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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:	5/17/15	5/10/15
Bible Classes	22	23
Worship Service	82	91
General Contribution 2nd Sunday - Bldg	\$2189.00	\$2557.00 \$437.00
Wed Bible Class	18	15
Baptisms/	-	-

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

Youth Corner

By
Jamal Colson



God is...?

Young people God is so amazing that we can live a lifetime and have more to learn about God. In this article I plan to focus on the fact that God is love. 1 John 4:7-12

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Dear friends I like in verse 9 “this is how God showed his love among us he sent his one and only Son into the world”. That sounds similar to John 3:16 as it reads “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”. The bible says “no one has ever seen God but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”

In conclusion, God is love and His love can be our everything if we allow him. Also notice “not that we loved God, but that he loved us”! Sometime during our most difficult time we ask “how has he loved us” verse 10, “he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins”. Go forth this week knowing God is Love!

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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“In memory of me...” (Luke 22:19)

The “Memorial Day” weekend and holiday is probably the biggest holiday in the country. Memorial Day is about the over one million men and women who died in the defense of this country. “On Memorial Day we pause to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can remain free” George W. Bush, President of the United States.

Memorial Day helps us to make sense of our past, to make sense of life and our place in it and the world. What we have been given, what we will do with it and what we will pass to the next generation. Great sacrifices have been made as a nation and as a people, “One Nation Under God,” we dare not forget it.

To re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, Congress passed a resolution in December 2000, the “**National Moment of Remembrance**” which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, all Americans are “To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to ‘Taps.’”

It is difficult to conceive of a more fitting tribute to give those who sacrificed their lives for our country. How can we repay them? And yet, there is one sacrifice - one life, one death - that makes all others, including the sacrifices of our soldiers, fade into obscurity. The sacrifice Jesus Christ made for you and all the people of the world, cannot be equaled or surpassed. Christ died specifically for you! He sacrificed His life, not only to give us freedom, but more importantly, to make it possible for each of us to get back on friendly terms, to get into fellowship, with God Almighty. As the inspired Apostle wrote, “He is the atoning

sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world,” (1 John 2:2).

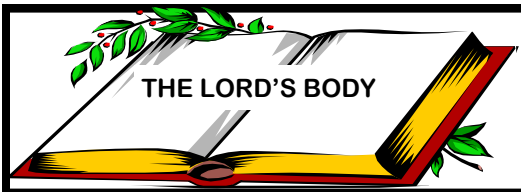
If in our gratitude to the soldiers who died for our nation we give them an annual day of remembrance. What fitting tribute can we give to Jesus Christ who not only died for us, but also for the very soldiers who gave their lives in service to their country? Will a day do? A moment of silence in a day? A week? Jesus Himself sets the memorial that He considers suitable. “And when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me,” (1 Cor 11:24-25).

From the example set by the inspired apostles we learn that the frequency of this memorial is weekly and is included in the worship service of the Church. “On the first day of the week we came together to break bread...” (Acts 20:7).

We also learn that this memorial is not for everyone, but only for those who have obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ, those who are in *the faith*. “Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves,” (2 Cor 13:5).

In memory of Christ, where do you stand? Are you in Christ? Peter in Acts 2:38 tells how a person gets into the faith, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” “And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved” (2:38, 47). Has the Lord added you to their number?

Lancelot W.



The family

by

John Stallworth



LIVING IT OUT—
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
BY
BENJAMIN FIELD



Ladies' Corner
by
Paulette Watson

Privileged to Serve 5/24/2015

Morning Service

Song leader Jamal Colson
Welcome/Prayer Jason Harper
Song # 611
Scripture – Psalm 3:1-8 Tyler Dowdy
Songs # 895
Song # 959
Second Prayer Mike Salimbene
Song # 909

Lord's table and Collection:

Lead John Sicignano
Assistant James Guiffre
Assistant C. Hemdrickson
Assistant Steve Lynch

Song - Kids to class
Song # 905 (Full version)

Scripture-Joshua 11:4-6 Steve Lynch
Sermon - Lancelot Watson
Invitation # 915

Responses & prayer:
Derek Peterson
John Stallworth
Announcements &
Closing Prayer Jamal Colson
Closing Song # 703

Are you part of Jesus?

What are you producing?

