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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 WAY OF HOLINESS

Isaiah 35:1-10

INTRODUCTION:

1. Isaiah paints a bleak picture of devastation in Ch. 34.
2. Things look brighter in Ch. 35.
3. We are trying to get from time to a blessed, favorable eternity.
4. Is there a Way?

I. IS THERE A WAY (Isa. 35:8)?

- A. Isaiah's Highway and Way (8).
 1. Some have said these are two descriptions of the same way.
 2. "The unclean shall not pass over it". Unrighteous.
- B. Jesus' Broad Way and Narrow Way (Mt. 7:13-14).
 1. Likely, the "highway" of Isaiah and "broad" way of Christ are the same.
 2. The "way" of Isaiah and "narrow" way of Christ may be comparable.
- C. Both Speak of a Way Which is to be Desired and Walked (Acts 19:23).

II. WHERE IS THE WAY?

- A. Jesus Knew of Only One Way (Jn. 14:1-6).
- B. Peter Knew of Only One Way (Acts 4:12).
 1. The Jews hoped for salvation in Abraham's seed (cf. Jn. 8:33-39).
 2. Or because of their faith in Moses (Jn. 5:45-46).
- C. Paul Knew of But One Way,
- D. Jesus is the One and only Way—find Him and you have found it.

III. WHERE MAY I LEARN ABOUT IT?

- A. Not from General revelation which is sufficient only to point us toward God; does not reveal God's plan or "the Way" to us—thus the need for Special Revelation (2 Pet. 1:21).
- B. Search the Scriptures (Jn. 5:39; cf. 14:6; Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15).

IV. HOW CAN I GET TO THE WAY?

- A. Man Must Be Drawn to the Way (Jn. 6:44-45): The religion of God is a taught religion.
 1. Cornelius (Acts 11:14).
 2. Phillip preached Jesus unto the Ethiopian (Acts 8:35).
 3. Paul and Silas spoke the word unto the Philippian jailor (Acts 16:32).
 4. The Way of Salvation is the Gospel Way (Rom. 1:16).
- B. Man Must Be Taught of God (Jn. 6:45a; cf. Isa. 54:13).
 1. The Way must be Preached (Rom. 10:13-15).
 2. God must be the source for our instruction.
 3. The Way Must Be Learned (Jn. 6:45b; Mt. 28:19-20).
- C. Man must be brought *unto* Christ before he can *into* Christ.
 1. Hearing, believing, repenting, confessing get us *unto* Christ.
 2. Baptism gets us *into* Christ (Rom.6:3-5; Gal.3:27; 1 Cor. 12:13).

CONCLUSION: Who is the Way? Christ Jesus. Will you accept what the Bible says? Will you walk in the way of holiness, or the broad highway of worldliness? Your eternal destiny will be decided by the path you take.

STANDARD OF PURITY

Brent Pollard

When Harry Procter first marketed his Ivory soap in 1891, he used the simple slogan, “It floats!” Within a few years, however, he conceived of a new angle he could use to peddle Ivory to the masses. He decided to have an independent laboratory analyze his soap along with Castile soaps also available on the market in the 1890s. The laboratory’s conclusions were used by Procter to declare that Ivory was “99 ^{44/100}% Pure.” And that was Ivory’s new slogan.

The problem with that slogan is that there was no standard for comparison. Who defined what “pure” meant? Was it the independent laboratory that Procter paid to do the analysis? That does not pass the smell test. If paid to find a particular result, are you going to maintain your integrity and admit that there was no litmus test for soap purity? Thus, when you look at a package of Ivory soap today with its vaunted claim of being “99 ^{44/100}% Pure,” remember that is a subjective statement based on a clever marketing ploy. In other words, Ivory is pure only because it proclaims itself to be so.

If we are not careful, we can be guilty of doing something similar spiritually. That is, we might puff ourselves up, stating we are superior to those around us when we have no objective basis for our statement. Jesus cautioned us against such behavior. He told us not to do things to be seen of men in His Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 6.1-6). He gave the parable of the Pharisee and the publican to caution us that we should not seek to justify ourselves by looking upon others with contempt (Luke 18.9-14). The sobering truth is that even when we have done everything commanded of us, we are to say, “We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done” (Luke 17.10b NASB). Indeed, Jesus calls us to second-mile service (Matt. 5.41).

Regarding the final judgment, Jesus warned that there would be some who would stand before Him and laud those works (of their devising) they had done. His response for them will be, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness” (Matt. 7.23 NASB). It is not as if the desires of God are unknown. He has declared them to us. And this constitutes the criteria for our judgment (John 12.48). Indeed, we must do the will of the Father (Matt. 7.21). As such, we have an objective standard by which to compare our lives. Beyond that, we are to show mercy. We must walk in the same love as Christ had for us (Eph. 5.1-2). That was a generous love putting our interests ahead of His own. In like manner, we must avoid allowing the abuse of our Christian liberty to cause another to stumble (1 Cor. 8.9). Only when doing such, can we begin to say that our righteousness is not like filthy rags (Isa. 64.6).

Fortunately, we do not have to guess whether we are living lives pleasing to Him. Hence, even if we cannot quantify our purity with an exact number like 99 ^{44/100}%, we can still rest assured that the blood of Jesus Christ has us thoroughly cleansed (1 John 1.7). In the interim, we plead with David, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.” (Psalm 51.10).

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Tina Keith, Rick Lambert, Kathy Mayo and Flavil Miller.

SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell, and Shirley Patterson.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **Nellie Bichard, Weston Boulet**, (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Dan Doudna** (Wilma Roe's relative), **Bob & Patty Eddy**, **Connie Harrel** (Betsy Cook's daughter-in-law), **Bob & Donna Henthorn** (Laura Jamiel's parents), **Collene Keister**, (Mo Smith's sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Erica Rich**, **Shirley Roe**, **Mona Stoffer** (Flavil Miller's daughter), **Mitch Vick**, **Bob & Marge Watson** and remember to pray for **one another**.

Welcome!

To our visitors, please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one the collection boxes at the rear of the auditorium.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Tina Keith** had her *Teeth Express* surgery this past Friday and everything went as planned.
- **John and Mary Smith's** grandson, five-year-old **Carter Campbell** has been diagnosed with T-Cell lymphoblastic lymphoma and has been in *Children's Hospital* in Columbus since May 11. He is showing signs of improvement.
- My thanks to **Jared Jamiel** for teaching class this past Wednesday; I've had several good comments — JK.
- **Jerry & Erma Endly** wish to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and meals.
- **Bob Main** (Bill Main's brother) is having some medical issues and is staying with Bill and Jody.
- *Our sympathy to the family of Carmie Green who passed away on June 5. She was Flavil Miller's sister. Her services were Monday.*
- **BUSINESS MEETING** this evening at 5:30 for the men of the congregation.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ Don't forget about our library.
- ✓ If there are any changes needed to the **Family and Friends** prayer list, please let John know- thank you.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: The Way of Holiness (Isa. 35:8-10).

PM: The Destruction of Nineveh Declared (Nahum 1:1-4).

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