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CHURCH *of* CHRIST



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....7 p.m.

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WELCOME!

We of the Cambridge church of Christ
invite you to all our services.

"...the churches of Christ salute you" (Romans 16:16).

THE CONSCIENCE AS DETERMINED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

INTRODUCTION:

1. More than mere “shoulder angels”.
2. Internal struggle-voices in our heads
3. Not left alone to determine; we have the Bible (Jer. 10:23; 2 Pet. 1:3).

DISCUSSION:

I. CONSCIENCE IS A HUMAN CAPACITY.

- A. To Be Human is to Have a Conscience.
- B. Conscience is a capacity; not a given.

II. THE CONSCIENCE IS A GIFT FROM GOD.

- A. It Is For our Good.
- B. It is for our Joy.

III. CONSCIENCE FEELS INDEPENDENT.

- A. Why do we care about the verdict of our conscience?
- B. Why does it bother us when we go against it?
- C. Without it, we feel no guilt, and therefore, would never repent of sin.
- D. Why does the conscience feel like an independent third party? Paul gives 2 reasons (Rom. 1:19-20; 2:14-16).

IV. CONSCIENCE IS ABOUT BLACK & WHITE; NOT GRAY.

- A. It leads us to one of two possibilities: to accuse, or excuse (Rom. 2:15).
- B. One’s conscience is decidedly their own. .
- C. Problems in the home, church etc., lies in the fact that no one’s conscience perfectly aligns with God’s will.

V. THE CONSCIENCE CAN BE DAMAGED.

- A. We Can Desensitize the Conscience. Acts 28:26-27; *cf. Isa. 6:9*; 1 Tim. 4:1-2; Eph. 4:17-19.
- B. We Can Over-sensitize the Conscience (1 Tim. 4:3; Mt. 23:24).

VI. TWO GREAT PRINCIPLES OF CONSCIENCE.

- A. God is the Only Lord of our Conscience.
- B. Obey Your Conscience! (Even unbelievers intuitively obey their consciences-mostly).

CONCLUSION:

1. Conscience is a uniquely human capacity which must be educated and utilized.
2. It is a gift from God that provides for our goodness and joy.
3. Conscience is instilled in us from creation and while it naturally exists, it must be calibrated.
4. Our conscience can be damaged, and we must use care not to desensitize, or over-sensitize it.
5. 2 great principles of conscience are: 1) God is the Lord of it; 2) We should obey it.

IS THE CHURCH REALLY *THAT* IMPORTANT?

The above question will startle faithful members of the Lord's church. Sadly, it will not startle everybody. Some folks see the church as little more than a family tradition. This is apparent when one considers the way they use the word "church" and other terminology, and by their worship habits.

Some assume that we here at the Cambridge church of Christ are just another denomination among the world's denominations—that it false (if you are among this number, we really need to talk—seriously)!

We are in no way a denomination; we are the church of Christ which meets at Cambridge. We have no earthly headquarters; no official church doctrine other than the Bible, we have zero authority to dictate doctrine, and every responsibility to obey Christ.

During the earthly ministry of Christ, He polled His apostles regarding who he was. Peter affirmed that He was indeed the Christ and just then, Jesus promised to build His church (Matt. 16:18). If the church were not really that important, why did Jesus go into such a dialogue about it?

It is through the church of Christ that man makes his way to Heaven. The Lord adds the saved to the church (Acts 2:47), so if one is not in the church, then one is not saved—so, is the church really that important?

Frail man has no way of dealing with his sin on his own; he needed God to intervene. God sent for His Son to be a propitiation for our sin(1 John 2:2) through faith in His blood (Rom. 3:25). It was the blood of Christ which was the price of redemption; he purchased the church with His blood (Acts 20:28)—so, is the church really that important?

If we can remember these fundamental facts regarding the Christ and His church, then the next time we are tempted to take the church lightly, we will have the encouragement required to do the right thing with regard to that which is the ark of our salvation: the church of Christ—*JK*.

We encourage our visitors to fill out one of the blue cards and place it in the collection plate.

<i>IN OUR PRAYERS:</i> Jerry & Erma Endly, Mary Lou Huprich, Cathy Jackson, Tina Keith, Gary & Debbie Jones, Kathy Mayo, and Flavil & Verna Miller	<i>SHUT-INS:</i> Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell, Shirley Patterson and Marge Rothwell
FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Nellie Bichard, Alec Blake (grandson of Wilma Roe), Weston Boulet , (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Dick Caldwell (friend of the Fowler's) Larry Chips (friend of the Starrett's), Kenneth Crookshank (son of Dannelle Gilmore), Dan Doudna (Wilma Roe's relative), Bob & Patty Eddy, Tom Eddy (Betsy Cook's brother), Carmie Green (Flavil Miller's sister), Doris Hall, Herb Hamilton (friend of the Starrett's), Bob & Donna Henthorn (Laura Jamiel's parents), Collene Keister , (Mo Smith's sister), Les McCollum (friend of Deb McGath), Erica Rich, Shirley Roe, Mona Stoffer (Flavil Miller's daughter), Mitch Vick, Bob & Marge Watson, Kedra Wyatt and remember to pray for one another .	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Erma Endly** is to begin treatments Monday
- There will be a reception in the basement in honor of **Brendyn Herald**, our lone graduate this year, following worship this evening. 🎉

REMINDERS:

- ✓ ~~WORDWATCHER~~ will **NOT** meet tomorrow.
- ✓ If anyone would like to take a turn creating a bulletin board for the entry, please sign up on the board in the foyer.
- ✓ **Be sure to check the bulletin board for upcoming area events.**
- ✓ We still need a teacher to take over **Brendyn Herald's** class.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: The Conscience in the New Testament (Heb. 10:19-25)

PM: Distracted by Good (Luke 10:38-42)

<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>Sun. AM</i>	<i>Sun. PM</i>	<i>Collection</i>	<i>Wed.</i>
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