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SUNDAY Gathering Times

Bible Class09:30 AMMorning10:30 AM

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Our Religious Conviction

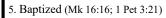
God chose to save the world by sending His Son, Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (Rom 10:17).

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)





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.



PRAYER REQUEST

ContinuousPRAYERSWalter Simon, Mack Cloud, Patricia Skinner,
Ron Forge, Curtis Ward



Grieving: The Cloud FAMILY

<u>General</u>

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) Nicole Pollard (Sis Simon's niece)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

- 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, 05 June @ 09:30 **AM**): Book of <u>Colossians</u> 2:1 15
- [3] Ladies Bible Class (Every Wednesday in June @ 8:00 PM 9:00 PM): conducted virtually [Duncanville]
- [4] <u>Sunday Evening W</u>orship (resumes on 05 June @ 5:00 PM)
- [5] <u>F</u>ederal <u>H</u>oliday: <u>J</u>uneteenth (Sunday, 19 June)
- [6] **F**ather's <u>D</u>ay (<u>S</u>unday, 19 June)



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THE MOST WONDERFUL BLESSING

The Bible says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (Jas 1:17). God is good all the time; All the time, God is good. This phrase echos in our minds on a daily basis. Not only are they **good** (practical/useful), but **perfect** (complete/lacking nothing) and His liberality is wholly consistent. He, alone, is absolutely good (Mk 10:18). Since He is good, He cannot send evil gifts; but gives only good gifts. God gives man everything he needs to be successful: physically and Spiritually (2 Pet 1:3). Fickle man succumbs to "lusts" (Jas 1:14), but God is **the Father of lights**. He does not embrace the faintest shadow of change. He created the sun, moon and stars (Gen 1:14-19). Not only does He give light, but He is light (1 Jn 1:5). He sent His Son to be the light of the world (Jn 1:4-9; 8:12). Light is truth (Jn 8:32). The opposite is darkness; it is untruth. However, there is no untruth in Him (1 Jn 1:5). What is the greatest light? It is Spiritual (Jn 17:17; Php 2:5-11). God is always the same; thus, His Son is equal in this endeavor (Heb 13:8). They are changeless.

It's easy to recognize God has blessed us (Eph 2:8, 9). Even most people facing serious difficulties in their lives would quickly admit to being blessed by God. Some are slower to identify His blessings in their lives, while others readily see and continually thank Him for them. Unfortunately, while few would deny they have been blessed by God, a great many people fail to recognize the most wonderful blessing of all.

If we asked people what blessings they were most thankful for, we'd get a wide variety of answers. Some would say for their husband or wife. Others would speak in glowing terms of their children. Still others might have recently been employed after having gone without work for a time to have a job. Some have just moved into a new home, bought a new car or some other material possession. Many recovering from serious illness or come through successful surgery and others who are in the twilight years of their lives, are just thankful to be alive. By grace have we been brought into this position and by grace are we maintained in it.

The most wonderful blessing of all, though, stands alone. None of the things mentioned above even comes close. It is the opportunity for salvation and eternal life. God loves us so much, He sent His Son to the cross specifically to die to pay the debt for the guilt of our sins (Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8). There was no way we could pay that debt for ourselves; it is a debt that had to be paid. Without forgiveness, we're doomed in the guilt of our sin (Rom 6:23). Through Christ, we are forgiven (Ac 2:38) and look forward to eternal life (Jn 14:6). Nothing in this world begins to compare with such a blessing. We are God's makings (Eph 2:10). If we desire to save men, we must be in living union with the all-conquering Spirit of Christ. We have been created for good works; they have been planned for us and we have only to walk in them. Even physical life, without hope of eternal life, is virtually meaningless.

How could we ever adequately describe the blessedness of eternal salvation? Going from death to life, from guilt to forgiveness, from condemnation to salvation. This is a blessing available to everybody (Mt 11:28-30). Jesus came to seek and to save the lost (Lk 19:10), all of the lost. He told the apostles to preach the gospel to everybody everywhere (Mk 16:15, 16). All those who call upon His name through faith, repentance and baptism will receive forgiveness and salvation (Ac 22:16).

Sadly, though this most precious of all blessings is offered to all, most will not accept it (Mt 7:13, 14). This blessing is needed above all others; however, most will not take advantage of it. Though this is the only way to Heaven, most will unwittingly choose to spend eternity in Hell. The death of the spirit is compatible with much active interest in *the course of this world*. Behind the shifting scenes of the material is the great enemy of souls. As His Spirit works in the obedient, so does the evil spirit work in the disobedient. Why? Most have concluded, they want their own way instead of God's way. What about you? Have you accepted the most wonderful of all blessings or is God still reaching out to you, longing for you to reach back (Php 3:12-21)?

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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).



Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed Rightly dividing the word of truth. 2Timothy 2:15

Weekly Chronological Bible Reading '22

J une 05, 2022	P roverbs	7 - 9
J une 06, 2022	P roverbs	10 - 12
J une 07, 2022	P roverbs	13 - 15
J une 08, 2022	P roverbs	16 - 18
J une 09, 2022	Proverbs	19 - 21
J une 10, 2022	Proverb	22 - 24
J une 11, 2022	1 Kings	5; 6; 2 Chr 4
J une 12, 2022	1 Kings	7; 2 Chr 5

SERMON NOTES