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Worship Opportunities  
Sundays

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Week

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

### Patchogue Church of Christ Patchogue, NY 11772

A multi-racial community of believers with a purpose and vision to live holy lives, fulfill the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving each other and our community with compassion, love and the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ.

| Records you Made:         | 1/18/15   | 1/11/15            |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Bible Classes             | 51        | 35                 |
| Morning Worship           | 90        | 93                 |
| Contribution              | \$1917.00 | \$1835.5<br>328.25 |
| Mid Week Bible Class—Wed. | 45        | 22                 |

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. Ro 16:16

## Youth Corner

By  
Jamal Colson



### IM vs. I AM

Young people, first explain to the older person next to you what "I.M" means.. Allow me to assist you: "I.M." refers to Instant Messaging. Dictionary.com describes it as: a system for exchanging typed electronic messages instantly via the Internet or a cellular network, using a shared software application on a personal computer or mobile device. Abbreviation: IM.

Some are amazed by the speed of the technology, some are impressed by the far reaching ability of technology, and this leads MANY (even us) to believe and trust in technology.

Those things are good and can be useful, but the great "I am" is *out of this world!*

He is the King of Kings!

He is the Lord of Lords!

The Alpha and the Omega!

Isaiah 44:6 – "This is what the LORD says-- Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me *there is no God.*

Isaiah 48:12 – "Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called; I am He, I am the first, I am also the last.

John 8:24 – I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins.

In conclusion there is no comparison with the great "I am". The "IM" needs modern technology to function and it offers no real solutions just mischief, hardship and drama. I will leave you with a thought stemming from Psalm 20:7: *Some trust in chariot and horses... or today "technology", instead we need to trust in the name of our God the great "I AM".*

## THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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### Is your baptism valid?

*"So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. 4 Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 19:3-6).*

The Bible teaches that the proper subject for baptism is a penitent believer, cf. Acts 2:37-38 and Mark 16:16. Penitent means, "Feeling or expressing remorse for one's misdeeds or sins." This suggests that the subject being baptized must understand their need for forgiveness and cleansing from sin. A Believer is, "one who professes absolute belief in something." **A believer is a zealous supporter of a particular cause.**

The requirement for one to be a believer rules out infant baptism. The infant doesn't have the mental capacity for reasoning. The Scriptures therefore do not authorize the baptism of infants! Infant baptism is unacceptable to God. Such baptisms are performed because of the false belief that infants need salvation, that infants are in sin. But this is not the case. In Luke 18:16, *"Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*

Infants are innocent, they are not born sinners and they do not inherit the sins of their parents. This is clearly stated by God in Ezekiel 18:20.

What does one need to know for their baptism to be valid? Baptism is an obedient act in response to the command of God. Therefore, one must have knowledge of the purpose for his/her baptism. The Bible gives three purposes for baptism, they are: (1) for the forgiveness of sins, Acts 2:38; (2) to wash away your sins, Acts 22:16, and (3) to get saved, (it saves you), I Peter 3:21. Were you baptized with any of these reasons in mind?

Those who believe that baptism is an outward act of God's inward grace is baptized for the wrong reason. That baptism is not valid! That reason is not

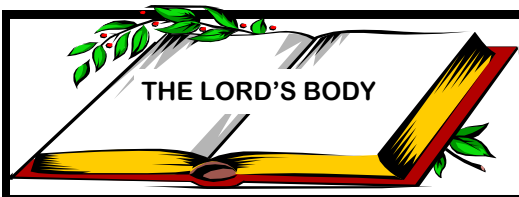
found in the Scriptures and such persons need to receive the baptism commanded by Jesus and taught by his Apostles, (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:42).

