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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)

A CHRISTIAN CAN FALL FROM GRACE

INTRODUCTION: Gal. 5:1-4

1. There is a doctrine which says that a child of God cannot be eternally lost.
 - A. Not a new doctrine (Gen. 3:1-4).
 - B. We know this was a lie; we have the headstones to prove it.
2. Satan encouraged the fall of man by preaching the false doctrine of “once saved, always saved”, or, “eternal security”. What a warning to us!
3. Why belong to a religious organization that preached the message of Satan?

DISCUSSION:

I. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT A CHILD OF GOD CAN FALL AND BE LOST!

- A. There are things that Christians must do to keep from Falling (2 Pet. 1:5-10).
- B. Christians in Corinth were Admonished to Take Heed (1 Cor. 10:12).
- C. Paul knew it was possible for him to be rejected: (1 Cor. 9:27).
- D. A Child of God can Quit Believing (Heb. 3:12).
- E. The Galatians were taught that a child of God can fall (Gal. 5:4).
 1. They attempted to be justified by the Law of Moses.
 2. Hence, they fell from the grace of Christ.
 - a. Grace is essential to salvation (Eph. 2:8).
 - b. A Christian can fall from grace (Gal. 5:4).
 - c. Therefore, it's possible for a Christian to be lost.
- F. A Christian can be in a worse condition than he was before he became a Christian (2 Pet. 2:20-22).
- G. Parable of the Sower (Mt. 13:3-8).
- H. Parable of the Vine and Branches (Jn. 15:2-6).
- I. Prophecy of Apostasy (1 Tim. 4:1-3) —“depart from the faith”.
- J. Miscellaneous (Jas. 5:19-20; Acts 5).

II. HOW DO WE REMAIN IN THE GRACE OF GOD?

- A. By Growing In Grace (2 Pet. 3:17-18).
- B. By Walking in the Light (1 Jn. 1:7). Simply doing what Christ commands and not doing what He forbids.
- C. Worshipping in Spirit and in Truth (Jn. 4:24).

CONCLUSION:

1. Beloved, the greatest thing you can be in this life is a faithful child of God!
2. I beg you; read God's word daily; pray to God frequently—do not let your guard down for a moment.

TOWERS

Yesterday our nation paused to remember the most horrific and cowardly act of terrorism our beloved United States has ever endured. Each of us who were old enough remembers exactly where we were when the news penetrated our bewildered hearts. As the world watched, it seemed as if our entire nation crumbled and fell with the twin towers in upper Manhattan. We were in disbelief that our Pentagon was breached by a make-shift missile. We felt a sense of pride for the ones aboard flight 93 who took action and thwarted the planned attack on our nation's capital. So many emotions gripped us as we tried to sum up with an economy of words our feelings and what this all meant. Now, twenty years later, two things stand certain: 1) Some towers will fall; 2) some towers will never fall.

The psalmist wrote, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (46:1). Notice that he does not say, "if trouble", but "in trouble". Trouble, in some sense, is an ever-present reality for all things and all people. We build houses to protect us from the elements; we build careers to insulate us from poverty; we build relationships to dispel loneliness, and these things become our "towers" of security. These "towers" can fall!

Our Lord issued a parable in which a house built on a shoddy foundation could not weather the storm (cf. Matt. 7:26-27). On another occasion, a man, for all his industry, fell at last and lost everything (cf. Luke 12:13-21). Paul watched as his associates forsook him (cf. 2 Tim. 4:16). Human towers can fall—why do we place confidence in them for things which they can never do? Yes! Man can fabricate and erect mighty edifices which may outlast us by generations, but man is incapable of producing anything everlasting.

We must place our hope on towers which cannot fall—ever!

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit will never fall. David proclaimed Jehovah God to be his "high tower and refuge" (2 Sam. 22:3), and his "strong tower from the enemy" (Psa. 61:3). Although we all have enemies foreign and domestic, earthly and spiritually, we have a mighty tower in the Godhead which stands; a tower which can never fall.

And as God can never fall, neither can His word. The Bible has and still does have enemies but try as they might, they have never been able to destroy the tower of Holy Scripture. It is the breath of God Himself revealing His will to His creation (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21). Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. The tower of God's word is eternal!

The tower of Christ's church can never fall. Man has assaulted her from its inception and is powerless to defeat her. Daniel prophesied that God would "set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed" (2:44). Scripture echoes this same truth elsewhere saying that God's is a "kingdom which cannot be moved" (Heb. 12:28).

Simply beloved, be sure of the *tower* in which you place your faith —*JK*.

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:

- Our sympathy to **Katelynngayle Jamiel** and family at the passing of her grandmother, **Wilma Larrison**, this past Wednesday.
- **Cathy Jackson** suffered an eye injury which has severely impacted her vision in her left eye.
- **Daniel Wayble** was involved in an automobile accident last week and has a cracked sternum. He will be seeing a surgeon to see if further treatment is required.
- **Debra Bates Phillabaum** fell on Friday and fractured her femur and possibly, her hip.
- **BUSINESS MEETING** this evening at 5:30.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ 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: Fallen From Grace (Gal. 5:1-4).

PM: What Does Jesus Mean to Me (Rom. 5:6-8).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
37	65	37	33	\$2835