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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)

SPEAK LORD REGARDING BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION: Matt. 28:18-20

1. With few exceptions, most religious bodies practice *something* they call “baptism”.
2. The Bible is certainly not silent regarding the eternal importance of baptism.
3. By addressing from Scripture, who may be baptized, what baptism requires, and the purpose of baptism from Scripture, we will hear the Lord speak on baptism’s necessity.

I. WHO MAY BE BAPTIZED?

- A. Those Who Are Taught (Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:41; 8:35).
- B. Those Who Believe (Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:41; 8:12-13; 18:8; Rom. 10:10).
- C. Those Who Repent – to change the mind; the inner man; the heart (Acts 2:38; 3:19).
- D. Those Willing to Confess Christ (Mt. 10:32; Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:10).
- E. Notables:
 1. We see in these Scriptures an order which we must follow.
 2. To baptize babies (who do not yet have the mental capacity to understand or believe) is a reversal of the pattern of Scripture.
 3. There is no example of infant baptism or baby dedication in Scripture (Cf. Rom. 14:23).

II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “BE BAPTIZED”?

- A. *Baptizo* means “to baptize, “to dip”, “to plunge”, “to immerse”.
- B. Sprinkling/pouring do not fulfill Scripture; man will be judged (Rev. 20:12).
 1. In scriptural baptism, the agent—water—receives the subject (one being baptized).
 2. In sprinkling or pouring, the subject (the person), receives the agent (water).

III. WHY BE BAPTIZED?

- A. To fulfill all righteousness (Matt. 3:15).
- B. To obey Heaven’s command (Acts 2:38 Cf. Mt. 28:19).
- C. To have a good conscience towards God (1 Pet. 3:21).
- D. To put of Christ; For as many of you ... (Gal. 3:27).
- E. To be added to the church/kingdom (Matt. 16:18; John 3:3-5; Acts 2:47; Col. 1:18; Eph. 5:23).
- F. To be buried with Christ (Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12).
- G. To have our sins washed away (Acts 22:16).
- H. To be saved (Mark 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21)

CONCLUSION:

1. Man says baptism is merely a symbol; it is a symbol, but it is so much more.
2. Man says baptism is a *Christian duty*- but one is not a Christian until he had been baptized.
3. Now you know who may be baptized; what baptism means, and the purpose of it; what are you going to do about it.

CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER

In the context of 1 Corinthians 5, Paul is addressing a case of fornication within the church. Instead of being ashamed, the brethren in Corinth seemed almost proud of it; “glorying” in it (6). Paul draws on Old Testament imagery regarding the Passover of the Jews to explain how they should respond to the sinful situation. This language would be familiar since there was a significant Jewish population in Greek city.

Paul writes that there “glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump” (6)? Paul is reminding them that even a little of the influential leavening agent will permeate the entire batch of dough, meaning that a little bit of wicked influence can cause the entire body to corrupt.

Paul continues with the imperative to “purge out the old leaven, that you [Christians] may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us” (7). The old leaven represents the sinful man in the immediate context, and for us, it is a warning to rid our lives of sin. Christ died and shed His blood so we could be saved (Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:5). Christ truly is our Passover!

The Israelites, you may remember, to be saved from the death angel the night they fled from Egyptian bondage had to follow very specific instructions including the exact month and day and all the particulars regarding preparation for their escape and journey (cf. Exo. 12). If one studies the Passover, and the Christ, one can find many similarities as the Passover was a type of Christ, the anti-type.

- Both the Passover victim and Christ had to be perfect specimens, with blemish or spot (Exo. 12:5; cf. 1 Pet. 1:18-19).
- Both had as their design deliverance from the wrath of God; for the Israelites, it was deliverance from the death of the firstborn (Exo. 12:12); for Christ’s part, it was our deliverance from eternal punishment (Matt. 25:46).
- In both instances a substitute was used; The Israelites took advantage of the death of a lamb instead of their firstborn; Christ, the sinless victim, died in our stead (Matt. 20:28).
- The Passover and the Christ became food for the redeemed as the Israelites actually ate the Passover lamb (Exo. 12:8), whereas Christ is our spiritual food according to John 6:53-58 (which has nothing to do with the Lord’s Supper).
- In both cases the line between saved and lost is crystal clear: the Egyptians did not observe the Passover requirements and their firstborn males died that night (Exo. 12:29). Likewise, persons who do not obey the requirements set forth by Christ in the New Testament will suffer death twice (Rev. 20:14-15).

Is it not a glorious thing to contemplate, that we—two-thousand years removed from the crucifixion—can be partakers with and of Christ, our Passover? —JK.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Diann Bachmann, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Angela Herald, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Rick Lambert, and Carol Mitchell.

SHUT-INS:
Nancy Love

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Debra Bates-Phillabaum, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Carter Campbell (John and Mary Smith's grandson), Colleen Kiester (Mo Smith's sister), Linda Potts (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), Addy Reed, Holly Ross (Friend of Betsy Cooke), Mona Stoffer (Flavil Miller's daughter), Bob & Marge Watson, and remember to pray for **one another**.

Welcome! To our visitors, we are thankful for your presences. Please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one the collection plates or leave it on the seat. Allow us to answer any questions you may have.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

➤ Kevin Norris has tested positive for COVID. He is feeling better.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Beginning November 7, services for both Sunday and Wednesday evening will begin at 6 p.m.
- ❖ **POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME will be here Monday, October 18th to collect the change cans.**
- ❖ Please let John know if and when there are any changes needed (additions / subtraction) to our prayer list.
- ❖ Don't forget about our library in the basement.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Speak Lord, About Baptism Matt. 28:18-20).

PM: Blessed is the Man (Psa. 1:1-3).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
35	50	32	23	\$2395