Baptism will only accomplish its stated purpose when it is participated in by one who repents of their sins. Acts 17:30 tells us, *"In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent."* A turning away from one's sins is necessary to salvation. Failure to do so will result in one's baptism being null and void. To become penitent, one must experience godly sorrow. 2 Cor 7:10 says, *"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."* Those who would submit to baptism for reasons other than a deep abiding sorrow for their sinful life and to obey the command of Christ, are still in their sins, their baptism is to no avail.

The mode of baptism is total immersion in water. The Greek word translated "baptize" means to immerse. Because baptism is an immersion, it rules out sprinkling or pouring. No one should think that they have been baptized because a priest or Church leader sprinkled or poured water on their head. The proper mode of baptism is complete submersion in water. This is fully established by Romans 6:3-5, where we are told that in baptism we re-enact in our own life, the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This re-enactment can only be carried out in that physical burial into a body of water.

Ephesians 4:5 tells us that there is only one valid baptism. This is the baptism commanded by Jesus and taught by His apostles. If your baptism does not conform to the requirements laid out by Christ in the Scriptures, I encourage you to follow the example of those young men in the captioned text and get baptized for the forgiveness of your sins. The apostle Peter's advice is powerful, "Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure" (2 Pet. 1:10).

Lancelot W.



## The family by John Stallworth

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### Morning Service

|                                     |                        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Song leader</b>                  | <b>Jason Harper</b>    |
| <b>Welcome/Prayer</b>               | <b>Jamal Colson</b>    |
| <b>Song #</b>                       | <b>453</b>             |
| <b>Scripture – 2 John 1-6</b>       | <b>Tyler Dowdy</b>     |
| <b>Songs #</b>                      | <b>905</b>             |
| <b>“Hard Fighting Soldier”</b>      |                        |
| <b>Second Prayer</b>                | <b>Mike Salimbene</b>  |
| <b>Song #</b>                       | <b>475</b>             |
| <b>Lord's table and Collection:</b> |                        |
| <b>Lead</b>                         | <b>John sicignano</b>  |
| <b>Assistant</b>                    | <b>James Guiffre</b>   |
| <b>Assistant</b>                    | <b>C. Hendrickson</b>  |
| <b>Assistant</b>                    | <b>Steve Lynch</b>     |
| <b>Song - Kids to class</b>         |                        |
| <b>Song #</b>                       | <b>712</b>             |
| <b>Scripture - Rom. 8:31-37</b>     | <b>Kyle Watkins</b>    |
| <b>Sermon -</b>                     | <b>Lancelot Watson</b> |
| <b>Invitation #</b>                 | <b>924</b>             |
| <b>Responses &amp; prayer:</b>      |                        |
| <b>John Stallworth</b>              |                        |
| <b>Derek Peterson</b>               |                        |
| <b>Announcements &amp;</b>          |                        |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>               | <b>Jamal Colson</b>    |
| <b>Closing Song #</b>               | <b>703</b>             |

### **The Gospel Truth**

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### **Stop Judging Me - part 4**

“No one will ever get that close to me again.” All of a sudden, I’ve closed all of the doors into my life.

- I NEVER need help
- I NEVER am weak.
- When asked, “How are you?” – “I’m fine”

The safe place of shallow. The false power of: “I cannot be hurt.” “I don’t need anyone.” If we really look deep, perhaps we’d hear the words: “I’ve been really hurt.”

I often ask the question: “What is the natural response to hurt?” Many have answered me: ANGER. I’ll argue “anger” is more of a defense against hurt and our efforts to hide the real response. You may ask, “So Mr. Smarty Pants, what is the response?” You ready for this... Here you go: “OUCH”. Yes we’ve put so many guard, that we’ve forgotten how to be real. Mostly real with ourselves. We are able to do any self-examination. The world calls this “your blind spot”. Now if I am honest with myself, I can admit that I have at least one blind spot; an area in my life that I cannot see myself clearly. We all have it. How do we combat something we can’t see? Well consider how we deal with blind spots in our car.

