

WHISPERING HILLS

Church of Christ

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Worship Times

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

Updates will be forthcoming as to the continual changes with COVID 19.

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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 is purchased with His Blood (Ac 20:28; 2 The 1:7-10).

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)

Obedience in the Bible

God tells us to obey.

You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.
Deuteronomy 13:4

God empowers us to obey.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.
2 Corinthians 9:8

God blesses us when we obey.

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways. You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. Psalm 128:1-2

Thank you for visiting with us

Our goal is to worship God according to His Will just as the Christians in the first century did (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,
Jewel Hunter, Joyce Gutierrez, Joyce Fair,
Curtis Ward, Sheila Harris, Simon Young,
Michael Neazer

Grieving

Sis Guthrie (loss of her sister, Lovita Irby)

General

Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother),
Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers)
Helena Sotelo & Arthur Antucio (Bro Ramsey in-laws)
Charles Votaw (Sis Harper's brother)
Joel Sotelo (Bro Ramsey'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 as we strive to be obedient to His Expectations and Commands.
- [2] Sis Mary Glaster tested positive for COVID 19 and is going through quarantine at home (25 Jan).
- [3] Lovita Irby (Sis Guthrie's sister) passed away yesterday morning from her illnesses (30 Jan).

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February '21



[14] Darlene Sikes

[20] Ricqui Brager





OBEYING GOD

God has always required strict obedience to all His Commands. No matter what law man was under, one was always to know and diligently follow God's Will. Noah had to explicitly follow the specific instructions given by God when building the ark [in order to be saved] (Gen 6:13-22). Cain's sacrifice was not pleasing to God because he did not heed God's instructions when making his offering (Gen 4:6-12). Moses was not allowed to enter Canaan nor lead the children of Israel into it because of his disobedience in failing to trust in God, who is worthy to be praised and respected, by giving Him the proper honor before the people (Num 20:2-12).

Nadab and Abihu

Consider the two priests, Nadab and Abihu and what is said of them (Lev 10:1, 2). God commanded them to use a specific fire when burning incense in the tabernacle. But they chose to use a different one. They could have said, as some today, "So what. Fire's fire. It doesn't make a difference." It made a difference, then and it continues today because God is to be obeyed! He was displeased and there were consequences: they perished.

Uzzah

The example of the well-meaning Uzzah (2 Sam 6:1-7) shows even though a person may be sincere in what he is doing, does not make it right. One must follow God's Instructions. This illegal incident takes place when the children of Israel were bringing the ark of God back from the Philistines, who captured it while in battle and constructed a cart for transporting—although God required it to be carried by the sons of Kohath (Exo 25:14, 15; Num 4:4-6). Also, the law stated no one was to touch the ark lest they die (Num 4:15). While transporting the ark in this unauthorized manner, the oxen pulling the cart stumbled. The ark was ready to fall. Uzzah, not wanting God's Ark to fall, reached out his hand and put it on the ark to steady it. God immediately struck him dead. In attempting to keep God's Ark from crashing to the ground, did he not mean well? Was his intent to do a kind and good thing? As man might see it, yes; but in the eyes of God, he violated a direct command. God would not tolerate such a sin. King David, seeing what had happened to Uzzah, stopped the ark's journey. Its trek was not resumed until three months later when, having learned from God's judgment on Uzzah, it was transported as God commanded it to be—the Levites bearing it on their shoulders (1 Chr 15:12-15).

The Pharisees

Some might say, "But Jesus condemn the Pharisees for strict law-keeping. They needed to be concerned with the details of the law." In Matthew 23, Jesus pronounced numerous woes upon the scribes and Pharisees because of their hypocrisy. He says, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye tithe mint and anise and cummin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, justice, and mercy, and faith: but these ye ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone" (Mt 23:23). Some have gone to this passage to show it is only the weightier matters of Scripture one should obey and not, what they consider, the incidentals. Notice, though, exactly what Jesus said. They should have done both. They were to keep [all] the law. Does God require obedience to all His Precepts? Jesus did in this passage and He still continues [even] today.

Conclusion

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Mt 7:21). God's Word must be obeyed (Heb 5:8, 9). What portion of it can one fail to obey and still please Him? The unequivocal answer: None. "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is become guilty of all" (Jas 2:10). God has always demanded obedience. It is required of us today. If we fail to live up to His Expectations, we displease Him. We can confess our sins and pray for forgiveness (1 Jn 1:9). He, through His Love, Grace and Mercy will forgive us. But, NEVER will this provide us a license to do as we please nor neglect to submit to something He Commands (Rom 6:1-4). We must seek to do God's Will in all things His Way (Mt 6:33; 7:21-23; 15:9).

