

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)



You are
Loved
Eph. 1:4

You are
Free
Rom. 8:1-2

You are
Made New
2 Cor. 5:17

You are
Chosen
1 Thess. 1:4

You are
a Masterpiece
Eph. 2:10

You are
Holy
Eph. 4:24

You are
God's Temple
and His Spirit lives in
YOU.
1 Cor. 6:19

You have been
Brought Near
by His Blood.
Eph. 2:13

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,
Mattie Stafford, Annette Rowlette, Jewel Hunter,
Joyce Gutierrez, Joyce Fair

Grieving

Ashley Mackifield-Allen (loss of grandmother)
Manuel Kay (loss of sister-in-law)
Mark Sikes (loss of mother)
Bro. Ramsey (loss of daughter's father-in-law)

General

Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother),
Eldred Adams (COVID 19 virus), Sheila Harris,
Curtis Ward, Simon Young, Michael Neazer,
Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers)
Charles Votaw (Sis Harper's brother)
Regenia Andrews (Bro Jones' sister)
Bro Ramsey's in-laws (Helena Sotelo & Arthur Antucio)

Updates /Announcements

- [1] **Bro & Sis Sykes** ask for PRAYERS as they travel to the Seattle area; hoping to return Wednesday (13 Jan)
- [2] **Lovita Irvine** (Sis Guthrie's sister) has tested positive to COVID-19 and pneumonia is requesting PRAYERS
- [3] **Sis Fair's** surgery went well; home recovering
- [4] **Sis White** (Stephanie/Mark/Hannah/Shane-daughter, son in-law and grandkids) all tested positive for COVID-19 and are quarantined at home are soliciting PRAYERS
- [5] **Kelvin Porter** (Sis Owen's brother) ask for PRAYERS having tested positive for COVID-19 in a nursing home
- [6] **Sis Miller's** (adult children) requesting PRAYERS for the sudden, unexplainable passing of their father



Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth (Lk 15:10).

Donald R. Zeno
December 20, 2020

Welcome To The Family Of God

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January '21



- [09] Karen Lee
- [17] Mark Sikes
- [24] Carolyn Cloud





What You Really Are

If one is going to be Christ-like, one must have the mind of Christ. The Bible says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Php 2:5). Paul urged the Philippian Christians to have the unselfish attitude just as Christ displayed and showed Christ's humility by explaining who He was and what He gave up coming to earth to save mankind. How you spend your time and what you allow to occupy your attention tells others what you really are and this may be dramatically different from what you claim to be.

Paul pled with them to live in unity and harmony; having an unselfish, yet humble attitude as Christ. He was the example for Christians to follow not only in what He did; but, in attitudes, behaviors, motives and thoughts (Mt 11:29; Jn 13:12-17; 13:34; 21:19; 1 Cor 11:1; 1 The 1:6; 1 Pet 2:21-23; 1 Jn 2:6). In this context, Paul was stressing the humbleness and helpfulness of Christ, which he wants all Christians to follow.

Jesus gave up much to become a man. Gave up His position of being above divine law putting Himself under divine law. Never committed any sin, so He could become sin on man's behalf (2 Cor 5:21). Allowed Himself to be tempted, but did not sin (Heb 4:15). Gave up His riches (2 Cor 8:9). Owned everything, but was born in a stable having no house to lay His head. Gave up His Heavenly Glory (Jn 17:4). The apostles saw this at the transfiguration (Mt 17:1-5). Gave up His independent exercise of authority (Heb 5:8). Subjected Himself to the Father's Will (Jn 5:19, 30). It must be remembered He did not give up being God, but laid these things aside so He could assume the human nature which He voluntarily took on Himself.

What are you "busy about?" Is it your job? Does it take all of your energy and most of your time? Is your main interest in life the amassing of "things"? Do you use all spare moments in some recreational pursuit? If any of these apply, you need to take stock by channeling your "busyness" into what is much more profitable - serving the Lord. It is evident Christ's attitude was to be busy about His Father's business (Lk 2:49). Professing to be Christians does not mean you are living as His Children. Unless you conform your thoughts and actions to His Word, the example set by His Son (and busy about the Father's business), others will know and certainly the Father because you can claim to be dedicated to the Lord, while your affections lie elsewhere. Such passages (Jn 4:34; 6:38; 9:4) show He continually focused on doing God's Will. In turn, He taught His Disciples the most important thing in life was to do God's Will and be concerned with His Kingdom, first (Mt 6:33).

The Apostle Paul zealously applied himself to do God's Will. Always being busy serving Him by constantly pressing on. Attaining his goal of living a life, pleasing to God, gaining an incorruptible crown (Php 3:7-16). Opposite of this, Demas, a fellow-worker with Paul, had another mission. He busied himself with other things of this world (2 Tim 4:10). His love for this "present world" ultimately caused abandonment to the Lord.

When Jesus was in the house of Mary and Martha, who lived in Bethany, both were busy. In the eyes of the world and even one another, one seemed to be idle (Lk 10:38-42); "distracted with much serving" (Lk 10:40). She was busy seeing the needs of her guests were satisfied. She became so anxious, it consumed her. Mary sat at the Lord's feet not wishing to miss a single word of His. She busied herself listening to Him knowing it was the most important thing she could be doing. When Martha complained to Jesus about her, His response was not to worry about so many things, which in reality, were unnecessary. Rather, she should devote herself as Mary had, to "the one thing needed" - hearing and obeying God's Word. Again, why are you busy? Is it your job, a hobby, material possessions or worldly pleasures? If so, what does this say as to what you really are? What do others think is your first love? What is the Lord's view of you? A question often used, if not perhaps overused, but relevant to our line of thought is, "If you were tried for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" If you were "busy about" which you should be, would it be evident to all? Would all know you are a Christian, see His Glory in you and glorify your Father in heaven (Mt 5:14-16)? More importantly, does Christ know? If you claim to be a Christian, before it is too late, get busy doing His Will!!

