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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 MIRACLES OF CHRIST

Mark 1:21-28

INTRODUCTION:

1. The word “miracle” is used very loosely and incorrectly today.
2. *Specific purpose:* to confirm the message delivered (Mark 16:20).
3. *Specific duration.* (1 Cor. 13:10).
4. We are commanded to walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7).
5. What about the miracles of our Lord?
 - A. Miracles occurred by God suspending natural law allowing supernatural phenomena to accomplish His will.
 - B. The supernatural works of Jesus verified His identity to honest witnesses that a regime change was at hand.

I. JESUS WAS NOT LIMITED IN HIS MIRACLES.

- A. He Had Received the Spirit “Without measure (Jn. 3:34).
- B. Jesus not limited by the faith (or lack) of others.
 1. Sometimes the healed person had faith (Mt. 8:2).
 2. Sometimes no indication of the recipient’s faith is shown (Mt. 9:2)
- C. Jesus not limited by the type of ailment (Mt. 4:23; 8:15; Lk. 5:12), nor by the number of people seeking healing (Lk. 4:40; cf. Mt. 4:24; 8:16).

II. CHARACTERISTICS OF JESUS MIRACLES.

- A. Immediate
 1. Leper (Mt. 8:3; Mk. 1:42; Lk. 5:13).
 2. Paralytic (Mk. 2:12)
- B. Complete
 1. People not healed partially, nor in piece-meal fashion.
 2. Lepers were not just made better, but “cleansed.”
- C. Convincing.
 1. No one denied the miracles.
 2. Large crowds attested them Mt. 4:23-25; Mk. 1:25-28.
 3. Resulted in large crowds wanting to investigate further (Lk. 5:15).

III. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF HIS MIRACLES WAS SPIRITUAL.

- A. Primary Purpose Stated (Lk. 4:43; cf. 19:10).
- B. Jesus not unmoved by human suffering (Mk. 1:41).
- C. Jesus not unmoved by human sinfulness (Mk. 2:5).

IV. RESULT OF JESUS’ MIRACLES.

- A. They Were Amazed/astonished (Mk. 2:12; Lk. 5:26).
- B. They Were Filled with Awe (Mt. 9:8).
- C. They Glorified God- (Mt. 9:8; Mk. 2:12; Lk. 5:25-26).

CONCLUSION: Jesus stressed that His purpose for performing miracles was to convince people He was the Son of God by proving His authority (Mt. 9:4-6; Lk. 7:20-23).

KOINONIA

The above word may not mean anything to you unless you have studied Koine Greek, the language in which most of the New Testament was originally written. It is among the many attractive characteristics of Christianity and means, “fellowship”. Included in the usages of this word are the concepts of “participation”, “association”, “communion”, and “sharing”. Wayne Jackson¹ (1937-2020) notes that fellowship exists on two plains: vertical and horizontal.

Vertical describes the fellowship children of God enjoys with the Godhead (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). Horizontal refers to the joint-participation and communion Christians share with each other.

Vertically, Christians are in fellowship with the Father when we are obedient to His will: “That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ” (1 John 1:3), and also, “God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Cor. 1:9).

We enjoy fellowship with God the Son when observe the Supper of the Lord upon each first day of the week as we are mindful of the body, blood, and promised second appearing of Jesus; “The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ” (1 Cor. 10:16)?

We fellowship with God the Holy Spirit as well: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all. Amen” (2 Cor. 13:14).

Horizontally, there is fellowship that believers enjoy with each other (1 Jn. 1:3), but such fellowship is possible *only* when all parties, “walk in the light as he is in the light, then ye have fellowship one with another” (1 John 1:7).

How wonderful and delightful it is when brethren are willing to be together working for the Lord, for the congregation. Such calls for the putting aside of egos and differences of opinion in optional matters. There is much more to fellowship than an occasional meal, it is a lifestyle which is in concert with Christ and each other—*JK*.

¹ Wayne Jackson. *Bible Words and Theological Terms Made Easy*. Stockton: Courier 2002.

REMINDER: “All individuals in Ohio must wear facial coverings in public at all times when ...at an indoor location that is not a residence”. The order only requires those 10 years old or older to wear a mask” (<https://ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/site/media-center/news-and-events/covid19-update-07222020>). Additional exclusions are posted on the foyer bulletin board.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Norm Behrendt, Jerry & Erma Endly, Dean Huprich, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Lois Knight, Rick Lambert, and Flavil Miller.

SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Nancy Love, and Jack Mitchell.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **Nellie Richard, Weston Boulet** (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Carter Campbell** (John and Marys Smith’s grandson), **Collene Keister** (Mo Smith’s sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett’s sister-in-law), **Addy Reed, Mona Stoffer** (Flavil Miller’s daughter), **Mitch Vick, 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 boxes or leave it on the seat. Allow us to answer any questions you may have.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Bible Study each Thursday at p.m. on John’s *Facebook* page.
- ❖ Let John know of any changes for our *Family & Friends* prayer list.
- ❖ Remember our library.

TODAY’S LESSONS

AM: The Miracles of Christ (Mark 1:21-28).

PM: Ignorance is No Excuse (Acts 17:29-31).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
30	50	28	19	\$2207

WALK THE TALK

We can talk a good religion, but the proof is in living it first. Faithful Christians do not profess to be perfect, but we do strive to live what we preach. What we say can be easily defeated by what we are seen doing, heard saying, or even failing to do. So, let’s make sure every day, to the best of our ability, that we walk the talk! –Roger Rush.