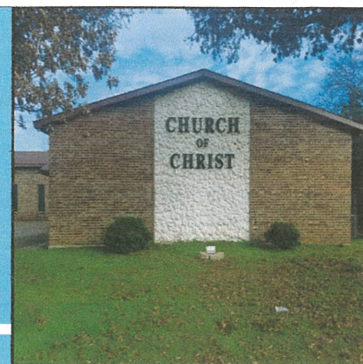


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# Church of Christ



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## Gathering Times

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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## 5 Verses to Help You to Increase Your Contentment

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"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."  
Matthew 6:31-33

"Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."  
Philippians 4:11-13

"Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth."  
1 Timothy 6:6

"So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content."  
1 Timothy 6:8

Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said,  
"I will never fail you.  
I will never abandon you."  
Hebrews 13:5

## HOW TO BE SAVED

1. Hear (Rom 10:17; Jn 6:45)
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)

BE THANKFUL  
IN ALL THINGS

## Weekly Bible Reading

August 30, 2020	Job	31 - 35
August 31, 2020	Job	36 - 42
September 01, 2020	Psalms	1 - 10
September 02, 2020	Psalms	11 - 20
September 03, 2020	Psalms	21 - 30
September 04, 2020	Psalms	31 - 40
September 05, 2020	Psalms	41 - 50
September 06, 2020	Psalms	51 - 60

### *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 one day (2 The 1:7 - 10).*





# food for thought

## Fighting Discontentment

The Apostle Paul reveals, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content" (Php 4:11). He rejoiced in what they had done for him because the church in Philippi received the greater blessing. He understood the teaching, "...**more blessed to give than to receive**" (Ac 20:35). He wanted them to know his rejoicing was not because he coveted material things because he had learned to be content in any circumstances. He was not always content. This was a learned lesson. He had serenity and peace of mind because of PRAYER and TRUST in Jesus (2 Cor 3:8; Php 3:8; 4:6, 7; 1 Tim 6:6-10, 17-19).

Sin originates from different levels of discontentment established from not being content with what we have, who we are or, perhaps, who God is. What we have are possessions, wealth, health and family. Who we are is employment, education, intelligence and appearance. Who God is our religion. In our irritation, we are saying to God, "I'm not satisfied with You, who You made me or what You have given me". We must learn from our Heavenly Father what our mindset must be, especially during trying times (Mt 6:31-34).

God wants us to be content with who He is, who we are and what He has given us. The Hebrew writer states, "*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me*" (Heb 13:5, 6). God want Christians to be satisfied with Him because from Him the Christian receives identity, true religion and all things. The greatest temptations of man are unchastity and covetousness. These are frequently warns against because of their harmfulness to the Spiritual life of mankind (Mk 4:19; Lk 12:15-21, 35; 1 Tim 3:13; 2 Pet 2:3, 14, 26; 3:15, 16). Instead of loving money (leads to many problems), the Christian is to be content. The lover of money cannot be content. One must do all to improve the quality of one's life by TRUSTING in God no matter whatever state. The reason is due to His promise to never forsake (Gen 28:15; Deu 31:6, 8; Jos 1:5; 1 Sam 12:22; 1 Chr 28:20; Ps 37:25, 28; Isa 41:10, 17). Paul says, "What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?" (Rom 8:31). Instead of TRUSTING in wealth, the Christian TRUSTS in God who will never forsake those who love and obey Him.

The church at Corinth was discontent with their relationship with God; choosing to elevate men to the place of God creating cliques focusing upon personalities (1 Cor 1:10-13; 3:21-23). The wisdom of men is unprofitable (1 Cor 1:18-31; 3:6). All things are ours from God. All glory belongs to God. Paul teaches Spiritual riches are in Christ. The world, life and death belong to the church as well as the things present and the things to come.

The emphasis is upon the sum total and not each individual thing. Why exalt men when all things belong to God? The church belongs to Christ. This is the same meaning of the term church of Christ. If all we possess is Christ's, give Him the glory. Christ belongs to God. Since Christians belong to Christ, we belong to God.

Discontentment is a lack of faith (Jn 3:18, 19; 8:24; Gal 5:6; 1 Tim 6:17; Heb 3:12, 18, 19; 4:2, 6; 11:6).

God is the greatest giver, giving richly to all the things needed to enjoy; we must learn contentment with Him.

