

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)

We rejoice
in our Sufferings,
because We Know that
suffering produces

perseverance;
perseverance

character;
and character,

HOPE.

And hope does not
put us to shame because

GODS LOVE

has been paved out
into our hearts

through the **HOLY SPIRIT**

who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5

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

Denise Anderson Payne (Bro Anderson's cousin)
Denise Whitaker (Sis Anderson's cousin)

General

Sheila Harris, Bebe Kaye,
Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother) is hospitalized
Nadia Crooks (Bro Owens' neighbor's sister)
Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brother)
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)
Trinity White (Sis White's great granddaughter)

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, 03 Oct 21 @ 09:30 AM): Book of Ephesians, Chapter 3
- [3] **Ladies Bible Class** (Saturday, 06 Nov 21 @ 1:00 PM): Whispering Hills Church of Christ [Duncanville]
- [4] Olish Allen, III (Bro Allen's son) being evaluated for additional exams and ALL is looking positive [26 Sep]

Birthdays & Anniversaries



October '21

- [18] Christina Jones
[20] Marqueon Skinner
[22] Eric Owens
[23] Ann Busby
[23] Santos Spataro
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- [06] James & Pat Hunter
[18] Mark & Darlene Sikes





food for thought

Stick With It Romans 5:3 - 5

INTRODUCTION:

1. Christians must have the joy which comes from having the right relationship with God.
 - A. Christians are justified by faith "...**NOT** by faith only" (Jas 2:24).
 1. Christians are justified by: Faith (Rom 5:1); Blood (Rom 5:9); Life (Rom 5:10); Grace (Rom 3:24; Tit 3:70), Name (1 Cor 6:11); Works (Jas 2:24); and Love (Jn 3:16).
 - B. The doctrine of justification by faith teaches God extends salvation as a gift (Rom 6:23; Eph 2:8) and one must accept by FAITH (Rom 10:17) by Believing, Trusting and OBEDIENCE (Rom 6:16).
 1. There are BLESSINGS to accompany justification throughout a Christian's LIFE.

BODY:

1. WE GLORY IN TRIBULATIONS

- A. One who has been justified rejoices, **NOT** in spite of, **BUT** in or because of tribulations.
- B. Tribulations are in reference to: challenges, troubles, pressures and crisis of LIFE in one's pathway.
- C. The tribulations Paul speaks (1 Cor 5:9-13; 2 Cor 1:4-10; 11:23-30; Php 4:12; 2 Tim 3:11, 12) results in patience (**NOT** a passive quality, **BUT** the ability to remain strong while bearing the burden).
 1. When these are met with the proper Spirit of FAITH and TRUST, they will produce this form of steadfastness (patience, fortitude and endurance) in Christians encouraging to overcome/conquer.
 2. Perseverance, endurance and tenacity are needed to hold on to HOPE in the midst of difficulty.
- D. Endurance results in experience (proof of the presence of the Spirit of God making patience possible).
 1. The end result of this proof proceeds to hope, the certain knowledge we will one day be glorified as the "heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ" (Rom 8:17).
 - A. God is the ONE who gives perseverance and encouragement (Rom 15:5).
 1. The trials and tribulations in our pathway in LIFE helps us develop Spiritual Endurance.
 2. This perseverance results in being approved by God as a metal being passed through the fires so everything in its base has been purged out of it; much like a type of cleansing (Zec 13:9).
 3. The endurance of faith and obedience establishes the type of character that God approves making one extremely useful being prepared for heaven.
- E. Paul says, "...rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Rom 5:2) passing through tribulation causing us to be steadfast; this endurance proved we are indeed a child of God and this proof encourages us in the hope of the glory of God.
- F. The HOPE is tested in the caldron of fiery tribulation, it will be proved genuine "...because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts (Rom 5:5b).
 1. This speaks of FAITH, moved to HOPE coming to the end of the trilogy with LOVE [charity].
 2. Our HEARTS are flooded with God's LOVE for us because we have been justified and the Holy Ghost pours [grant/impart/put into] our HEART a sense of God's LOVE for Him (Rom 5:5b).
 - A. When one's HOPE is in God, one is NEVER disappointed because His LOVE is for mankind.
 - B. The Holy Spirit has been given to all Christians (Ac 2:38; 5:32; 1 Cor 6:19; Eph 1:14, 15).
 3. The hope of heaven is grand and glorious to motivate/inspire us to endure hardships or difficulties.
 - A. Surrounded by "...so great a cloud of witness..." it is a race [we] must "lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us" and "looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith..." (Heb 12:1, 2).

