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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)

PETER'S PORTRAIT OF GOD'S PEOPLE
1 Peter 1:1-12

INTRODUCTION: Read vv. 1-5

1. Formerly, God's chosen people were the Jews.
2. Today, God's chosen people are Christians (2 Cor. 6:16-18).
 - A. Called by the Gospel (2 Thes. 2:14).
 - B. "Christian" = I am of Christ

I. CHRISTIANS ARE A PURCHASED PEOPLE.

- A. We Have Been Purchased (1 Pet. 1:18-19).
 - A.1. Blood of Christ purchased/redeemed us from sin (Acts 20:28).
 - A.2. Christ gave himself for the church (Eph. 5:25).
- B. We Are Peculiar (1 Pet. 2:9).
 - B.1. We belong to God only!
 - B.2. We do not belong to ourselves (1 Cor. 6:19-20).
 - B.3. Purchased to be "holy" (1 Pet. 1:15-16).
 - B.3.a. We are saints/sanctified (1 Cor. 6:11).
 - B.3.b. We are the "called out" of darkness (2 Pet. 2:9).

II. CHRISTIANS ARE A PURIFIED PEOPLE (1 Pet. 1:22-23).

- A. Christ's Blood Cleansed Us From Sin (Rev. 1:5).
- B. Will keep cleansing if faithful (1 Jn. 1:7).
- C. Purification/cleaning happens upon obedience to the truth-born again!
 - C.1. Born of water and spirit (Jn. 3:5)
 - C.2. Born of water & the word (Eph. 5:25-26).
 - C.3. Purified to live holy lives (1 Pet. 1:13-16).

III. CHRISTIANS ARE A PRIESTHOOD OF PEOPLE.

- A. Under OT only Levites descended from Aaron were priests.
- B. In NT, all Christians are priests (Rev. 1:6; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9)
 - B.1. Jesus is High Priest (Heb. 4:14).
 - B.1.a. Christ the only Mediator (1 Tim. 2:5). Ever lives to make intercession (Heb. 7:25)
 - B.1.b. Christ entered the most holy place-Heaven itself (Heb. 9:24).
 - B.2. As priests, we offer sacrifices unto God:
 - B.2.a. Our bodies—a living sacrifice (**Rom. 12:1-2**).
 - B.2.b. Our praise—sacrifice of praise/fruit of our lips (Heb. 13:15).
 - B.2.c. Our very being- taking up our cross (Luke 9:23).

IV. CHRISTIANS ARE A PILGRIM PEOPLE

- A. Sojourners in a strange place apart from one's own people (1 Pet. 2:11)
 - A.1. Our citizenship is in Heaven (Phlp. 3:20).
 - A.2. Heaven is our native country; we are but sojourners on the earth.
- B. Our hope expressed (2 Cor. 5:1-2).
 - B.1. What do we know about our earthly tabernacle?
 - B.1.a. temporary dwelling
 - B.1.b. will be dissolved someday.
 - B.2. What do we know about the heavenly tabernacle?
 - B.2.a. Not made with hands
 - B.2.b. permanent, eternal in the heavens
 - B.2.c. therefore, to be earnestly desired
 - B.3. We therefor do not live as residents of the world.
 - B.3.a. Set minds on things above (Col. 3:1-3).
 - B.3.b. Lay up treasure in Heaven (Mt. 6:19-21).
 - B.3.c. Abstain from fleshly lusts (1 Pet. 2:11)

V. CHRISTIANS WILL BE A PERSECUTED PEOPLE

- A. Christ is our example 1 Pet. 2:21-23.
- B. Paul told Timothy to expect it (2 Tim. 3:12).
- C. Early church was persecuted (Acts 8:1-4).

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Peter portrays God's people as purchased, purified, priests and pilgrims who will be persecuted.
- 2. God's people in any age must be different than the world—cannot be like the world and expect to go to Heaven—it just can't be done!

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“From last week's business meeting...”

The men in attendance at last week's business meeting were met with a challenge; a good challenge!

It was proposed that if any of our members found themselves in need of financial assistance with regard to medical bills, doctor's appointments, rides to and from appointments, that the church would desire to help as needed on a per-case basis.

If you find yourself in need of this type of assistance, please let John or Josh Jamiel know and we will see what we can do, and we promise the utmost discretion in these matters. —Norm Behrendt, Randall Cunningham,

Mark Fowler, Josh Jamiel, John Keith, Richard Mayo, Russ Singleton, Rick Warne, and Raymond Wayble.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cooke, Jerry & Erma Endly, Mike Grove, Angela Herald, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, and Rick Lambert.

**SHUT-INS:**  
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), Colleen Kiester (Mo Smith's sister), Linda Potts (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), Addy Reed, 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 boxes or leave it on the seat. Allow us to answer any questions you may have.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

➤ **Karen Grove** fell last week and hit her head. A few stitches were required.

**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:** Peter's Portrait of God's People (1 Pet. 2:1-5).

**PM:** Gluttony (Matt. 11:16-19).

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*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned(Mark 16:15-16).*

"Go Ye" means, "Go me".