

WHISPERING HILLS

Church of Christ

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Worship Times

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

Location

Temporarily: TownePlace
Suites by Marriott
Dallas/DeSoto
(directions provided inside)

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 (Jn 6:45; Rom 10:17)
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)

5 Bible Verses when you FEAR the FUTURE

1. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
(**Jeremiah 29:11**)
2. Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. (**Proverbs 19:21**)
3. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (**Proverbs 3:5-6**)
4. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. (**Psalms 32:8**)
5. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (**Isaiah 55:8-9**)

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, Mary Ervin, Billie Guthrie, Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsey's daughter)

Grieving

Sis. Guthrie—Loss of her nephew, Corbin Sinclair
Bro. Owen— Loss of his cousin,

General

Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother), Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers) Charles Votaw (Sis Harper's brother) Joel Sotelo (Bro Ramsey's brother-in-law) Gary Forge (Bro Forge's brother)

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] PRAYERS continue for the process involving the elders and the insurance personnel [11 Apr]

Birthdays & Anniversaries



April '21

[21] Ruth Davenport

Anniversary

[21] Carolyn & Mac Cloud





JESUS WAS A MAN 1 TIMOTHY 2:4 - 6

The Apostle Paul says, "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (1 Tim 2:4-6). There is **one God**. In the Old Testament, He is characterized as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In the New Testament, He is called the one true and living God. Any other person who claims to be God is false. There is one God for all mankind. He is not whatever man wants Him to be. He is what His Word says. Men must come to a knowledge of God as His Word reveals. The one God wants all men to be saved. This is through one man, Jesus Christ (Jn 14:6; Ac 4:12). Paul uses the term "God" (referring to the Father). The term **Lord** (refers to Jesus Christ). There is **one mediator also between God and man**. A mediator is stands between two parties and acts as a go-between or bring together. As the writer of Hebrews describes Christ's position in detail, He is the heavenly High Priest and mediator (Heb 8:6; 9:15; 12:24). He is the only mediator between God and man. The only way man can be reconciled to God and to have access to Him through Jesus Christ (Jn 14:6; Rom 5:1, 2). No other way to Him. Only one method of salvation for mankind (through Christ). True religion was intended to unite men into a brotherhood of believers, not to divide. Men can only be united in a brotherhood of believers by Jesus Christ. The mediator is **the man Jesus Christ**. He is the divine Son of God, the 2nd member of the Godhead; but, He became the mediator by becoming a man and being obedient to the Father (Php 2:5-11). He lived life as a man and did not sin (Heb 4:15) and voluntarily took upon Himself the penalty of sin; having paid it on the cross so man might be saved (1 Cor 15:3). Gave Himself a ransom for all mankind (the only place where Paul uses the word **ransom**). Jesus used it to explain the purpose of His Death (Mt 20:28). **It** means "in behalf of, instead of or for". **It** is the price paid for redemption of a captive. Men are captive to sin; He paid the price on the cross, which set them free. God's Law demands the punishment of sin. Jesus took the sinner's place and His Penalty (Gal 3:13). He paid the price of sin for men to be saved (Jn 3:17; 5:34; Rom 10:1; 1 The 2:16; 2 The 2:10). **To be testified** (good news of what Jesus did must be preached to mankind at the proper time). This was after His Death on the cross as the ransom for sin, arose from the dead and ascended into heaven. Before ascending into heaven, He told His Apostles to preach the gospel to all nations (Mt 28:18-20). To begin on the 1st Pentecost after His Resurrection from the dead, the apostles preached the gospel (Ac 2). **In due time** (the Christian Age). One of the earliest heresies in the church was Gnosticism (system of doctrine ultimately denying the humanity of Christ). Were it not so serious, one could almost be amused at the distortions which have been preached relative to Jesus Christ. The 1st century denied His Humanity; the 20th century denies His Deity. Thus, man has tried both ends of heresy. Yet, the truly Biblical doctrine is: He was fully and uniquely God as well as being perfectly human. Sometimes we so emphasize the deity of Christ, we neglect He was a man. He became a man is important for the following reasons:

- (1) His humanity qualified Him to die for us. He is described as our mediator (1 Tim 2:5). As divine, He was a person and more than qualified to represent God; as a man, He was qualified to represent humanity. Thus, the purpose for His Incarnation was He might be qualified to be our mediator and able to die for us (Heb 10:4-7). The body of Jesus was given to Him in order He might accomplish the work of God - namely, to die for us.
- (2) The humanity of Jesus enabled Him to understand the nature of our problems (Heb 2:14, 17, 18; 4:15, 16). There are two conclusions resulting from revelation: (a) He is able to understand and sympathize our problems with the faithful; (b) Having gone through life on this earth, Jesus is qualified to recognize an excuse when He hears one. Our Judge, Jesus Christ, does know what it is like to live in this world (Col 1:24; Heb 2:10).
- (3) The humanity of Jesus made it possible for Him to give us the perfect example. Peter says, "For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps" (1 Pet 2:21). Jesus has shown us the kind of life pleasing to God; we must imitate it. Although the doctrine of Christ Deity is important (object of much of our preaching), equally important is His Humanity. For this reason, John said anyone denying Christ Humanity is of the *spirit* the anti-Christ (1 Jn 4:1 - 3).

