

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)

12 Symptoms of Spiritual Awakening

1. An increased tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
2. Frequent attacks of smiling.
3. Feelings of being connected with others and nature.
4. Frequent overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
5. A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than from fears based on past experience.
6. An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
7. A loss of ability to worry.
8. A loss of interest in conflict.
9. A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
10. A loss of interest in judging others.
11. A loss of interest in judging self.
12. Gaining the ability to love without expecting anything.



LOVE
THE
LORD
WITH ALL YOUR

heart

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

Bro/Sis Kaye (Sis Kaye's sister, Patricia Simms)
Bro Ramsey (cousin, Allen Grider)

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
Wanda Burden (*former member*)
Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsey's daughter)

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] Many are recovering from being diagnosed with having (or being exposed to others having) COVID-19.
- [3] Sis Mattie Stafford is encountering some soreness and swelling from the COVID-19 Vaccine [07 Feb]
- [4] Odell Bruce (Sis Owen's friend/*former co-worker*) son passed away [07 Feb]
- [5] Sis Mary Ervin was involved in an accident and experiencing eye problems (loss of sight) [07 Feb]
- [6] Allen Grider (Bro Ramsey's cousin) passed away from liver cancer and COVID-10 [08 Feb]
- [7] Worship Services will be canceled (14 Feb) due to severe weather conditions [13 Feb]

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February '21



[14] Darlene Sikes

[20] Ricqui Brager





food for thought

Undue Emphasis On Self

Mk 8:34

“And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, **Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me**” (Mk 8:34). The Bible has a lot to say about self and how one is to view thyself in relation to God and others. If one would follow God’s teachings, one’s attitude toward self would be what it should be and many problems would be solved and pressures eased. When one follows the course of the world and gives undue emphasis to self, one not only adds to their problems now, but also places their soul in peril. What are the problems one can expect one is self-centered?

Self-centeredness: This occurs when a person is absorbed in self. No one enjoys this type of person. It is easy to see when others are self-centered. Sometimes, though, it is hard to recognize this same quality from within.

Self-conceit: This is an exaggerated estimation of one’s ability or powers, an overconfidence in self. When one is conceited, one is full of pride. God hates pride and resists the proud (Pro 16:18; Jas 4:6,10; Lk 18:14).

We are not to think too highly of ourselves (Rom 12:3). Should not be boastful of their gifts despising others.

Self-willed: This is stubborn, set on having one’s own way. One person was Jonah. He knew the will of God but fled so he would not have to do it. The stoning of Stephen (Ac 7:51-53) were identified as "stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears" meaning they stubbornly clung to their self-will rather than submitting to the God’s Will. One resists the Holy Spirit when one resists their teachings (Lk 11:13; Eph 1:13; 1 The 4:8).

Self-indulgence: This is giving free course to one’s passions and inclinations. This is a sin which leads one from God. Demas, who had once been a faithful disciple and a dedicated co-worker of the Apostle Paul, had forsaken the Lord and the apostle because he “loved” the present world and indulged himself in its pleasures (2 Tim 4:10). Demas made the opposite decision than Moses made (Heb 11:24-27).

Self-righteousness: This is being righteous in one’s eyes [a trait of the Pharisees (Lk 18:9 -14; Rom 10:1-3)]. It prompted an accusation Jesus of eating with sinners (Mt 9:10-12). Notice how they could see everyone else were sinners but not themselves. To be pleasing to God, one must humbly acknowledge their sinfulness.

Self-satisfaction: This is being pleased with who and what one is. The world seeks to instill this attitude in everyone. Great care is often taken so nothing will damage the self-image of children. The satisfied person has reached their goal. One has no other worlds to conquer, no loftier heights to scale and no greater work to do.

Their journey can only be downward. On the other hand, one cannot establish bounds for the person who is not satisfied with oneself and their accomplishments. Sadly, even Christians are guilty of this sin. Their guilt is seen in acceptance of mediocrity in relation to Christ and their service to Him. Was not the church at Sardis rebuked for their indifference (Rev 3:1f). Do not


be self-satisfied. Be like Paul—always seeking to be better, always striving to do more (Php 3:13, 14; 1 Cor 10:12). Walk together in obedience.

Do not allow these problems to exist in your life.

The Apostle Paul put it this way, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (Col 3:16). This becomes

your guide and permits you to be molded in the image of Christ by denying self and living for Him.

Are you willing to follow after Christ?



If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”
Mark 8:34

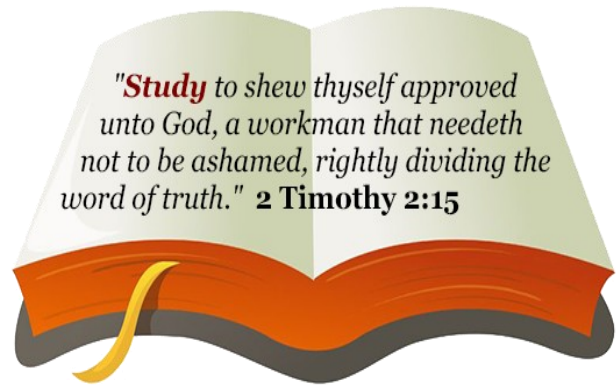
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“And hath put all *things* under his feet,
and gave him *to be* the head over all
things to the church, Which is his body,
the fulness of him that filleth all in all”
(Eph 1:22, 23).

Weekly Bible Reading

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| February 14, 2021 | 1 Chronicle | 10 - 18 |
| February 15, 2021 | 1 Chronicles | 19 - 29 |
| February 16, 2021 | 2 Chronicles | 1 - 9 |
| February 17, 2021 | 2 Chronicles | 10 - 18 |
| February 18, 2021 | 2 Chronicles | 19 - 27 |
| February 19, 2021 | 2 Chronicles | 28 - 36 |
| February 20, 2021 | Ezra | 1 - 10 |
| February 21, 2021 | Nehemiah | 1 - 7 |

LOVE the LORD
your GOD
with all your
heart
with all your
soul & with
all your
mind
Matthew 22:37



Sermon Notes...
