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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).

MISCONCEPTIONS REGARDING MARY

Luke 1:39-42

INTRODUCTION:

1. Why do some religions place such great attention upon Mary, the mother of Jesus? Is this justified (Mt. 1:16ff; Lk. 1:27ff; Jn. 19:25ff)?
2. Mary was chosen to be the mother of Jesus Christ via miraculous conception (Isa. 7:14; cf. Mt. 1:22-23).
3. Is “Mariolatry”, (Mary worship) biblical?
4. Several false doctrines related to Mary are a part of Catholic dogma. I would like to briefly examine five at this time.

I. VIRGIN PERPETUALLY.

- A. This cannot be true (Mt. 1:25; 13:55-56).
- B. The supposition that “virginity” is somehow a holier state than a godly marriage has zero biblical support (Heb. 13:4).

II. CONCEIVED IMMACULATELY – declared by Catholics in 1874

- A. It is maintained that Mary was conceived “immaculately,” i.e., free from “original sin,” and thus, remained sinless forever.
 1. There is no such thing as “original sin.” (Ezk. 18:20).
 2. Mary confessed her need of a Savior (Luke 1:47).
 3. The concept of Mary’s immaculate conception was wholly unknown to the early church. It is to this fourth point that we give brief attention.
- B. This notion is found in, *A Handbook of the Catholic Faith* – not Scripture.
 1. No divine sanction; no higher authority than the papacy and councils.
 2. The early church continued in the “apostles” doctrine” (Acts 2:42).
 3. They practiced only that which was authorized by Christ (Col. 3:17), and the faithful refused to “go beyond that which is written” (1 Cor. 4:6; 2 Jn. 9).

III. PRESERVED ETERNALLY.

- A. When Mary died, her body experienced no corruption; rather, three days later she was taken bodily into heaven to be crowned “Queen of Heaven”.
- B. Catholics concede that this “cannot be proved from the Bible,” yet, it became official dogma on Nov. 1, 1950, by Pope Pius the 12th – too late to be apostolic in origin.

IV. MEDIATES EQUALLY.

- A. Catholic doctrine teaches that Mary is a “Mediatrice,” between Christians and Christ; no such position is sanctioned in NT.
- B. Christ, only mediator between God / man (1 Tim. 2:5).

V. REDEEMS VIRTUALLY.

- A. Mary is a “co-redeemer” with Christ—False!
- B. Jesus is the exclusive way to the Father (Acts 4:12; cf. Jn. 14:6)!

CONCLUSION:

1. It is a tragedy of no small magnitude that the original teaching of the New Testament has been so corrupted.
2. Such apostasy was foretold vividly in scripture: 2 Thess. 2:1-4; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 4:1-4.

“BUT, WHAT ABOUT PSALM 150”?

After the lesson on Singing last Lord’s Day I was asked about the 150th psalm which seems to command the use of mechanical instruments of music. I am happy to provide a simple scriptural response.

I doubt any Christian denies that Jehovah God should be praised. One thing we should carefully note is that worship (praise) to God is never left up to our individual preference; it has always been regulated by God. For example:

Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the LORD your God (Num. 10:10 emp. added).

Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation (Lev. 23:24 emp. added).

Note that the occasion on which the trumpets (only trumpets specified) were to be blown was in conjunction with “burnt offerings”, “sacrifices” and a “sabbath”. Question: when was the last time you sacrificed an animal in worship? Or, offered burnt offerings? Or, observed a sabbath?

Note also to whom this command was given and the time during which it was given. It was given to “the children of Israel” during the time of The Tabernacle (circa. 1400-1300 BC), and carried on during The Temple age. The Law of God, which Moses received, was in force and would remain in force until it was nailed to the cross with our Lord, Jesus Christ (Col. 2:14).

Temple worship ended by virtue of Christ’s New Covenant and the ordinances contained in the Law of Moses ended with it. Consider the following verses:

- *The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation (Heb 9:8-10 emp. added).*
- *But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace (Eph. 2:14-15).*

Quite simply, Christians are not bound by ordinances of the Law of Moses; that Law was repealed and replaced by Christ’s superior Law, the New Testament. Any attempt to authorize the use of mechanical instruments of music by means of an old covenant ordinance is not “rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15), for it enjoins upon us indebtedness to the entire Old Covenant Law (cf. Gal. 5:1-4), with its command of circumcision, animal sacrifices, stoning of adulterers, homosexuals, unruly children, etc. Christ freed us from that law, and He has authorized us to sing and the only accompanying instrument is to be the heart (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16)—~~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: Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Rick Lambert, Flavil Miller, and Russ Singleton.	SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell, and Shirley Patterson.
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FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Nellie Bichard, Weston Boulet, (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Carter Campbell** (John and Marys Smith’s grandson), **Bob & Donna Henthorn** (Laura Jamiel’s parents), **Collene Keister**, (Mo Smith’s sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett’s sister-in-law), **Mona Stoffer** (Flavil Miller’s daughter), **Mitch Vick**, **Bob & Marge Watson** and remember to pray for **one another**.

Welcome!

To our visitors, please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one the collection boxes at the rear of the auditorium.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *“Thanks- we are blessed top have such a loving, caring & compassionate church family. We want to thank everyone for the prayers, calls & expressions of sympathy, the good and every kind act that was shown during this time of sadness. A special Thankyou to Brenda and Diann for all their time and hard work coordinating with Spring Valley Campground to provide the meal after the memorial service. Thank you to John for his excellent service. God bless each of you. The Families of Kathy Mayo”.*
- John’s Thursday evening *Facebook* Bible studies are being put on our church website; click the “video study” link. Our thanks to **Jared Jamiel** for doing this.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ Don’t forget about our library.
- ✓ If there are any changes needed to our **Family & Friends** prayer list, please let John know. Thank you.

TODAY’S LESSONS

AM: Misconceptions Regarding Mary (Luke 1:39-42).

PM: The Holiness of God (Heb. 6:13-18).

Sun. Am Class	Sun. Worship	Sun. PM	Wed. Class	Collection
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