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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.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 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)

CHRISTIANITY: MAKES YOU A BETTER PERSON (2)

Eph. 4:25-32

INTRODUCTION:

1. Christianity is not merely adhering to a specific set of laws and beliefs—although that certainly is part of it.
2. Christianity is a way of life—it's the best life—and the only way to eternal life!
3. These verses teach us about *moral responsibility*.
4. Argument: Christianity makes you a better person! It causes us to turn from wickedness to righteousness.

I. CHRISTIANITY WILL BRING INTEGRITY (25).

- A. “Lying” *any communication intended to*.
- B. No one likes being lied to; **EX**: Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:3-4).
- C. Christianity brings honesty/integrity to any relationship (Col. 3:9).

II. CHRISTIANITY WILL CHECK OUR EMOTIONS (26-27).

- A. Emotions are not necessarily evil—It is the *object* of such emotions that makes them good or evil.
- B. Anger is not necessarily sinful (Psa. 4:4). Christ got angry (Mark 3:5) and He never sinned (Heb. 4:15).
- C. Our sinful anger gives the devil an opportunity to introduce added sin into our lives (27).

III. CHRISTIANITY WILL CHECK OUR BEHAVIOR (28, 30).

- A. Turn from stealing to working (28; cf. Exo. 20:15; Lev. 19:11; Dt. 5:19; Mark 10:19; Rom. 13:9).
- B. Honest labor allows one to support his family and to supply for the ones who cannot work (cf. Acts 2:45; 4:34; 11:29-30; Rom. 15:26; 2 Cor. 8; 9).
- C. There is also the satisfaction one gets from earning his way in the world.
- D. Turn from grieving the Spirit to bringing Him joy (30).
 1. The Holy Spirit is the One that had “sealed them” (1:13),
 2. He had authenticated them as children of God (Gal. 6:4) “unto the unto the day of redemption” (1:14; Rom. 8:23; Heb. 9:12). (30).

IV. CHRISTIANITY WILL CHECK OUR SPEECH (29).

- A. Obscene and other undesirable speech is to be replaced with wholesome and pleasant words.
- B. Contextually, corrupt speech stands against edifying speech. Negative, critical talk can be just as wrong as swearing and dirty jokes

V. CHRISTIANITY WILL MAKE US KIND (31-32).

- A. Christianity is doing that which is good, right, and wholesome (cf. Mt. 7:12).
- B. Turn from bitterness; turn to tender-heartedness.

CONCLUSION: Christianity prepares us for future judgment, but it also prepares us for our present needs as well—such as how to get to Heaven

SCIENCE AND THE CHRISTIAN

Roger Rush

Science is from the Latin word *scientia*, meaning knowledge. In its purest form it is the quest to understand our universe and everything in it. It involves trial and error by those seeking an understanding of life and all it entails from the origin of the universe to how bumblebees fly. The scientific world is constantly evolving. What may have passed for science a hundred years ago (sometimes even yesterday) may now be viewed with amusement or even disdain. True science does not offer the certainty that many think it does. For over a year now we have heard the constant refrain, “we must follow the science.” The truth is that science is never sure of what the truth is! Following the science may take one in a dozen different directions, and in the end, all may be proven wrong. That being the case, I have chosen to put my trust in God and not in science.

I just finished reading *After*, a book by Bruce Greyson, M. D., in which Dr. Greyson explored what near-death experiences reveal about life and beyond. It was an interesting read, but like any book other than the Bible, I would not endorse everything in it. However, there was one paragraph which really caught my attention and I wanted to share it with you.

Dr. Grayson wrote: “Scientist never have final answers. What we have are observations, from which we weave stories that make sense of the evidence. In telling these stories, we have to keep them logically coherent and consistent with all the empirical observations. The result of all of this repeated storytelling is that science is always marching toward an end it can never reach—a complete description of reality. As neuroscientist Thomas Schofield put it, ‘Science is not about finding the truth at all, but about finding better ways to be wrong. . . . A theory can never be perfect: the best it can be is better than the theory that went before it’” (After, by Bruce Greyson, M. D., page 92).

As a Christian I am not anti-science, but I understand the limitations of science. I put my faith in God and not in science. A true scientist seeks honest answers to real questions. They follow the evidence where it leads. They do not direct the evidence to where they want to go for that would be pseudoscience (false science). Pseudoscience often occurs with the politicization of real science. Real science is not antiChristian, and science with a political agenda is not science at all. So frankly, as a Christian I put my faith in God who cannot lie (Hebrews 6:18). He is not motivated by politics or money, and in His word I find true science (knowledge).

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), 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:

- **Joyce Starrett** had hip replacement surgery on Wednesday.
- *Our sympathy to **John and Mary Smith** at the passing of their 7 year-old grandson, **Carter Camapbell**, who passed away last night at 9:18.*
- We, in conjunction with the Guernsey County Development Corporation, will be collecting items for Holiday Baskets to give to local veterens who are shut in. A list of suggested items is on the foyer bulletin board. Items need to be in by December 15.
- There is a **BUSINESS MEETING** this evening at 5 p.m. for the men.
- Be sure to add these folks to your directory:

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Randy Yost
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Nellie Bichard
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REMINDERS:

- ❖ We need volunteers to open and close the building, and to do some cleaning for December through April. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Christianity Makes You a Better Person—2 (Eph. 4:25-32).

PM: Paul and the Church at Colosse (Col. 1:1-5)

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
40	62	38	28	\$3319