



Whispering Hills

CHURCH OF CHRIST

— Growing Together —

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SUNDAY Gathering Times

Bible Class 09:30 AM
Morning 10:30 AM
Evening 5:00 PM

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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)



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.

DYING TO SELF

Source Unknown

When you are forgotten or neglected and you don't hurt with the insult, but your heart is happy—that is dying to self.

When your advice is disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart, and take it all in patient, loving silence—that is dying to self.

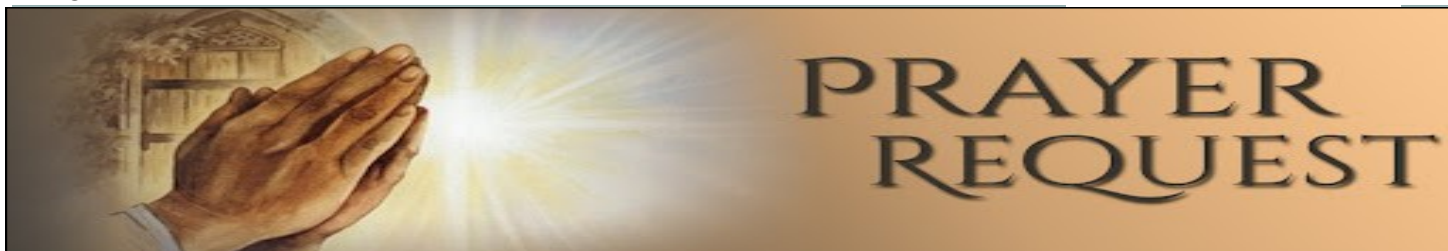
When you lovingly and patiently bear disorder, irregularity, tardiness, and annoyance...and endure it as Jesus endured it—that is dying to self.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or record your own good works, or itch for praise after an accomplishment, when you can truly love to be unknown... that is dying to self.

When you can see your brother or sister prosper and can honestly rejoice with him, and feel no envy even though your needs are greater—that is dying to self.

When you are content with any food, any offering, any raiment, any climate, or any society—that is dying to self.

When you can take correction, when you can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, with no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart—that is dying to self.



Continuous PRAYERS

Walter Simon, Mack Cloud, Ron Forge, Pat Harper, Don Zeno



General

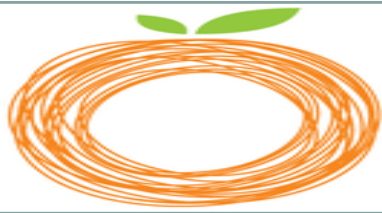
Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother)
 Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsay's daughter)
 Wesley Pollard (Bro/Sis Simon's brother-in-law)
 Baltimore Hernandez (Bro Spataro's brother-in-law)
 Miguel Graves, Jr (*friend* of Bro Owens, Jr)
 Christopher White (Sis White's son)
 Chantez Thomas (Bro Williams' cousin)
 Claudia Springer (Sis Williams' sister)
 Zaira Arteaga (*friend* of Bro Ramsay's daughter)
 Ronnie Anderson (*friend* of Bro Owens')
 LeCreshia Phillips (*friend* of Bro Ramsay's)

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] **BIBLE STUDY** (Sunday, 19 March @ 09:30 AM): Book of Hebrews 4:11 - 16
- [3] Ladies Bible Class (Every Wednesday in March @ 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM): conducted virtually [Duncanville]
- [4] Day of Recognition: Easter (Sunday, April 09, 2023)



- [18] Pat White
- [19] Brenda Shell
- [22] Joyce Gutierrez
- [26] Walter Simon



food for thought

THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMILITY

The Psalmist tells us God distances Himself from the proud (Psa 138:6). A proud look not only separates one from God, but causes one to incur His wrath! This is, undoubtedly, why James, the half-brother of Christ wrote, God has placed His Spirit within us (Jas 4:5) and yearns for obedience over our hearts. He can best overcome inordinate desire and teach us how to pray. "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble" (Jas 4:6). God wants more of us. His love is insatiable in its yearning for every room and cupboard of our inner life. He is ever wishful to give more grace. But what is humility, really? What does humility demand, require, express and acknowledge?

James continues by saying, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (Jas 4:7). Humility demands full submission to God. It's difficult to teach those who think they are so wise that they already know enough. Because He gives grace to the humble, God's people must put off their own desires and accept His law and love. This requires resisting Satan and his temptations to follow our own desires. That is what fully submitting to God means.

Let us have the Bible and eternity in our minds entirely adhering to sound Scripture in submission to God! James says, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded" (Jas 4:8). Humility requires seeking God's favor and mercy. One who seeks His favor and a close relationship with Him must be willing to come to Him, for He does not force Himself upon men. This is a decision based upon an individual's faith and obedience. However, the key is WORK. It is not easy to cleanse our hands and purify our hearts, but that is what must be done.

Furthermore, James tells us we must "Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness" (Jas 4:9). Humility must express appropriate sorrow for "sin". The sin, that use to be fun and brighten our day, must now ruin our days. It must make us feel absolutely terrible. That cannot happen unless we realize "sin" will condemn us to hell; therefore, it is a serious matter. Only then will we be like the tax collector, a man so sorrowful for his sins, he would not even look up to heaven, but instead wailed, "**God, be merciful to me a sinner**" (Lk 18:13).

Finally, James concludes by saying, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up" (Jas 4:10). Humility must acknowledge the sight of the Lord. The Psalmist and the prodigal son recognized that they had sinned against God and heaven (Psa 51:4; Lk 15:18). God is primarily the One against whom our sins are committed; God is the only One who can pardon our sins. When we recognize it helps to bring about humility. God gives grace to the humble. While men repeatedly sin against Him, God joyfully accepts those who take action and come to Him in repentance (Lk 15:22-24). The way to heaven is to realize our sins and shortcomings are humbly depending upon the will of an ALL-powerful God for our eternal salvation.

There are four conditions which we must fulfill, if God is to have full possession:

1. We must be subject to the will of God (Jas 4:7).
2. We must draw nigh to God (Jas 4:8).
3. We must cleanse our hands and purify our hearts (Jas 4:9).
4. We must humble ourselves in His sight (Jas 4:10).

Then God will fill the soul, the sluice gates of which are open to Him.

~~ Author Unknown ~~

Be completely humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing with one another in love.
Ephesians 4:2

“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).

2Timothy 2:15



True humility
is not
thinking less
of yourself,
it is
thinking of
yourself less."

March 19, 2023	Judges	03 - 05
March 20, 2023	Judges	06– 07
March 21, 2023	Judges	08 - 09
March 22, 2023	Judges	10 - 12
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March 24, 2023	Judges	16 - 18
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March 26, 2023	1 Samuel	01 - 03

SERMON NOTES

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