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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)

SO GREAT A SALVATION

INTRODUCTION: Hebrews 2:1-3

1. Neglect is a terrible thing in any part of our lives- family, health, job, the less fortunate, etc.
2. This is how the Lord described those who disregarded the invitation to the marriage supper (Mt. 22:5).
3. The salvation offered by Christ is the only true salvation, therefore it is the greatest salvation; Why would one neglect it?

DISCUSSION:

I. WE ARE SAVED BY THE GREATEST PERSON!

- A. What Makes A Great Person?
- B. Christ Was the Greatest Person for He Had the Greatest Purpose (Mt. 1:21; Jn. 1:29; Lk. 19:10; Jn. 3:16-17; 1 Tim. 1:15).

II. WE WERE SAVED AT THE GREATEST COST!

- A. The Purchased Ones (1 Cor. 6:20).
- B. The Purchase Price—the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28; cf. Heb. 9:12; 1 Pet. 1:18-19).

III. WE WERE SAVED FROM THE GREATEST PENALTY.

- A. Penalties are a common facet in our lives: from early withdrawal, to moving violations.
- B. The first penalty (Gen. 3:14-15, 19; cf. Rom. 5:12; Rom. 6:23).
- C. The Final Penalty
 1. Lake of fire & Outer darkness (Mt. 18:9; 22:13).
 2. Everlasting torment & destruction (Lk. 16:23; Mt. 10:28).
 3. Worm dieth not; fire is not quenched (Mk. 9:47-48).

IV. WE WERE SAVED FOR THE GREATEST PURPOSE.

- A. For Good Works (Eph. 2:10; Titus 2:11-14).
- B. For Spreading the Gospel (Mt. 28:19; cf. Mk. 16:16; 2 Tim. 2:2).

V. WE ARE SAVED TO THE GREATEST PLACE (Jn. 14:1-6).

- A. No earthly woes (Rev. 21:1-8).
- B. The holy city with the throne of God (Rev. 21:10-27; 22:1-5).
- C. Where we have eternal life (Mt. 25:46).

CONCLUSION:

1. We were saved by the greatest Person at the greatest cost!
2. We were saved from the greatest penalty for the greatest purpose!
3. Those who live in Christ will be saved to the greatest place!
4. Have you accepted the greatest invitation (Mt. 11:28-30)?

GOD'S DRAWING POWER

Many sincere religious folks are eager to tell us how they “got saved”. It generally goes something like this: there was an indescribable, irresistible, compelling influence; an unexplainable, mysterious drawing; a better felt than told phenomenon, an emotional, heart rendering experience, or a sudden awareness in the heart. I doubt not their sincerity, but does the Bible support this kind of “conversion”?

Jesus said, “*No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT BY GOD.' Therefore everyone who has **heard and learned** from the Father comes to Me . . . It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The **words** that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life* (Jn. 6:44-45, 63 emp. added).

From this we learn that God’s word is to be taught and preached. This is seen in prophecy centuries before Christ (Isa. 2:1-3; Mic. 4:1-2; etc.). In the last dispensation (days) the Lord’s house (church) would be established with salvation available to everyone (all nations).

Christianity would be a taught religion communicated from a teacher to a learner, and this process would begin in Jerusalem (Luke 24:47) and spread throughout the inhabited world as instructed by Christ Himself (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15-16).

On the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2, Peter used *words* to communicate and thus *teach* those Jews about the Christ and His earthly mission. How He was not merely the crucified Lord, but also the risen Savior of the World. The words he spoke and the facts behind those words convicted many of the hearers that day and nearly three-thousand souls responded in obedience to the Gospel by being baptized into Christ for the remission of their sins (4:41, 38).

Peter was later dispatched to the home of a man named Cornelius. This man was told in a vision to send for a man named Peter “*who will tell [him] **words** by which [he] and [his] household will be saved*” (Acts 11:14 emp. added).

As we continue reading throughout the Book of Acts, we find many more such accounts of teaching, learning, obedience, and salvation, yet never once do we find the enigmatic and fantastic “better felt than told” stories such as in modern-day religious claims of conversion. No doubt there have been unusual circumstances whereby one was introduced to the Gospel, but in biblical conversion, an encounter with the Gospel happens and one is obedient to the words found therein—*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:
Debbie Jones
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, Wilma Roe, 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:

- Our Sympathy to **Helena Tewksbury** at the passing of her son, Mike, in Orient, OH. Also, Helen is in quarantine having been exposed to COVID.
- **Debbie Jones** is now a resident at *Countryview Assisted Living Center*. She would appreciate cards. 62825 County Home Rd. Lore City, OH. 43755. **Nancy Love** continues to be a resident here as well.
- A heartfelt "Thank you" to all who contributed to the Holiday Baskets and helped load them.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ It's time to renew (or start) your subscription to *West Virginia Christian*. See **Randy Cunningham**.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: So Great A Salvation (Heb. 2:1-4).

PM: The Biography of Jesus (Acts 10:36-41).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
37	66	36	26	\$2720