

August 22, 2021

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Mason McAlister

Opening Prayer

Britt Lindley (A.M.)

Randell Koon (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Chris Moore (A.M.)

Logan Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Gene Yancey

Count and Usher

Ricky Cissom & Michiel Criswell

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (08/25/21)

OUR RECORD

August 15, 2021

Sunday Bible Study: 80

Sunday Morning Worship: 87

Sunday Evening Worship: 72

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 80

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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THE PLEA OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

By: **Mark Lindley**

The plea of the church of Christ is a plea for pure New Testament Christianity. There was a time when the doctrines of one faith, one baptism, and one body were readily accepted (cf. Ephesians 4:4-6). However, the religious world of our day is permeated with many "faiths," many baptisms, and many different religious bodies. The religious world is fractured and splintered, due to the teachings of hundreds of denominational churches. In the midst of this mass religious confusion, churches of Christ promote a plea for unity—a return to the pure, primitive gospel of the New Testament.

Our plea is, "Let us speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent"; and, "Let us call Bible things by Bible names, and do Bible things in Bible ways." This call to return to the infallible standard of God's Word is the only sure path to religious unity.

One would think that a plea for unity and a return to the Bible would be respected by all. However, that is not the case. It is common for those who have bought into denominationalism to criticize, scoff at, and demean Christians sincerely attempting to promote religious unity. Some describe the church of Christ as "a cult," and warn their friends not to discuss the Bible with us, lest their friends be "brainwashed." In denominationalism, it is taught that one should "choose and attend the church of one's choice." This idea may have appeal to those not familiar with the teachings of the New Testament regarding the church; however, when a family member who has been in a denominational church chooses to attend the church of Christ, those who promote the "attend-the-church-of-your-choice" idea become alarmed!

Do those who criticize the church of Christ offer a defense for their beliefs? Not usually. Are they willing to open the Bible and study with those whom they slander? No. They sit behind closed doors and criticize what they do not understand; they scoff at faithful followers of Christ.

They offer the excuse: "I am not going to argue the Bible," to relieve themselves of their obligation to defend their beliefs.

The apostle Paul wrote, "I am set for the defense of the gospel" (Philippians 1:17). Jude encouraged Christians to "earnestly contend for the faith" (Jude 3). Guided by zeal for truth and a love of souls, faithful churches of Christ defend pure, New Testament Christianity. It is our desire to be biblically sound, not going too far to the right or left.

We understand the Bible to teach there is "one body" (Ephesians 4:4). The body is the church (Colossians 1:18). We are not interested in promoting a denomination. Rather, we affirm that true Christianity is non-denominational, and that all the saved are part of the one body, the Lord's church.

Yes, the plea of faithful churches of Christ is to "go back to the Bible." Please respect this call for unity! Rather than speculating about who we are why not "come and see" (John 1:39)!

His Truth Marches On! By Dalton Key

The indictment of Isaiah against his generation, a people who had temporarily succeeded in turning truth upon its head, is no less applicable today: "Woe unto them that call evil good; and good evil, that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" Isaiah 5:20,21).

Though Isaiah's generation perished in captivity the truth continued to march on. Their calling "evil good; and good evil" did not make it so.

We face a similar challenge today, when right is called wrong and wrong is called right; when all things "gay" are assumed to be good, while God, oddly enough, is portrayed as one of this world's larger problems.

Everything we once thought was true is now decried as false; all we once thought to be false is now lauded as true. But never forget this: truth will prevail. In the final analysis, when all has been said and done, when once-powerful nations have long-since crumbled into the dust of oblivion, God's truth will prevail.

Men may deny truth's very existence. They may denounce it and demonize it. They may debate it incessantly. But truth will prevail.

In the words of James Russell Lowell, "There is no good in arguing with the inevitable. The only argument available with the east wind is to put on your overcoat."

Spiritual Blessings in Christ By Kevin Rutherford

Ephesians 1:3 tells us all spiritual blessings are to be found in Christ. One can study the book of Ephesians and note a number of those spiritual blessings mentioned or discussed. Listed below are twenty-three spiritual blessings found in Christ:

1. Holiness (1:4).
2. Blamelessness (1:4).
3. Adoption (1:5).
4. Acceptance (1:6).
5. Redemption (1:7).
6. Forgiveness (1:7).
7. Inheritance (1:11, 18).
8. Sealing (1:12-14).
9. Wisdom (1:17-18)
10. Hope (1:18).
11. Spiritual life (2:4-5).
12. Grace (2:8-10)
13. Blood of Christ (2:13).
14. Peace (2:14-18).
15. Citizenship (2:19).
16. Family (2:19).
17. Partakers of the Promise (3:6).
18. Love (3:14-19).
19. Edification (4:16).
20. Renewal (4:22-24).
21. Goodness (5:9).
22. Strength 6:10).
23. Prayer (6:18).

AREA EVENTS

Gospel Meeting
Marlow Church of Christ
August 22-25

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New Albany Church of Christ
August 28 & 29

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blessings, pray for our lost
ones, the sick, the world and
the broken-hearted.*

•**SICK:** Jimmy Berryman, Danny
Shackleford, Britt Lindley

•**HOSPITAL:** Michelle Bellew

• **SURGERY RECOVERY:** Keith Newby

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Junior Derrick,
Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, Johnny Cissom,
George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise
Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** April Pounders, Lori Duke, Billy
McBryde, Marie Brumley, Keith Hall, Hermie
Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Cohen Hurt,
Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye
Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita
Trotter, Niani Colom-Omotesa

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