

## Announcements & Prayer Requests

- Let's keep the following in our prayers:
  - John Wolfe – lung cancer diagnosis
  - Kim Self – stomach ulcers and weekly Chemo treatments
  - Angie Self – arthritis and Parkinson's
  - Joann Larkin – advanced dementia
  - Barb Agee's son (James)
  - Bernida Wolfe's father –dementia and Parkinson's
  - Rick Parks' parents – Roy has prostate cancer; Helen has dementia
  - Jimmy Woodall's sister – cancer
  - Sandra Perez's grandmother – Lewy body dementia
  - Sandra Perez's uncle – stage 4 cancer

## THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

- Hear Gospel – Rom. 10:17; Acts 8:30-31
- Believe – Heb. 11:6; Mk. 16:16
- Repent of & Turn from Sins – Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess our Faith – Rom. 10:10; Mt. 10:32
- Baptism – Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Live Faithfully – Rev. 2:10

Let us draw near with a **true heart in full assurance of faith [Believe]**, having our **hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience [Repent]** and our **bodies washed with pure water [Baptism]**. Let us **hold fast the confession [Confess]** of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to **stir up love and good works**, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. – *Heb. 10:22-25*



# CHURCH OF CHRIST

## *Invitation*

*'Therefore, go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' – Mt. 22:9*

### Address

5080 Highway 70 East  
Rockwood, TN 37854

### Assembly Times

Sunday Bible Study – 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship – 11:00 AM

Please text/email any announcements, questions, or concerns to Bill Fix, (865) 934-9239 or [fix.bill@gmail.com](mailto:fix.bill@gmail.com)

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## November 1, 2020

*We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and members. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please let one of us know.*

**Adult Bible Class** – Eph. 4:17ff  
**Sermon Topic** – Aquila and Priscilla

**Memory verse:**  
Sing joyfully to the Lord, O you righteous!  
Praise befits the upright. – *Ps. 33:1*

## Polite to Sinners?

By Robert F. Turner (PLAIN TALK, Nov. 1983)

One aspect of "fellowship" and "disfellowship," that seems to cause great disturbance, is its relation to **association**. Do I "have fellowship" with a person by doing business with him; or, if he is "disfellowshipped" may I speak to him on the street? Jesus "received" sinners and ate with them. Did he "fellowship" them? Paul went into Jewish synagogues and discussed scripture with Jews there. Did he "fellowship" Judaism?

Fellowship with God (who is Light) is contingent upon my walking in the light, whereupon my sins are forgiven and my sharing relationship with God is confirmed. But in addition to this common walk before God, where judgment is in His hands; I must decide whether or not to have a sharing relationship with other imperfect folk like myself. This sharing involved in Christian fellowship suggests common faith and goals, working to the same end. Condoning, encouraging, or entering a partnership to promote sinful activity would be fellowshipping sin. We believe neither Christ nor Paul did that, although they associated with sinful people. A subtle distinction may be seen in Paul's instructions regarding meats. If one sees you sitting at meat in an idol's temple, he may think you honor the idol. He is led to do likewise, and you have harmed him (1 Cor. 8:7-f). Paul says he had rather not have meat than do that. But later he shows it is not the meat, per se, nor even the association that is wrong. He could eat meat at an unbeliever's feast if there was no "test case" made (10:25f). We must make such judgments with God's glory in mind (v.31).

When a former brother is disfellowshipped he is to be unto us "as the Gentile and publican" — i.e., as he was prior to conversion (Matt. 18:17). Christians do not snub, insult, or gossip about outsiders — do they??

We would have to leave the world to avoid association with all fornicators (1 Cor. 5:9-f), and Paul does not ask that. But he forbids eating (or other relations) with an ungodly "brother" that would seem to approve such life styles for Christians. Fair and courteous treatment for all men is not the same as fellowshipping all.

## Fixating on What's Important: What Saves Us?

By Bill Fix

What really "makes" the perfect barbecue rub? Is it your preferred special spice, e.g. chili powder, red pepper, garlic powder, brown sugar, etc.? Or is it the perfect amount of such, whether that is one tablespoon or four? Or is it not necessarily one particular ingredient, but the combination of them all where the flavors all blend together and make the meat taste magical after the appropriate amount of smoking?

In last week's sermon, I referenced a list of scriptures that each mentions a different factor in our salvation. And similar to the combination of ingredients in a rib rub (or whatever other favorite dish you prefer that makes this illustration work best to you...), each ingredient serves a key function. Take it away, and you'll get a different end result (like Memphis or Texas style bbq instead of Kansas City). Here is that list of scriptures in full for your review, study, and edification:

1. Belief – Acts 16:31
2. Confession – 1 Jn. 4:2
3. God – 2 Tim. 1:8-9
4. Grace – Eph. 2:8
5. Gospel – Rom. 1:1
6. Hope – Rom. 8:24
7. Repentance – Acts 11:18
8. The Holy Spirit – Tit. 3:5
9. Jesus' Blood – Rom. 5:9
10. Works – Jm. 2:24
11. Jesus – Mt. 1:21
12. Baptism – 1 Pet. 3:21

Can any one of those factors eliminate another? Are we going to pit one passage against another, or accept them all and see how they work together? Yes, our salvation comes through God's grace, but it also required Jesus' willingness to give His blood and still demands our belief and obedience to access it.