priests and the people were very unfaithful following all the abominations of the nations; and they defiled the house of the Lord which He had sanctified in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place” (2 Chronicles 36:13–15).

This is such a sad example of falling away from God. There are many lessons which we need to learn so that we might not fall away. Clearly we should not be stiff-necked or hard-hearted but have a heart that is touched by the compassion of God! To recognize what He has done and continues to do for us. A great sermon could be taught from this text about following the “abominations of the nations” and how the Christian is to be set apart and separate from the world. Yet another interesting topic from this text might be a consideration of not defiling the Lord’s House, the New Testament calling our body His temple (2 Cor. 3:16–17). What I would like us to really notice is the next verse.

“They continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets” (2 Chronicles 36:16). As Christians we are often mocked by those in the world who do not like to hear what God has said. Man has not changed, but we must still carry the message to the lost world. Sadly, many have a serious disdain for the messenger. Isn’t that always the case when the messenger brings bad news? Those in the world do not view the gospel as good news because their desires are for the world. They see the gospel as a restricting law which prohibits them from doing what they want. OR, some may disdain the messenger because they do not want to hear how bad they really are or how lost they are.

Christians must also be careful that we do not adopt this attitude toward those who are proclaiming the gospel to us! We sometimes harden our hearts toward the messenger in the pulpit who boldly tells us where we need correction; or we turn away the brother that comes to us in private. We can easily fall away from the Lord and be in the same condition as Judah!

“The wrath of the Lord arose against His people, until there was no remedy” (2 Chronicles 36:16). Why do we think we are any different? Why do we think God’s wrath will not come upon us when we are disobedient and have fallen away? Because we are saved by grace (Romans 5:17–21) do we believe that God’s wrath will not come upon us? We teach strongly against the concept of ‘once saved always saved’ but I fear in our mind we may think something akin to that! God’s wrath comes upon “His own people”! A Father angry with His disobedient child is the picture we need to see! This warning is for the faithful that we might understand God’s wrath will easily come upon us if we fall away from Him! When our heart despises the Lord’s commands and we do what we want, we should fear the judgment!

The text says God sent them messengers *“again and again”* but when his wrath came *“there was no remedy”* (2 Chronicles 36:16). God has given us His word that we might know how to please Him. It reiterates over and over the Lord’s instructions. We read it and study from it and we’re taught these instructions again and again. Do not be fooled: if we fail to obey, God’s wrath WILL come in the final judgment and there will be no remedy. His compassion will then be withdrawn from the children of disobedience.

What kind of follower are you? Are you the child of God or the child of disobedience? We must learn from Israel’s example that our spiritual condition is not a trivial matter. All of us must give heed to God’s message and not despise it. Only then will God’s loving compassion be granted to us!

By Charles Willis

***Know
Your
Bible***

Taxes & Bribes

- 1. What prophet’s sons were notorious for taking bribes?
- 2. What tax collector climbed a tree to see Jesus?
- 3. Who advised the Egyptians be taxed 20% of their produce to prepare for a coming famine?
- 4. Who did Jesus send fishing in order to get money for taxes?
- 5. Who warned the people of Israel that having a king would mean having taxation?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



Stunning Quotations from the Catholic Catechism (CLW)

- The Catholic Catechism was rewritten in 1992. The English translation was published in 1994. In the introduction, Pope John Paul II writes, “The Catechism of the Catholic Church, which I approved June 25th last and the publication of which I today order by virtue of my Apostolic Authority, is a statement of the church’s faith and of catholic doctrine, attested to or immuned by Sacred Scripture, the Apostolic Tradition, and the Church’s Magisterium.”
- Article 882: “The Pope, Bishop of Rome and Peter’s successor, “is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful.” “For the Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered.”
- Article 82: “As a result the Church, to whom the transmission and interpretation of Revelation is entrusted, does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honoured with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence.”
- Article 966: “Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son ...”
- Article 841: “The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind’s judge on the last day.”
- Article 2131: “Basing itself on the mystery of the incarnate Word the seventh ecumenical council at Nicaea (787) justified against the iconoclasts the veneration of icons-of Christ, but also of the Mother of God, the angels and all the saints. By becoming incarnate, the Son of God introduced a new “economy” of images.”
- Matthew 28:18 Jesus said, *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”*
- Ephesians 1:22 God *“gave Him as head over all things to the church.”* 1 Corinthians 13:8 says gifts of knowledge will be *“done away.”*
- 2 Peter 1:3 *“His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness.”* (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
- No Scripture ever refers to a Queen of heaven over all things. Chist is over all things (Eph. 1:22).
- 2 John 9 *“Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God”*
- Acts 17:29 *“we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man.”*