*Not that I am speaking of being in need,  
for I have learned in whatever situation*

*I am to be Content.*

*Philippians 4:11*





# PRAYER REQUEST



**Continuous Prayers:** Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Clouds, Ron Forge, Christina Jones, Miguel Graves, Joyce Fair  
 Patricia Hurd, Ray & Ruby Busby (family of the Busby's), Sheila Harris, Sam Lily, Curtis Ward  
 Vernon Skinner (Sis Skinner's son), Joyce Gutierrez, Mattie Stafford  
 Adam McCants (father-in-law of Bro Ramsey's daughter)  
 Joel Sotelo Vazquez / Bertha Tapia [Mexico City, Mexico]

**Sick:** Arthur Henry, Dan Allen, Jerry Birdow, Jose (Bro Spataro's friend)

**General:** Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother), Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers),  
 Simon Young, Randy Murray, Sam Lily (Sis Guthrie's stepson), James Hunter, Jr, Michael Neazer, M. Staton  
 Chris White, Carolyn Andrews, Pat Harper, Brenda Moore, Yvette Thornhill, Ashley Allen  
 Angel & Alesia Adams, Edwards FAMILY, Horace Brewer (Brother-in-law of Bro Runnel's [visitor])  
 Esther Freeman (Bro Anderson's sister-in-law)

## UPDATES:

1. **Horace Brewer** (Brother-in-law of Bro Runnel's [visitor]) passed away [18 Aug 20].
2. **Esther Freeman** (Bro Anderson's sister-in-law) passed away [23 Aug 20].
3. **Willie Gray** (Sis Gray brother-in-law) is hospitalized [23 Aug 20].
4. **Sis Harper** fell and tore her rotator cuff [25 Aug 20].
5. Sheila Harris (Sis Harper's daughter) is cancer-free from her last scan [25 Aug 20].

## Upcoming Activities/Announcements

1. **Door Knocking Campaign** Postponed until further notice.



**September Birthday's**

[16] Pat Harper  
 [21] Steve Owens, Sr  
 [23] Mary Erwin  
 [24] Riquel Brager  
 [28] Gracy Simon  
 [30] Marqueon Taylor

**Anniversaries**  
 No September Anniversaries



# Sermon Notes

**1 Cor 9:16 - 18** “For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.”

Subject: **THE EXISTENCE OF MAN**

Scripture Reference: **Job 14:1, 2**

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## **THE EVIDENCE OF MAN**

### **Job 14:1, 2**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

1. There are many questions often pictured as unanswerable.
  - A. A few questions as "Where did man come from?"
    1. "Where is he going?" "Why was he placed here?" "What are his duties'?"
2. These questions are unanswered until "\_\_\_\_\_ " is revealed in the Bible.

#### **BODY:**

##### **1. GOD CREATED MAN**

- A. There are **BUT** two possible answers for the existence of man.
  1. Evolution or Creation.
- B. The evidence of both views have concluded Creation is the only logical choice.
  1. God created man in His own image (Gen 1:26, 27).
  2. This resulted in man becoming a living soul (Gen 2:7).

##### **2. MAN ENTERS THE WORLD WITHOUT SIN (Mt 18:1 – 3)**

- A. Jesus taught in order for one to enter the kingdom one must become as a little child.
  1. This clearly reveals children are without sin until they reach the age of accountability.

##### **3. MAN BECOMES A SINNER (Gen 2:16, 17; 3:6)**

- A. A consideration of the beginning of Adam's life should help us to see this point.
  1. When Adam was created by God (not as a child), he entered the world without sin.
    - A. The fall of man was the result of Adam choosing WRONG over RIGHT.
  2. Adam became a sinner by listening to Eve instead of God (Gen 3:17).
    - A. Children become sinners after accountability by failing to listen to God (1 Jn 3:4).
- B. "All have sinned..." (Ecc 7:20; Rom 3:23).
- C. Man needs a Savior (Rom 5:8 – 10).

##### **4. THE LORD WANTS TO SAVE AND PRESERVE MAN**

- A. One must obey the gospel (Mk 16:16; Heb 5:9).
- B. One must also worship God (Jn 4:23, 24; Ac 20:7).
- C. One must live faithfully in accordance with the entire Will of God (Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10).

##### **5. A SHORT LIFE**

- A. Life is pictured as:
  1. A vapor (Jas 4:13, 14).
  2. A flower (1 Pet 1:24).

##### **6. BEYOND THE GRAVE**

- A. All are to be resurrected (Jn 5:28, 29).
- B. All will be judged by Christ (Ac 17:31).
- C. All must give account (2 Cor 5:10).
- D. All will be judged by the Word (Jn 12:48).
- E. All will be sentenced (Mt 25:46).

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Those who have passed on from this life are out of our hands (Heb 9:27).
2. The big question is: "Are You Ready"?
3. Now is the time to prepare (2 Cor 6:2).