

Whispering Hills Church Of Christ

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SUNDAY Gathering Times

Bible Class **09:30 AM**
Morning **10:30 AM**

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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 was
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)

50 REASONS TO READ GOD'S WORD

1. teaches forgiveness
2. brings me joy
3. provides clarity
4. opens my eyes
5. directs my steps
6. demonstrates love
7. teaches mercy
8. gives strength
9. blesses
10. counsels
11. revives
12. gives me courage
13. sheds light in the dark
14. breathes life
15. heals my body
16. delivers me from evil
17. offers a better solution
18. shows the better way
19. transforms
20. keeps me focused
21. pushes me forward
22. guards my thoughts
23. fights temptation
24. provides peace
25. builds better relationships
26. provides a better perspective
27. empowers
28. changes my outlook
29. affirms
30. gives me confidence
31. reminds me who I am
32. feeds my soul
33. sets me free
34. satisfies
35. organizes my priorities
36. motivates me to help others
37. relieves stress
38. exchanges my guilt for grace
39. helps me conquer addictions
40. helps maintain healthy life
41. teaches stewardship
42. keeps me out of debt
43. helps me discover purpose
44. equips
45. settles my anxieties
46. arms me with truth
47. strengthens my life with God
48. preserves
49. protects
50. and pleases God

Thank you for visiting with us

Our goal is to **WORSHIP** God according to His Will just as
the Christians in the 1st Century (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.

Prayer Request

We are here to Pray for you



Continued Prayers

Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Cloud, Ron Forge,
Joyce Fair, Curtis Ward, Mary Ervin, Billie Guthrie,
Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsay's daughter)
Joseph Tensley (Gospel Preacher [Teague, TX])

Grieving

FAMILY of Denise Whitaker (Bro Anderson's cousin)

General

Sheila Harris, Bebe Kaye, David Ramsay
Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother) is hospitalized
Nadia Crooks (Bro Owens' neighbor's sister)
Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers)
Lisa King (Bro/Sis Owens' neighbor's sister)
Bobby Osbourne (Sis Bell's brother)
Daniella Spataro & son (Bro Spataro's niece/great nephew)
Joel Sotelo [Mexico City] (Bro Ramsay's brother-in-law)
Robert Brown (Bro Hunter's cousin)

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 continuing to live up to His Expectations and Commands through OBEDIENCE (Mt 7:21-23)
- [2] **BIBLE STUDY** (Sunday, 26 Sep 21 @ 09:30 AM): Book of Ephesians, Chapter 3
- [3] **Ladies Bible Class** (Saturday, 02 Oct 21 @ 1:00 PM): **Whispering Hills Church of Christ** [Duncanville]
- [4] Denise Whitaker (Bro Anderson's cousin) passed away due to COVID-19 [18 Sep]
- [5] Trinity White (Sis White's great granddaughter) is undergoing medical treatment [21 Sep]
- [6] Lisa King (Bro/Sis Owens' neighbor) is still under medical protocol for previous encounters [21 Sep]

Birthdays & Anniversaries



September '21

[28] Gracy Simon





food for thought

DO YOU CARE TO SUFFER FOR CHRIST? 2 Timothy 3:12

INTRODUCTION:

1. Jesus did **NOT** hide from His would-be Disciples following Him would lead to persecution.
 - A. When such suffering comes as a result of living for God, [we] can expect [we] will receive also the BLESSING and approval of the Lord. "...**If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me**" (Mt 16:24).
2. The Apostle Paul wrote, "For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know" (1 The 3:4).
3. Since Jesus was crucified, it must **NOT** be a shock to learn His Disciples will be mistreated (2 Tim 3:12).
 - A. It should **NOT** be considered strange for a Christian to be confronted for living for Christ.
 - B. When accepting the standards of God rather than the world, a Christian will encounter affliction.
4. Through the years, many have misunderstood the principle of suffering for the sake of righteousness.
 - A. Some have reasoned self-imposed hardship is somehow beneficial to the soul.
5. Jesus did teach BLESSINGS in persecution (Mt 5:10).
 - A. These BLESSINGS are extended to those persecuted for the sake of righteousness.
 - B. When [we] look to God for deliverance placing our trust in Him, suffering brings about great results.
6. The Bible says, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (Jas 1:2-4).

BODY:

1. SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION

- A. The Apostle Paul assures Timothy how persecution awaits ALL who will LIVE godly in Christ:
 1. God will be with and NEVER forsake, **BUT** will deliver him.
 2. **BETTER** to suffer for God (and the right reason) than to prosper with men (and the wrong reason).
 - A. One seeking to follow Christ and OBEY His Teachings will be confronted with persecution.
- B. There is a difference between suffering for what is right and suffering for our own foolishness.
 1. If one is slapped in the face for being obnoxious and abusive to others, one can **NOT** consider it to be suffering for the sake of righteousness.
 2. In our efforts to teach others, [we] must be bold, **BUT** gentle (Ac 13:46; 1 The 2:2).
 3. Paul reminds us to "speak the truth in love" (Eph 4:15).
- C. The Apostle Peter says, "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or *as* a thief, or *as* an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if *any man suffer* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf" (1 Pet 4:15, 16).
 1. Do NOT be ashamed for suffering as a Christian.
 2. Christian is the new name [prophesied] (Isa 62:1, 2).
 3. One should LIVE such a LIFE as to GLORIFY God.
- D. ALWAYS be about suffering for the sake of righteousness as to entertain the HOPE of Everlasting LIFE (Rom 6:23).



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“And I say also unto thee, That thou
art Peter, and upon this rock I will
build my church; and the gates of hell
shall not prevail against it”
(Mt 16:18).

Weekly Bible Reading

September 26, 2021	Isaiah	29 - 35
September 27, 2021	Isaiah	36 - 42
September 28, 2021	Isaiah	43 - 48
September 29, 2021	Isaiah	49 - 57
September 30, 2021	Isaiah	58 - 66
October 01, 2021	Jeremiah	01 - 05
October 02, 2021	Jeremiah	06 - 10
October 03, 2021	Jeremiah	11 - 15

INDEED, ALL WHO DESIRE TO LIVE

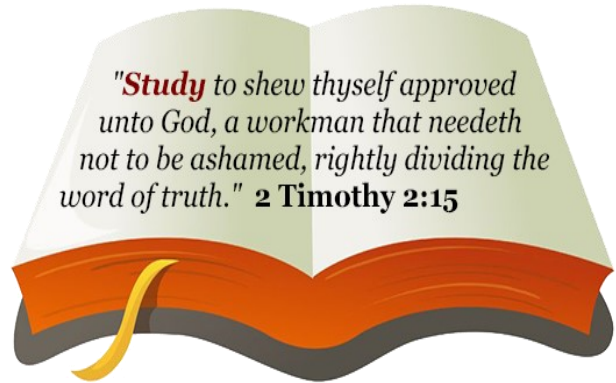
GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS WILL

SUFFER PERSECUTION

2 TIMOTHY 3:12



*"Study to shew thyself approved
unto God, a workman that needeth
not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the
word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15*



Sermon Notes...
