

WHISPERING HILLS

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SUNDAY Gathering Times

Bible Class **09:30 AM**
Morning **10:30 AM**

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Our Religious Conviction

God chose to save the world
by sending His Son,
Jesus to die on the cross
for our sins (Rom 10:17).

Those who choose to listen
and obey the Gospel
message SHALL be saved
(Ac 2:38).

God adds them to the church
of the Bible, which His Son
is coming for because it was
purchased with His Blood
(Ac 20:28; 2 The 1:7-10).

HOW TO BE SAVED

1. Hear (Jn 6:45; Rom 10:17)
2. Believe (Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6)
3. Repent (Lk 13:3, 5; Ac 2:38)
4. Confess (Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10)
5. Baptized (Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21)

*Let us then approach God's
throne of grace with
confidence, so that we may
receive mercy and find
grace to help us in our time
of need.*

Hebrews 4:16

*The Lord bless you and keep
you; the Lord make his face
shine on you and be
gracious to you; the
Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.*

Numbers 6:24-26

*But because of his great love for
us, God, who is rich in mercy,
made us alive with Christ even
when we were dead in
transgressions—it is by grace
you have been saved.*

Ephesians 2:4-5

*The Lord is
compassionate and
gracious, slow to anger,
abounding in love.*

Psalms 103:8

*And the God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal
glory in Christ, after you have
suffered a little while, will
himself restore you and make
you strong, firm and
steadfast.*

1 Peter 5:10

*Yet the Lord longs
to be gracious to you; therefore
he will rise up to show you
compassion. For the Lord is a
God of justice. Blessed are all
who wait for him!*

Isaiah 30:18

*For all have sinned and fall
short of the glory of God,
and all are justified freely by
his grace through the
redemption that came by
Christ Jesus.*

Romans 3:23-24

*The grace of the Lord Jesus
Christ be with your spirit.*

Philemon 1:25

*Surely your goodness and
love will follow me all the
days of my life, and I will
dwell in the house of the
Lord forever.*

Psalms 23:6

Thank you for visiting with us

Our goal is to worship God according to His Will
just as the Christians in the 1st Century (Ac 2:42).

Please ask us a question about the reason why we worship the way we do (1 Pet 3:15).
Also, please take the time to fill out an attendance card today (in the holder facing you)
and give it to one of our members acknowledging your presence with us.

You BELONG Here!

Acts 2:42-47 and Romans 12:10

Prayer Request

We are here to Pray for you



Continued Prayers

Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Cloud, Ron Forge,
Joyce Fair, Curtis Ward, Mary Ervin, Billie Guthrie,
Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsey's daughter)
Joseph Tensley (Gospel Preacher [Teague, TX])

Grieving

General

Sheila Harris,
Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother) is hospitalized
Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers)
Joel Sotelo (Bro Ramsey's brother-in-law)
Bobby Osbourne (Sis Bell's brother)
Daniella Spataro & son (Bro Spataro's niece/great nephew)
Joel Sotelo [Mexico City] (Bro Ramsay's brother-in-law)

Updates /Announcements

- [1] Our PRAYERS should echo loud and clear on a daily basis for God's GRACE, MERCY and LOVE by taking nothing for granted continuing to live up to His Expectations and Commands through obedience (Mt 7:21-23)
- [2] **BIBLE STUDY** (Sunday, 22 Aug 21 @ 09:30 AM): Book of Ephesians, Chapter 2
- [3] Sis Kaye's right ankle day surgery was successful [Thursday] as she recovers at home
- [4] Lisa King (Bro Owens' neighbor's sister) hospitalized for undetermined back issues
- [5] Nadia Crooks (Bro Owens' niece) recovering from appendectomy surgery

Birthdays & Anniversaries



August '21

[28] Jerline Bell

- [17] Bebe & Manuel Kaye
- [24] Charles & Barbara Birdow
- [24] James R & Christina Jones
- [24] Santos & Maria Spataro





**WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE?
EXODUS 32:26**

INTRODUCTION:

1. In its early days, Israel was going through its birth pangs as a nation, God led them to Mt. Sinai where they would be given their law. Three prerequisites to any kingdom include: a king, territory and law.
 - A. With God as their King and Canaan as their soon-to-be-conquered territory, all that remained were rules of conduct for the new kingdom.
2. When, after forty days, Moses returned from the mountain with the stone tablets upon which had been written the Ten Commandments by the finger of God, he found the people engaged in idolatrous worship to a golden calf.
 - A. In righteous indignation, Moses shattered the tablets at the foot of the mountain.
 - B. Then, burned the golden calf, ground it into power, scattered it over the surface of the water and made the people drink it (Exo 32:19, 20).
 1. When Moses saw the people were getting out of control, he stood at the gate of the camp and cried out, saying, "Whoever is for the Lord, come to me!" (v26).
 - A. The Levites, perhaps afraid to oppose their head, Aaron, now rallied to Moses' side, bringing Judgment to the sinning people (v27).
 2. Three thousand men fell that day in the fury of God's judgment (v28).
 - A. How could they so quickly forget the God who had provided such marvelous deliverance?

BODY:

1. ARE WE ON THE LORD'S SIDE NOW?

- A. Centuries later, on the first Pentecost following the resurrection and ascension of Christ, another kingdom was brought into existence (Ac 2:14-40).
- B. Peter delivered a message centered on Jesus (whom they had crucified), had been made "...both Lord and Christ" (Ac 2:36) and "...they were pricked in their heart" (Ac 2:37b).
 1. Jesus had been crowned "King of kings" (Rev 17:14).
 - A. But, in addition to a king, a kingdom needs territory (Jn 21:16, 17; Ac 20:17-38).
- C. Christ's kingdom is not of this world (Jn 18:36).
 1. His kingdom is in the hearts and minds of His People (Lk 17:21).
 2. Finally, there is the matter of a law. A kingdom must have laws by which it is governed.
 - A. Isaiah described the coming of the Messianic kingdom saying the law would go "forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Isa 2:3).
 - B. This law did not come through Moses; but through Jesus, the Son of God (Jn 1:1, 14, 17).
 1. It was not received from the top of a mountain nor accompanied by the death of 3000, but from heaven by the rejoicing of those giving their hearts/lives to their new king (Ac 2:41).
- D. Paul, like Moses, was amazed how some had so quickly desert their Deliverer (Gal 1:6).
 1. As Moses asked, "Who is on the Lords' side?" (Exo 32:26), so also Christ asks His Disciples to faithfully align themselves with His Cause (Jn 14:15).
 2. The pressure to conform to the thinking/behavior of the world and our tendency to forget about the things of great Spiritual Significance instead of focusing on things which can be seen, felt and experienced with the natural senses.
 - A. All of this calls us to count the cost of our discipleship firmly placing ourselves in the camp of Christ Jesus. Sometimes it can be confusing for us to know who is truly on the Lord's Side.
 3. There are no uniforms in the Lord's Army. No special insignias, badges, wrist bands or necklaces.
 - A. We can know by their fruit as well as their love for one another (Mt 7:15-20; Jn 13:34, 35).

