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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)

SOCIALISM AND THE CHRISTIAN.

On the surface, Socialism sounds like a harmless and mutually advantageous way of life. Everybody has plenty and nobody goes without. In a perfect world it just might work, but we all know this is not a perfect world. Some even claim biblical principles for such an economic structure citing the early church's example from Acts 2: "And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need" (44-45). Please note that these Christians *voluntarily* gave of their means and were neither compelled nor coerced by the state to do so. Godly benevolence comes from the heart, not the government!

Among the reasons Christians reject Socialism is that it is recognized as the transitional stage between Capitalism and Communism. Webster's College Dictionary, 4th Edition says under the third entry for "socialism": "the stage of society, **in Marxist doctrine**, coming between the capitalist stage, and the communist stage, in which private ownership of the means of production and distribution has been eliminated" (1360 emp. added). The late James D. Bales in his book, "Communism: Its Faith and Fallacies" points out the fact that socialism is a bridge to Communism as well (81-82).

Brethren and friends, anything that leads to ungodliness is itself ungodly! Communism is rooted in the hypothesis of evolution which, as you are very well aware, is an ungodly, anti-biblical doctrine. This sort of thinking was behind the National Socialist movement which emerged in the 1930's in Germany and became known as the Nazi Party. We know where that led!

Another reason Christians reject socialism is that it is simply antagonistic to religion in general and Christianity in particular especially where God's design for the family is concerned. Mark Levin noted that, "Marx believed that the nuclear family was a manifestation of bourgeois society. Like religion, the nuclear family interfered with the kind of social ideological brainwashing necessary to achieve the Marxist paradise" (American Marxism 120).

How do we prevent such from taking over? We must pray that God will have mercy on us. We must teach our kids the truth about creation and evolution and indoctrinate them in the Bible! We must make our voices heard at the polls and not elect socialist-minded candidates. It is up to us to see that the bridge of socialism is never completed. We as the church of Christ must remember that we are the church of Christ and that we will not tolerate the ungodly, sinful, socialist agenda which is designed to draw us away from our Creator! —JK.

“WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED”?

INTRODUCTION: Acts 16:25-30

1. Our series continues RE: 1 Peter 3:15
2. Today examine the most important question anyone can ask!

I. THE QUESTION ANALYZED

- A. “What”—Suggests something is required.
- B. “Must”—“is necessary”, not a matter of opinion.
- C. “I”—What is MY responsibility regarding my salvation.
- D. “Do”—not “think”, or “feel”. Our salvation is not absolutely passive (Acts 2:40).
- E. “To be saved”—this denotes purpose.

II. A SURE WAY TO ANSWER THE QUESTION.

- A. Turn To the Bible.
 1. We find the question 4 times in Scripture; the 1st of which was under the Law of Moses
 2. The Rich Young Ruler (Mk. 10:17-22)
- B. The Equivalent Question is Asked 3 Time in Acts.

III. JEWS ON PENTECOST (Acts 2).

- A. Coming of the Holy Spirit (1-13).
- B. Peter’s Sermon (14-36).
- C. The First Converts (37-47).
- D. They were told to repent **and** (+) be baptized **for** (=) remission of sins.

IV. SAUL OF TARSUS (Acts 9).

- A. History of Persecuting the Church (Acts 7:58; Phlp. 3:6; Acts 26:9).
- B. His Encounter With Christ (Acts 9:1-9).
- C. His Encounter with Ananias (**Acts 9:17-18; 22:12-16**).

V. THE PHILIPPIAN JAILOR (Acts 16:23-33).

- A. The Circumstances (23-29).
- B. The Question (30).
- C. The Answer (31-33).
 1. Believe on the Lord Jesus (31). But who was Jesus? The Gentile/Philippian didn’t know.
 2. So, they spake unto him the word of the Lord (32) per Romans 10:17.

CONCLUSION:

1. Three answers to the same question.
2. The jailor was an unbeliever; told he must believe then learned what to believe, then baptized.
3. People on Pentecost were believers; told to repent and be baptized.
4. Saul was a believing, penitent man; told to be baptized.
5. We must read everything the Bible says on a subject before we take a position.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Diann Bachmann, Nellie Bichard, Jerry & Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Angela Herald, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Rick Lambert, and Carol Mitchell.

SHUT-INS:
Nancy Love

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **Debra Bates-Phillabaum**, **Weston Boulet** (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Carter Campbell** (John and Mary Smith's grandson), **Donna Henthorn** (Laura Jamiel's mother), **Colleen Kiester** (Mo Smith's sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Addy Reed**, **Holly Ross** (Friend of Betsy Cooke), **Mona Stoffer** (Flavil Miller's daughter), **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:

- **Debra Bates-Phillabaum** is in room 212 at *Embassy of Cambridge*.
- **Nellie Bichard** has expressed her desire to place membership with us here at 10th & Clairmont. Please welcome Nellie to our church family.
- **Rick Lambert** is home and improving daily.
- **Nigel Todd Poe** was born to **Chris and Morgan Poe** on August 20. Everyone is doing well. Proud grandparents are **Rick and Brenda Warne**.
- "Dear church family, please allow us to express our sincere gratitude for the calls, visits, kind words, cards and delicious desserts you all provided at the loss of Paul. We were truly touched by your kindness. The family of Paul Warehime".
- If anyone has family members or friends who are serving, or have served in the military, let **Brenda Warne** know so we can send some cards & encouragement to them—Thanks.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: What Must I Do to be Saved (Acts 16:25-30)?

PM: Unto What Then Were You Baptized (Acts 19:1-5)?

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
39	69	33	33	\$2160