



Whispering Hills

CHURCH OF CHRIST

GROWING TOGETHER

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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)



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)



You are Loved Eph. 1:4	You are Free Rom. 8:1-2	You are Made New 2 Cor. 5:17
You are Chosen 1 Thess. 1:4	You are a Masterpiece Eph. 2:10	You are Holy Eph. 4:24
You are God's Temple and His Spirit lives in YOU. 1 Cor. 6:19	You have been Brought Near by His Blood. Eph. 2:13	



Continuous PRAYERS

Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Cloud, Patricia Skinner,
Ron Forge, Curtis Ward



General

Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother) is hospitalized
Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brother)
Bobby Osbourne (Sis Bell's brother)
Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsay's daughter)
Wesley Pollard (Bro/Sis Simon's brother-in-law)
Lee Carpenter (Sis Simon's brother)
Baltimore Hernandez (Bro Spataro's brother-in-law)
Ronnie Sims (Sis Kaye's brother)
Miguel Graves, Jr (friend of Bro Owens, Jr)
Mark Gray (Sis Gray's brother-in-law)
Christopher White (Sis White's son)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

- [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] **B**IBLE **S**TUDY (**S**unday, 15 May 22 @ 09:30 **A**M): Book of **C**olossians 1:15 - 29
- [3] **L**adies **B**ible **C**lass (Every **W**ednesdays in **M**ay @ 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM): conducted virtually [Duncanville]
- [4] **F**ederal **H**oliday (Celebrated: **M**onday, 30 **M**ay 22): **M**emorial **D**ay)



[27] Sheree Miller



**FOOD FOR
THOUGHT**

What Are You Really?

If one is going to be Christ-like, one must have the mind of Christ. The Bible says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Php 2:5). Paul urged the Philippian Christians to have the unselfish attitude just as Christ displayed and showed Christ's humility by explaining who He was and what He gave up coming to earth to save mankind. How you spend your time and what you allow to occupy your attention tells others what you really are and this may be dramatically different from what you claim to be.

Paul pled with them to live in unity and harmony; having an unselfish, yet humble attitude as Christ. He was the example for Christians to follow not only in what He did; but, in attitudes, behaviors, motives and thoughts (Mt 11:29; Jn 13:12-17; 13:34; 21:19; 1 Cor 11:1; 1 The 1:6; 1 Pet 2:21-23; 1 Jn 2:6). In this context, Paul was stressing the humbleness and helpfulness of Christ, which he wants all Christians to follow.

Jesus gave up much to become a man. He gave up His position of being above divine law putting Himself under divine law. Never committed any sin, so He could become sin on man's behalf (2 Cor 5:21). Allowed Himself to be tempted, but did not sin (Heb 4:15). He gave up His riches (2 Cor 8:9). Owned everything, but was born in a stable having no house to lay His head. Gave up His Heavenly Glory (Jn 17:4). The apostles saw this at the transfiguration (Mt 17:1-5). He gave up His independent exercise of authority (Heb 5:8).

Subjected Himself to the Father's Will (Jn 5:19, 30). It must be remembered He did not give up being God, but laid these things aside so He could assume the human nature which He voluntarily took on Himself.

What are you "busy about?" Is it your job? Does it take all of your energy and most of your time? Is your main interest in life the amassing of "things"? Do you use all spare moments in some recreational pursuit? If any of these apply, you need to take stock by channeling your "busyness" into what is much more profitable - serving the Lord. It is evident Christ's attitude was to be busy about His Father's Business (Lk 2:49).

Professing to be Christians does not mean you are living as His Children. Unless you conform your thoughts and actions to His Word, the example set by His Son (and busy about the Father's business), others will know and certainly the Father because you can claim to be dedicated to the Lord, while your affections showcases what lies elsewhere. Such passages (Jn 4:34; 6:38; 9:4) show He continually focused on doing God's Will. In turn, He taught His Disciples the most important thing in life was to do God's Will and to be concerned about what His Kingdom represents, first (Mt 6:33).

The Apostle Paul zealously applied himself to do God's Will. Always being busy serving Him by constantly pressing on. Attaining his goal of living a life, pleasing to God, gaining an incorruptible crown (Php 3:7-16). Opposite of this, Demas, a fellow-worker with Paul, had another mission. He busied himself with other things of this world (2 Tim 4:10). His love for this "present world" ultimately caused abandonment to the Lord.

When Jesus was in the house of Mary and Martha, who lived in Bethany, both were busy. In the eyes of the world and even one another, one seemed to be idle (Lk 10:38-42); "distracted with much serving" (Lk 10:40). She was busy seeing the needs of her guests were satisfied. She became so anxious, it consumed her. Mary sat at the Lord's feet not wishing to miss a single word of His. She busied herself listening to Him knowing it was the most important thing she could be doing. When Martha complained to Jesus about her, His response was not to worry about so many things, which in reality, were unnecessary. Rather, she should devote herself as Mary had, to "the one thing needed" - hearing and obeying God's Word. Again, why are you busy? Is it your job, a hobby, material possessions or worldly pleasures? If so, what does this say as to what you really are?

What do others think is your first love? What is the Lord's view of you? A question often used, if it has not been, perhaps, overused, but relevant to our line of thought is, "If you were tried for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" If you were "busy about" which you should be, would it be evident to all? Would everyone know you are a Christian by the life you live? See His Glory in you and glorify your Father in heaven (Mt 5:14-16)? More importantly, does Christ know?

If you claim to be a Christian, before it is too late, get busy doing His Will!!