Some thoughts about being part of Jesus:

- If you're not part of his body (the church), you are not part of Jesus. 1 Cor. 12
- The only way into the family of God is to be born in. John 3:1-5
- If you are part of Jesus, are you a health branch producing GOOD FRUIT? Are you making the tree health?

Matt. 12:33 Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.
Learn the lesson of the fig tree (Mk. 11:13-14)

The Gospel Truth

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Baptism- Paul taught "Grace Only" to Gentiles

Argument #4– "Peter was sent to baptize Jews, but Paul taught a salvation by grace to the gentiles. Peter's command on baptism was for Jews. This changed when Paul ministered to the Gentiles (Rom. 15:16, Romans 3:28). "

Answer –Paul never said this. We could accept this if there were any definitive change in practice or teaching between Paul and Peter in scripture, but there isn't. Paul says in 1 Cor. 1:14 that he didn't baptize, and 1:17 that God did not send him to baptize. Some believe this is evidence of faith only "dispensation of grace" so that the sinner's prayer (which is not in the bible) is all that is needed. But remember that Paul was a Roman and Jew. He was *not sent to change salvation (commanded by Jesus in Matt.)*, but to communicate an open door to gentiles as a Jewish conduit (Acts 17:22). Peter and Paul fulfilled Matthew 28:19. Neither denied it.

Problem 1 – Paul was baptized. Scripture states explicitly it was to receive the Holy Spirit. (Acts 9:17-18)

Problem 2 – 1 Cor. 1:16 gives context to 1 Cor. 1:14 and complements Ephesians 2:8 – Theology should never contradict scripture. Paul states he engaged in baptizing (vs.16), yet some claim he only did it to Jews. By what logic can we accept such teaching? Paul addressed a specific issue that was understandable. Many believed the transfer of the Spirit to be by the laying of hands in contact **during baptism**, and assigned it to the man who did it (1 Tim51:22, Mark 10:16, Acts 8:17, Acts 6:6, Lev 1:4, 3:2, 4:15). Paul was combating the idea that baptism was to receive the Holy Spirit through a man rather than from God Himself. We **MUST** understand context. Belief existed that baptism was a means of *transfer* of salvation from one man to another, but this would make men savers of men, able to deny salvation to men. Acts 19:5, 10:43-48 shows clear *enforcing* of baptism.

Problem 3 – "ALONE" which is quoted by many is NOT in Romans 3:28. "Alone" was added (by Martin Luther) during translation and "alone" doesn't exist in original documents. Paul was teaching legalistic people that the condition of the mind was the saving element that gave power to religious practices. **Paul NEVER EVER intended this as a statement on baptism, but instead to address legalistic thinking.** This is clear by his statements, dialogue, and context.

Next Week – "Are you saying ____ is going to hell?"

Virtue

The word virtue is not used in common everyday speech today. We speak of goodness, or integrity, decency, high moral standards, and indeed virtue is all these things. It also includes strength and courage. Paul meant all of these things when he commanded Christians to add virtue to faith in 2 Peter 1:5. A companion passage might be Titus 3:8 where we are advised that "those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good." In fact, the word is translated "goodness" in some versions of the Bible. These definitions, pulled from various dictionaries and commentaries indicate that this quality, virtue, is deep and far reaching. It encompasses much more than the surface meaning of good moral character.

As women, we have a supreme example of what this word entails when we look at the virtuous woman of Proverbs 31, who is more valuable than rubies. Some of her outstanding qualities that we might practice include that she is industrious, working from the wee hours of the morning for the benefit of her family; she is trustworthy and her morality is not questioned; she does good to her husband – she treats him well and takes care of his needs so that she adds to his reputation; she applies herself with diligence to whatever she does; she takes good care of her family and her household so they are not in want, are well clothed and fed; she is a generous and cheerful giver, helping the poor; she opens her mouth with wisdom, so obviously does not gossip or speak idly, but in her tongue is the law of kindness. Above all, she fears the Lord, and puts beauty and charm in their proper place. A woman like this seems to be as rare as rubies, and as precious. We can certainly benefit from studying her and working consciously to develop the qualities that make her virtuous.

Finally, let us not ignore the meanings of strength and courage embedded in the word virtue. As Christians we need these to stand up for what is right, and to boldly proclaim the salvation Christ gives.