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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)

ALIENATION OF SIN

Gen. 4:9-16

INTRODUCTION:

1. Sin is a violation of God's Law (1 Jn. 3:4).
2. Being created in God's image, each human being has a moral compass- "ought".
3. From old, God communicated His will to man:
 - A. At first orally (Gen. 2:16-17).
 - B. then a law written on stone (Exo. 24:12).
 - C. Finally, a law written on the heart (Heb. 8:8-12; cf. Jer. 31:31-34).
 - D. Not arbitrary rules to spoil man's happiness, rather, necessary prohibitions and statutes unto the abundant, fulfilling life.
 - E. Let us note some of the destructive consequences of sin.

DISCUSSION:

I. ALIENATION WITHIN.

- A. Internal civil war—Rom. 7:19, 23-24.
- B. Example of Cain (Gen. 4:1-9' cf. 1 Jn. 3:11-12).

II. ALIENATION IN ONE'S FAMILY—ADAM AND EVE (Gen. 3).

- A. When confronted by God they began to make excuses
 1. Adam blamed Eve (12).
 2. Eve blamed the serpent (13).
- B. This husband/wife team began to be alienated from each ; they must shift the blame somewhere else.

III. ALIENATION FROM ONE'S FAMILY/SOCIETY—CAIN.

- A. Gen 3 depicts the fall of mankind; Ch. 4 depicts the fall of the family.
- B. Cain received his sentence (Gen. 4:11-12).
 1. He became distraught and paranoid (13-14).
 2. He would be a fugitive and a wanderer (vagabond).
- C. God could have stricken him dead but chose to spare him—Cain had no appreciation.
 1. Heart was hardened; conscience was seared; no evidence whatever of repentance.
 2. Such an attitude *can* be picked up and passed down—Lamech Gen 4:23-24.

IV. ALIENATION FROM GOD.

- A. Adam and Eve introduced spiritual alienation to the world (Gen. 3:24; Isa. 59:1-2).
- B. Perhaps, this is more evident in the case of Cain— (Gen. 4:16).
 1. Cast out as fugitive
 2. Dwelt in land of *Nod* ("wandering").
- C. The stated physical distance from family implies spiritual distance from God (Job 13:24; Psa. 13:1; Psa. 88:14).
- D. Sin has the same effect today, or at least it should (1 Cor. 5:11).

CONCLUSION:

1. When a sinner repents, God grace and favor can shine on him once more (Psa. 80:19).
2. **EX:** Paul, at one time, hated and persecuted Jesus (**1 Tim. 12-16**).
3. "I urge you today, do not live any longer in alienation from the commonwealth of God" (Eph. 2:12), rather "be ye reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20).

WHAT IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST?

When we gather all the information in the Bible regarding Christ's church we find that the church is the body of believers who having *heard the word* of God regarding Jesus (Rom. 10:17), *believed* that Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24), have repented of, or turned from, their sins (Luke 13:3, 5), *confessed* Christ as God's Son (Matt. 10:32), were *immersed* in water (baptized) for the forgiveness of their sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).

The church of Christ was in the mind of God at the beginning of the universe (Eph. 3:9-11) and saw its birth as a result of prophecy (Isa. 2:2-4; Dan. 2:31-45; Joel 2:28-32), and its fulfillment (Acts 2:1-47). For many years, the children of God lived under the Law which Jehovah God gave to Moses on Mt. Sinai, but as the writer of Hebrews tells us, "A NEW COVENANT," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away" (8:13). Also, regarding Christ that;

“ He is the Mediator of the ***new covenant***, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. For where there *is* a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament *is* in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives (Heb. 9:15-17 emp. added).

Like many today who have written a will, they can change their will, but when that person dies, the will is final. It does not go into effect right away, but sometime after the testator's death, the will is read and becomes, in a sense, law. Jesus had a will (covenant). When Jesus died upon the cross, the will was then unchangeable. And fifty days later on the Day of Pentecost (and recorded in Acts 2), Peter and the apostles revealed Christ's will for mankind, and that day "about three-thousand souls" (2:41) accepted and obeyed the will of Christ and so the church of Christ was established. The church is so named because it is **His** church; **He** purchased it with **His** blood (Acts 20:28)—*OK*.

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 Bichard, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Vickie Gardener** is still in Southeastern and is improving.

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: Alienation from God (Gen. 4:9-16).

PM: Not Quite Enough (Acts 26:24-28).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
36	63	24	28	\$2260

*We may ask, “How do you know Jesus is the Son of God?”
One sufficient answer is, “Any person who is put in a tomb dead and gets up and comes out of it, alive is whoever he says he is.”*