

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)

Bible verses for when you are anxious

Joshua 1:9

I have commanded you to be strong and brave. Don't ever be afraid or discouraged! I am the Lord your God, and I will be there to help you wherever you go.

Matthew 11:28

If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest.

1 Peter 5:7

Give all your worries to him because he cares for you.

Isaiah 41:10

Don't worry - I am with you. Don't be afraid - I am your God. I will make you strong and help you.

Psalms 34:4

I asked the Lord for help, and he saved me from all my fears.

John 14:27

I give you peace, the kind of peace only I can give. It isn't like the peace this world can give. So don't be worried or afraid.

Philippians 4:6

Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.

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)
Bro Ramsey (wife's cousin, Jesus Vazquez)

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)
Sis Glaster

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] continue to live up to His Expectations and Commands through obedience (Mt 7:21-23).
- [2] Wanda Burden (Sis Webb's sister) had been hospitalized in Tyler; currently home (Canton) recovering [01 Feb]
- [3] Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsey's daughter) headaches and dizziness over the years w/ tremendous struggles [04 Feb]
- [4] Many are recovering from being diagnosed of having (or being exposed to others having) COVID-19

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February '21



[14] Darlene Sikes

[20] Ricqui Brager





THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN

Luke 18:9 - 14

1. The Pharisee (Lk 18:11, 12)
 - A. Regarded themselves as the special favorites of God and the publicans as under severest condemnation.
 - B. Definition: (1) a member of an ancient Jewish sect noted for strict observance of rites and ceremonies of the traditional law; (2) a self-righteous or hypocritical person (Webster).
 - C. Signifying to separate, owing to a different manner of life from that of the general public.
 1. In their zeal for the Law, they almost defied it and their attitude became merely external, formal and mechanical. They laid stress, not upon the righteousness of an action, but on its formal corrects.
 2. Their opposition to Christ was inevitable.
 3. His manner of life and teaching was essentially a condemnation of theirs (Mt 6:2, 5, 16; 15:7; 23:1 - 36 [W. E. Vines]).
2. In reality, the Pharisee did not pray; he told the Lord about his own perfection of character.
 - A. For one thing, he was thankful he was not like other men "or even as this publican".
 1. He believed it was useless for the publican to pray.
 - B. Expressed true sentiments and estimate of himself, felt superior to others; spoke his thoughts of truth.
 - C. He fasted twice a week and gave tithes of all that came into his hands.
 1. He did not feel he was guilty of any sins and so he confessed none; and asked for not forgiveness.
 2. He made no plea for mercy; he depending on his own merit. He did not ask God for anything.
 4. His prayer was nothing but praise of himself.
 - D. Jesus said, "the Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself" (Lk 18:11a).
3. The Publican (Lk 18:13)
 - A. Definition: a Jewish tax collector for the ancient Romans (Webster).
 1. Primarily denoted a farmer of the tax, then as in the New Testament, a subsequent subordinate of such, who collected taxes in some district, a tax-gatherer; such were naturally hated intensely by the people; they are classed with "sinners" (Mt 9:10, 11; 11:19; Mk 2:15, 16; Lk 5:30; 7:34; 15:1).
 - B. Notice the publican's prayer, it was brief and yet had fullness.
 1. The Pharisee talked to the Lord about himself, the publican felt the Pharisee had an advantage.
 - C. Having no merit of his own to plead before the Lord likely felt humiliated/ashamed before the Pharisee.
 1. When he was ready to pray, he would not so much as lift up his eyes toward heaven, "but smote his breast, saying, God, be thou merciful to me a sinner" (Lk 18:13b).
 - D. He did not try to make a fancy speech to the Lord - he prayed. He knew what he most needed - mercy. And if God granted that to him, what else did he need? Children of God should leave off efforts trying to make an impression on the people by making their petitions brief and to the point.
4. In the eyes of the Jewish nation, the Pharisee would be regarded as the one whom the Lord would hear. He was in good standing among his fellow men. He appeared to be a clean man morally and kept the forms of the Law of Moses and the tradition of the elders. Yet, the Lord did not hear him. "Him that hath a high look and a proud heart will I not suffer" (Psa 101:5).
5. "Every one that is proud of heart is an abomination to Jehovah" (Pro 16:5, 18).
6. The Pharisee was proud and haughty (Mt 18:4; Lk 14:11). But the publican was humble and of a contrite spirit (Psa 51:17; Isa 66:2; 57:15).
7. Life cannot be measured by comparing ourselves with others (a false standard of measurement). It is not wise to do so (2 Cor 10:12). How can life be measured? By what standard will each be praised?

~ Humbly submitted by Bro A. Anderson

