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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)

WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS?

INTRODUCTION: Romans 3:23-26

1. Why did Jesus have to die?
2. Why did Jesus have to die for us to be saved from our sins?
3. Let's look at three essential qualities of God that made it absolutely necessary that Jesus had to die to save us from our sins.

I. PROBLEM: HOW CAN GOD BE BOTH JUST AND A JUSTIFIER?

- A. God is all-powerful—this is consistent with His nature and will.
- B. Man Needs Redemption (
- C. How can God, who is perfectly holy, do away our sins and maintain His just character:
 1. Non-moral attributes
 - a. All powerful (Dt. 17:1).
 - b. All knowing- (Dan. 2:2)
 - c. All righteous (perfect) God cannot be better than He is—you cannot be perfecter than perfect.
 2. Moral attributes
 - a. Merciful i.e., compassion for others
 - b. Good-
 - c. Just
 - d. Loving-but because He is all-loving, He had a plan from eternity (Eph. 3:11)

II. THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

- A. Senses of the word “good”.
 1. Utilitarian quality
 2. Moral quality.
- B. Moral Goodness.
 1. Relative moral goodness
 2. Absolute moral goodness.
 - a. This is perfection of moral character, which only Deity has.
 - b. Jesus' discussion with the rich, young ruler (Mt. 19:16-30; Mk. 10:17-31; Lk. 18:18-30).
- C. **QUESTION**: How can God, Who is absolutely just, wipe away the sins of those who deserve Hell?

III. THE JUSTICE OF GOD.

- A. Justice means that violators of God's will, will receive a just sentence.

1. Sin renders one a violator, a transgressor, a spiritual criminal.
 2. Separated from God (Isa. 59:1-2).
- B. God's justice motivates His operation in the realm of righteousness (Dt. 32:4).
- C. The administration of God is one of justice.
1. Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face (Psa. 89:14).
 2. Our civil administrations are not just. Many criminals seldom—if ever—receive just punishment for their crimes.
- D. God does not subscribe to universalism—the belief that everyone will go to Heaven. God teaches us through the Scriptures that:
1. There are two destinies: Heaven and Hell.
 2. There is consciousness in both Heaven and Hell (cf. Lk. 16:22-23).
 3. Heaven is a place of happiness (Rev. 21:1-8); Hell is a place of suffering (cf. Lk. 16:23).
 4. Both destinies are eternal (cf. Mt. 25:46).

IV. THE PLAN.

- A. The Godhead devised a plan in eternity (Eph. 3:11).
- B. God's motivation was love.
1. God is love (1 Jn. 4:8).
 2. God does not wish that anybody should perish (2 Pet. 3:9).
- C. The plan was the sacrifice of Jesus.
1. Christ (Acts 2:23).
 2. There is no other plan!
 3. Jesus' behavior and faithfulness qualified Him to be our sacrifice.

CONCLUSION:

1. God cannot simply forgive sins because of two unchangeable, infinite characteristics of God—1) Absolute holiness; 2) Absolute justice.
2. But His infinite love and mercy demand a plan be prepared to save His creation.
3. God's infinite wisdom solved the problem according to the only possible plan that can satisfy His justice and His mercy, which was fulfilled by Christ.
4. Christ implemented the divine plan in absolute obedience; became qualified to take the penalty in substitute for man.

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>IN OUR PRAYERS: Betsy Cooke, Jerry & Erma Endly, Mike Grove, Angela Herald, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Rick Lambert, and Flavil Miller.</p>	<p>SHUT-INS: Nancy Love, and Jack Mitchell.</p>
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FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Nellie Richard, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Carter Campbell (John and Marys Smith’s grandson), Bob Henthorn (Laura Jamiel’s dad), 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 & 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:

➤ **Our Gospel Meeting with Sam Bartrug begins tomorrow and runs thru Friday. Please make every effort to attend all of these meetings.**

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Remember to submit any questions or topics you would like addressed from the pulpit.
- ❖ Let John know of any changes to our *Friends and Family* prayer_list.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Why Did My Savior Have to Die (Rom. 3:23-26)?
PM: When Obedience is Hard (Heb. 5:7-9).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
34	63	36	29	\$1979

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD (Psa. 122:1).