

Announcements & Prayer Requests

- Let's keep the following in our prayers:
 - Kim Self: Cancer and stomach ulcers
 - Angie Self: Arthritis and Parkinson's
 - Melissa Sutton, friend of Bill and Becky Fix: back surgery this week for chronic pain
 - Darrell Austin's mother on hospice
 - Rick Parks' parents: Roy has prostate cancer; Helen has dementia, on hospice
 - Joann Larkin: Advanced dementia
 - Barb Agee's son (James)
 - Dorothy Macon, Sandra Perez's grandmother: Dementia
 - Frank Wineinger, 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

www.hwy70church.com

April 4, 2021

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 – Legal Principles and the Bible:
Petition/Prayer

Sermon Topic – The Compassion of Jesus

It Makes a Difference

By Edwin Broadus (TRUTH MAGAZINE, December 1958)

1. It makes a difference what a person believes. Some will believe a lie and be lost (2 Ths. 2:11-12). Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jn. 8:32). It is not enough to be honest and sincere; one must also believe the truth.
2. It makes a difference what church one is a member of. Jesus promised to build His church (Mt. 16:18). All churches built by men will be destroyed, for Jesus said, "Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up" (Mt. 15:13). One church is not as good as another. One must be a member of the Lord's church.
3. It makes a difference what name one wears. The name given the Lord's disciples in New Testament times was the name Christian (Acts 11:26), and they were told to glorify God in this name (I Pet. 4:16).
4. It makes a difference whether one is baptized. Jesus said that "he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mk. 16:16). He also said it is for the "remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). The Bible makes no promise of salvation until we have been baptized.
5. It makes a difference how one is baptized. New Testament baptism is burial in water (Rom. 6:4), and not sprinkling or pouring. It is "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), and not because one's sins have already been taken away. When Paul found some who were improperly baptized, he baptized them again (Acts 19:1-7).
6. It makes a difference how one worships. The New Testament furnishes us with the divine pattern for worship. It teaches, for example, that the Lord's supper should be observed each first day of the week (Acts 20:7). To do it less frequently is to subtract from God's word. The N.T. does not teach us to use instrumental music in worship. To use it is to add to God's word. Jesus taught that our worship is vain when we substitute the ordinances of men for the commandments of God (Mt. 15:9).
7. It makes a difference how one lives after he becomes a Christian. If, after having "escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," one is again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them than the first" (2 Pet. 2:20). Christians can so sin as to be lost eternally, if they do not turn from that sin. "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:12).

The difference between all of these things could well be the difference between being saved and being lost forever. We beg of you, study God's word, and do what He commands. A man's soul is far too precious to gamble with. Every man owes it to himself to make his salvation as certain as possible by studying God's word and following it as closely as possible.

Are We Rushing Through Our Worships?

By M. Norvel Young (TRUTH MAGAZINE, November 1961)

In several business meetings I have listened to varied suggestions on how the worship could be shortened, e.g., use more trays; use an auxiliary table in the rear; omit a song; cut the sermon; omit all announcements, etc. In all this thinking, there seems to be the underlying premise that a shorter service is a better service—that efficiency means more efficacy.

Are we rushing through our periods of worship so that we may hasten to feed the poor, to preach to our neighbors, to lift up the heathen? No, we rush so that we can get to a tasty, sumptuous meal or so that we can watch our favorite TV program, take a nap, play golf, or go on an outing. If none of these attract us, we may rush because we are nervous and have the habit of doing everything in a hurry.

We sing "Take Time to Be Holy," but we are too busy to take time to meditate, praise, and listen to the word of God in a relaxed atmosphere. There is pressure by some members to "pay our respects" to God in the smallest capsule of time possible. Movies and TV programs are getting longer, but periods of worship are being compressed. Why? Is it because we are so spiritual that we don't need more time to become holy? Or is it a lack of appetite for spiritual food? Do we hunger and thirst after righteousness or do we fret when the Lord's supper takes more time than a newscast?

Time is precious, and we should "redeem the time." Our periods of worship should be planned so that our worship will be most effective. Time should not be wasted, but "efficiency" and "cutting" do not really save time if they reduce our exposure to God and multiply our exposure to the secular world.

Let us take time to be holy—time for more spiritual songs, for sermons that are long enough to move the sinner and edify the Christian. Let us take the time to promote activities of the church which will build us up in the most holy faith—time for Christians to exhort one another about giving and living. Time for meditation on the meaning of the Lord's Supper. Time for silence to be still and know that God is with us!