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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 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)

WHY IS SIN SINFUL?

INTRODUCTION: 1 John 3:4-9

1. Ever wonder why some things are “bad”, while others are “good”?
2. Why must sin be punished?
3. “Sin”: a transgression of divine or religious law. . . an offense towards God”
4. Greek—missing the mark; a fault, failure whether it occurs by omission or commission, in thought and feeling or in speech and action (1 Jn. 3:4; 5:17).

I. SIN CONFLICTS WITH THE NATURE OF GOD.

- A. There Must Be a Universal Standard.
- B. God Ultimately Defines Morality.
 1. God has revealed to man all things that pertain unto life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3).
 2. God’s word is man’s standard of right and wrong!
 3. World peace would be achieved if everyone on the planet would live by God’s high standard—the Bible.
- C. God Is Spirit; cannot abide with works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21).
 1. Sexual sins (19). a bar against purity.
 2. Occult and divisive sins (20). a bar to unity (cf. 16-17).
 3. Sins of revelry (21). a bar against sanctity.

II. SIN CORRUPTS THE CREATION OF GOD.

- A. Our Body is For the Lord (1 Cor. 6:13, 19-20).
 1. God created our bodies (Gen. 1:26-27), our bodies have needs.
 2. The Corinthians had a distorted view of things
 3. Paul countered such a sinful position:
 4. God did not create our bodies to be instruments of sin (Rom. 6:13).
- B. We Are Created For Good Works (Eph. 2:10).
 1. “workmanship”, craftsmanship; what has been made (Rom. 1:20).
 2. Christians are the result of Christ’s redemptive work: the church (Acts 2:47).
 3. Natural man was created in the garden; Christian man was created at the cross; created in Christ Jesus unto *good works*. Sin is not a good work; therefore, it corrupts God’s workmanship—His creation.

III. SIN CURTAILS OUR GROWTH TOWARDS GOD.

- A. Christians Are Commanded to Grow (2 Pet. 3:18; 1 Pet. 2:2; 1 Thes. 1:3).
- B. Growth Requires Righteous Endeavors (Col. 3:8-14; Eph. 2:22-24).
- C. If we are trying to persist in sin while at the same time trying to grow in grace, the psychological effect alone will leave us confused, guilt-ridden, and utterly distraught!

CONCLUSION: We must see sin from God’s point of view.

GOD OWNS MY MOUTH

Carl Pollard

In Psalm 19:14, David says, “May the words of my mouth be acceptable in your sight.” Knowing that the author of scripture is God Almighty, David hopes that the words he speaks would be impacted by his knowledge of the Law. Shouldn’t we long for the same thing as Christians? We know who the author of the Bible is, we understand the way we are called to live and speak, and that should influence our words. The Bible is very clear on how we are to speak.

Our words are a direct reflection of our faith. James 1:26, “If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless.” Do you call yourself a Christian but fail to control your words? James would say we are deceiving ourselves. Our speech is directly impacted by our religion. Our faith should change our speech and make it stand out from the world.

The Bible also gives us a very sobering warning in Matthew 12:36-37. Jesus says, “I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” On that day will we find justification or condemnation from the words we have spoken? We should use this knowledge to help guard our speech.

Scripture also tells us in Luke 6:45 that, “The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” We can know the condition of our hearts by what is contained in our words.

Our tongue has a way of getting us in trouble. Ever heard the saying, “Keep your words soft and sweet because you never know when you may have to eat them”? We can do a lot of damage if we aren’t careful.

On every car there’s this handy little device called a fuel filter. A fuel filter is in between your car’s engine and the gas tank. Its job is to keep all the sediment and dirt that accumulates in the gas tank over time from getting to the engine. Basically it keeps impurities from destroying your engine. Our words need a fuel filter between the mind and the mouth. Think about what you are about to say. Is it impure or harmful in any way? Don’t say it. President Calvin Coolidge was famously known as a man of few words. His nickname was “Silent Cal.” His wife, Grace Goodhue Coolidge, told the story of a young woman who sat next to her husband at a dinner party. She told Coolidge she had a bet with a friend that she could get at least three words of conversation from him. Without looking at her he quietly retorted, “You lose.” Coolidge understood very well the value of using only carefully considered words—and those being few in number.

We filter our words and carefully choose them because, like David, we understand who we belong to when we are Christians. God now owns our words and we use them to glorify Him in everything. God’s Word should affect our own words.

Welcome! To our visitors. We are thankful for your presence. 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 Raymond Wayble and family at the passing of his mother, **Iva Wayble**, Thursday night. Services will be February 5th at 11 a.m. at the Methodist church building in Londonderry.
- **Randy Yost** is at *Belpre Landing*. 1915 Hill St. Belpre, OH. 45714.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Remember to take advantage of our library in the basement.
- ❖ Please let John know if there are any changes to the prayer list, or to the directory.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Why Is Sin Sinful (1 John 3:4-9).

PM: Questions You Have Asked:

Judgement Against Jerusalem (Ezekiel 8:1-4).

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

SHUT-INS:
Debbie Jones
Nancy Love

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Debra Bates-Phillabaum, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Trudy Kerby**, **Colleen Kiester** (Mo Smith's sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Addy Reed**, **John Rockhold**, **Wilma Roe**, **Bob & Marge Watson**, and remember to pray for **one another**.

AM Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wed.	Contribution (Budget)
35	53	24	21	\$? (\$2420)