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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)*

## NO CREED BUT CHRIST

**INTRODUCTION:** *Scripture Reading:* Acts 8:29-35.

- A. Continuing study based upon 1 Peter 3:15.
- B. This lesson: Christ is the only creed (Bible is the only book).
  - 1. Why participate in a religious system which has a human creed?
  - 2. In apostolic times and for nearly 3 centuries following, God's word the only creed.
  - 3. Why shouldn't we use same rule/guide today?
  - 4. We don't need a man-made creed; nor should we desire one.
  - 5. We should not be satisfied with a creed that is *nearly* God's word.
  - 6. Since it is the case that the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Rev. 19:10), you and I can do the greatest good by preaching Jesus Christ, and him crucified (1 Cor. 2:2).

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **I. CHRIST IS THE PERFECT CREED.**

- A. What can a human creed add to...
  - 1. Godly living? (2 Pet. 1:3).
  - 2. Godly righteousness? (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
  - 3. Godly faith? (John 20:30-31).
- B. Why do human creeds need revised every few years?
  - 1. No creed-disciple knows what his doctrine will be in ten years.
  - 2. They become obsolete and are discarded but Christ's word is the perfect law of liberty (Jas. 1:24), and never needs discarded.

#### **II. HOW IS CHRIST OUR CREED?**

- A. Christ is the thing preached (Acts 8:29ff). What about Him is preached?
- B. Christ is the Gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-4).
- C. Christ is the pattern that we are to obey (Rom. 6:3-5).

#### **III. CHRIST AS OUR CREED UNITES.**

- A. Human creeds divide—serve as a wall to include its own / exclude all others.
- B. Arguments #1 against Human Creeds
  - 1. Division is sinful (1 Cor. 1:10; 1 Cor. 3:3).
  - 2. Human creeds divide
  - 3. Therefore, human creeds are sinful.
- C. Argument #2 against Human Creeds
  - 1. It is sinful to walk by different rules (Phil. 3:16).
  - 2. Human creeds are “different rules” (ex: baptism not necessary).
  - 3. Therefore, human creeds are sinful
- D. Argument #3 against Human Creeds
  - 1. Division promotes infidelity (John 17:20-21).
  - 2. Human creeds promote division.
  - 3. Therefore, human creeds are sinful

## PARABLE OF THE POUNDS

In Luke 19:11-27 our Lord tells a parable regarding His coming kingdom. His disciples still did not have a clear picture of the nature of Christ's kingdom and so were anticipating a political regime in which His enemies would be overcome and a kingdom similar to that of David or Solomon's would be inaugurated (Jn. 6:15; Lk. 24:21; Acts 1:6).

"A certain nobleman" (Christ) traveled to "a far country" (Heaven) to receive a kingdom and to return. Calling ten of His servants (disciples) he gave them each a pound (approx. 3 months wages) and told them to do business until He returned. The citizens (Jews) hated Him and would have nothing to do with Him.

When He returned (the second coming) having received His kingdom He called His servants to account for themselves (the judgement). The first had gained ten pounds and he was rewarded with ten cities. The second had gained five pounds and likewise, he was rewarded with five cities. The cities reflect the blessings received by their Lord.

The third servant had nothing to show but the pound he was initially given, and he accused his Master of being harsh and unfair. Jesus applies the principle from Matthew 7:2 at this point ("For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged") and told the lazy servant, "Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee" (22) and stripped him of the single pound and gave it to the man with ten pounds.

Jesus concludes the parable saying, "unto every one that hath shall be given; and from he that hath not, even what he hath shall be taken away from him" (26).

The meaning of this parable is that we all are given opportunities to serve and work for our Lord. We will be rewarded according to our efforts coupled with opportunity and ability. "Our reward will correspond to our capacity to receive it [and] our rejection of the Christ as king will result in severe punishment" (Jackson *Parables* 90).

This parable also illustrates that Christ received His kingdom when He went back to Heaven, not when He comes again, as premillennial dispensationalists falsely claim. —*R*.

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

**SHUT-INS:**  
Nancy Love

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** **Nellie Richard, Weston Boulet** (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Carter Campbell** (John and Mary Smith's grandson), **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:

- Make plans now to attend our Summer Series this Wednesday. Our speaker this week is **Andy Robison**, minister for the *Hillview Terrace church of Christ* in Moundsville, WV. He is also the director of the *West Virginia School of Preaching*.

### 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:** No Creed But Christ (Acts 8:29-35).

**PM:** Conversion of the Jews on Pentecost (Acts 2:36-41)

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
34	60	32	32	\$2228

Because of our emphasis on baptism, we have often been accused of preaching "water salvation". Marshal Keeble, in an oft quoted sermon, "There Is Water In the Plan", set the record straight. He explained, "We don't believe in water; we believe in the Man who said, 'Get in the water.'"