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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.....6:30 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)*

# FIVE GREAT QUESTIONS

## INTRODUCTION: Heb. 2:1-9

1. There are many profound questions in the Bible; many lessons and many truths expressed in the form of questions.
2. These five questions are extremely important.

### **I. WHAT IS MAN (Heb. 2:6)?**

- A. All creation was good; after man it was “very good” (Gen. 1:31).
- B. But man is the only thing in the image of God” (Gen. 1:27).
  1. Only man is accountable to God, i.e., can choose to obey/disobey God.
  2. Only man has a spirit like God.

### **II. WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN (Mt. 16:26)?**

- A. God is to be Feared (Mt. 10:28).
  1. Man is not to be feared.
  2. Yet many have more reverence /respect for man than for God.
- B. Let’s change the question slightly: “What would it profit a man to lose the whole world and gain his own soul”? The answer is in the question.
- C. Many do not realize they have sold their soul, but they have.
- D. Many have sold their soul for indifference and neglect and they will only have Hell to show for it.

### **III. WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED (Mt. 19:25)?**

- A. All Who Labor (Mt. 11:28-30).
- B. Anyone *Can* be Saved (2 Pet. 3:9).
- C. Those Who Believe and Obey (Mk. 16:16).

### **IV. WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED (Acts 16:30-31)?**

- A. What Christ Did for One, He Did for All.
- B. Plan of Salvation
- C. Conversion Involves a Three-fold Change—heart, life, state.
  1. Heart-change of attitude, thinking, ambition, motivation
  2. Life- change of conduct, speech
  3. State-change from sinner to saint

### **V. HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE (Heb. 2:3)?**

- A. God has provided an escape plan for us:
  1. From temptation (1 Cor 10:13).
  2. From eternal damnation—the Gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16).
- B. The man who rejects/refuses the Gospel commits spiritual suicide!
- C. Some say God is too restrictive; too much punishment for such disobedience.
- D. How about Heaven being too much reward for such imperfect people.

## CONCLUSION:

1. Be constantly aware of these five questions: What is man? What shall it profit a man? Who then can be saved? What Must I do? How shall we escape?
2. Put first things—the things of God—first, always!

## STATE OF MAN AFTER DEATH

*Charles J. Aebi (1931-2020)- West Virginia Christian Jan. 2009*

Dear Aebi: "My husband died recently, and I just wonder exactly where he is now and if he knows what's happening here in our lives on earth."

A chart in the back of my ASV New Testament shows Paradise and Torments separated by a "Great Fixed Gulf." It is an attempt to graphically portray Luke 16:19-31, where Jesus puts Abraham and Lazarus in Paradise and the rich man in Torments. This intermediate state of the dead between death and the resurrection suggests that a separation has already occurred, based on how they lived in this life. Let us assume that the questioner's husband was a faithful Christian. Then he would be in Paradise—a term that seems to be applied to heaven in 2 Corinthians 12:4 and Revelation 2:7, but in Luke 23:43 is applied to the intermediate state by Jesus. Note that in Philippians 1:23, Paul expects to be with Christ when he departs or dies. In 2 Corinthians 5:6,8 Paul says that to be in the body (alive on earth) is to be absent from the Lord (Christ), but to be absent from the body (departed from this life) is to be at home with the Lord (in Paradise or heaven where the Lord is).

Perhaps the idea of departed Christians being in Paradise and at the same time being in the presence of Christ is better understood if we view Paradise as a state of existence rather than as a geographic location. The state of existence is of a spirit or soul without a body; the body will be given in the resurrection, and until then the spirit is without a body but is nevertheless with Christ and conscious of blessings, and in Luke 16 is aware of things happening on earth. One's spirit is "departed" but not "dead," for, in a real sense, the spirit or soul never dies. Only the physical body is dead, and the real "you" is your spirit, not your body. We do not know a lot of details about spirits; we do not even know how our spirit dwells in our body, but we know that it does while we live on earth, and that when it leaves our body the body dies (James 2:26).

So the faithful Christian's spirit is alive with Christ after his body is in the grave; he has no more use for his earthly body. When Christ comes back, departed Christians will come with Him (1 Thessalonians 4:14; 3:13) and will "rise" (be given new, spiritual, glorious bodies described in 1 Corinthians 15:35-50). I assume that in the meantime the departed are aware of what we say and of what's happening here. I know of no Scripture that would indicate otherwise; in Luke 16 Abraham and the rich man both seemed to know what was happening on earth, and the departed saints in Revelation 6:9-10 knew what was happening to their brethren on earth. Judgment day will not change the outcome that each person has determined for himself by the time of his death. Those who reject Christ judge themselves unworthy of eternal life (Acts 13:46) or are judged (condemned) already, while those who accept Him are not judged (John 3:18). Judgment day will be a time for God or Christ to pronounce the final sentence, but for the dead, separation has already occurred. God does not need time to deliberate; He knows the outcome at death, or even before that.

**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.**

<p><b>IN OUR PRAYERS:</b> Norm Behrendt, Jerry &amp; Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Bruce &amp; Kim Johnson, Gary &amp; Debbie Jones, Lois Knight, Rick Lambert, and Flavil Miller.</p>	<p><b>SHUT-INS:</b> Nancy Love, and Jack Mitchell.</p>
<p><b>FAMILY AND FRIENDS:</b> Nellie Richard, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Carter Campbell (John and Marys Smith’s grandson), Vickie Gardner, Colleen Kiester (Mo Smith’s sister), Linda Potts (Joyce Starrett’s sister-in-law), Addy Reed, Mona Stoffer (Flavil Miller’s daughter), Mitch Vick, Bob &amp; Marge Watson, and remember to pray for one another.</p>	

*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.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- *Our sympathy to the Family of **Audrey Burns** who passed away Wednesday morning. Services are Tuesday at Thorn-Black in Cambridge at 11am. Visitation one hour prior. Burial will be at Somerton.*
- *Our sympathy to **Russ Singleton** at the passing of his father. Services were held Friday.*
- **JayC Foster** had problems during a recent stress test and will undergo further testing.
- **Mike Grove** had some complications and has been moved to OSU hospital.
- **Angela Herald** is having severe back pain.
- **Rick Lambert** is recovering from a lengthy surgery this past Monday.
- **Brendyn Lewis** has COVID and is in isolation at Freed-Hardeman U.

**REMINDERS:**

❖ **Our Gospel Meeting with Sam Bartrug, April 26-30.**

**TODAY'S LESSONS**

**AM:** Five Great Questions (Heb. 2:1-9).

**PM:** Questions You Have Asked—“Limbo”. “What Happens When we Die”?

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
35	58	27	25	\$2410