1. We try to adjust our mirrors in a way that minimized the hidden areas. Our spiritual mirror is the word. (READ James 1:23-25).
2. On a tight corner we ask our passengers to help us see. Spiritually, we seek council. *Prov. 11:14 For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure.*
3. Ok, here is the scary one. The big turn over the shoulder. You learn in driving class: whenever you need look, DON’T STARE. Take quick looks. Spiritually, it is sometimes too painful to look inside. We need to take quick looks and work through it. Never IGNORE it. We’ve all been on the road with those who don’t even look and just go. AHHHHH.

Concluding this series, I ask you to review the points. Man’s judgment can hurt in many ways. Resist it.  
*Jam. 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*



*LIVING IT OUT—  
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY  
BY  
BENJAMIN FIELD*



**Women’s  
ministry  
by  
Tonya Holfman**

### **What if I Don’t Tell What I See?**

**Ezekiel 33:6** “But if the watchman **sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet** to warn the people and the sword comes.... that person’s life will be taken because of their sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for their blood.”

**1 Timothy 4:1** “The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits.....”

#### **The Groundwork Has Been Laid**

The Lord has left the world of the Gentile to its own ways for over 2000 yrs. At no other point in biblical time, save before the destruction of the Earth by flood (hmm), has this amount of time passed without the direct intervention of God in the affairs of men. Yet Jesus said “I come quickly.”

- Our President stands on the world stage, spewing rebellion while mocking our Forefathers and the eternal ordinances of God (this is not a political statement)-as if the day does not come when he will be naked and begging for mercy.
- Religious leaders of the world move toward secular views... slowly...for “mercy” and “tolerance.” As the Pope moves, so does a culture of millions under his guidance.
- Laws are now passed daily that hem us in, and punish us if we stay faithful while conducting our businesses. We are now ... gradually...dragged to court (as predicted), threatened with jail/fines for keeping our consciences before God.
- War, crime, injustice, and death are everywhere. Only getting worse as man fails at “peace.” Terrorism, rebels, and militia... more people have been killed in the past 100 years than the entirety of human history. Now... focus on Israel persists, anti-Semitism grows, and we are dragged into things we don’t want.

#### **No Need to be Paranoid**

“You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen.” Jesus predicted what we see to be “pangs.” **Be saved in repentance and baptism.** We’ll know better as time unfolds, but scriptures predict delusion, persecution, and even false miracles. We do not know the time, but we know it is the season.

**“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”**

At least you won’t say now that I didn’t blow the trumpet.

When I think of ladies’ ministry I think of the words “**humility**” and “**humbled.**” Webster’s dictionary states that **Humility** (noun): is the quality or state of not thinking you are better than other people; the quality or state of being humble. We normally think of humility as a state of mind rather than a state of action. But, true humility starts with seeing the needs of others, and is followed by a positive action to meet those needs. The perfect model of course for all virtues is Jesus, and **humility** is no exception. Something Paul said comes to my mind:

*Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with **humility** of mind, regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God... emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond servant... Being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled** Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:3-8/emphasis added).*

I wonder sometimes if we think enough about why we do these small deeds, so I would like to remind us. Churches are not beautiful because of their multi-million dollar buildings, sound, or projection entertainments, or high-class decorations. Churches are beautiful when the people there love each other and go out of their way to help each other. A young mom gets to listen to a lesson because a friend tends to the baby. Older women band together to help a new widow or help teach a young mother. Greeting one another with a holy kiss, sending a card, making a telephone call, or even texting to say “Hey, we missed you on Sunday, are you ok?” or Is there anything I can do for you today? Casseroles are thrown together and rushed to the house of the sick or needy. All of these things are done without any hesitation but out of **humility**.

We have been talking a lot about making changes and a difference. Let’s start with ourselves first and the good deeds that we as Christians can do amongst our own congregation. Things that are small but will keep a church running and enable humility are among the distinguishing features of the family of God. If we lack **humility** we may suppress our need for GOD.