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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:	1/25/15	1/18/15
Bible Classes	33	51
Worship Service	96	90
Contribution	\$2192.00	\$1917.00
Wed Bible Class	30	45
Baptisms/Placing membership	2	-

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

## Youth Corner

By  
Jamal Colson



### I am weak, and then I am strong!

“Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:8-10 NIV)

The apostle Paul pleaded with God; I believe that to be different from merely asking. God’s reply to his faithful servant was not “do whatever you like, Paul.” Instead it was a Father’s love for his son:

*“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness”*

This is the weakness that leads to humility! This is the weakness that leads to dependence upon The Lord! Young people, it is not doormat weakness where people get to walk all over you. Rather, it is delighting in persecution because God’s grace is going to lead you through. You are not depending upon your strength you’re depending on His strength.

In conclusion, young people when you are weak only then, are you are strong! You’ll depend upon God in your weakness and continue the journey. Paul didn’t just stop in his weakness, he kept getting back up and progressing in his journey depending upon The Lord! Let us also continuously get up, and walk humbly with our God.

## THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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### “Will he find faith on the earth?”

*“However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”* (Luke 18:6-8)

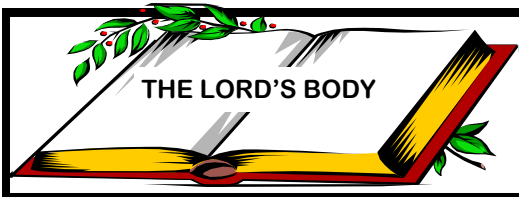
That Jesus Christ the Son of God, who is Himself very God, will someday judge all humankind cannot be successfully refuted (2 Cor. 5:10). Prior to His departure from this earth, Jesus assured His disciples, “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also,” (Jn. 14:3). Jesus stated that His purpose in coming to earth was to “seek and to save that which was lost” (Lk. 19:10). Since we are all lost due to sin, we may emphatically state that Jesus’ mission is to save you and me. We need to be saved! “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23), and tragically, “the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23).

All humans are the descendants of Adam and all who reach the age of accountability, that is, the mental capacity to distinguish right from wrong (Isa. 7:15), are dead in sin, eternally separated from their Creator. That is what it means to be lost. Being out of sync with God, out of fellowship and communion with God, “without hope and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:12). In this state not even our prayers are attended to by Him, **“we know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will”** (John 9:31). It is this state of affairs that Jesus corrects on an individual basis. To remedy this situation, He had to die on the cross, shed His blood so that our souls may be cleansed in it. This washing occurs when we believe in Christ, repent of our sins and are baptized/immersed into Jesus Christ for the remission of our sins (Rom. 6:3-5). Baptism puts us into Christ (Gal. 3:27), as distinct from our previous state when we are described as

being “in Adam.” The two states may be contrasted as death in Adam or life in Christ. Your Bible says “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive” ( I Cor. 15:22). That we should choose life and not death goes without saying. Many during the times of Christ did and countless more since then have done the same. Jesus however, made it clear that making the initial choice is good but that is not that is necessary. After obeying the gospel, we must continue to serve God faithfully until we die, “be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life,” (Rev. 2:10). Most of the New Testament Scriptures are written to instruct us on how to maintain this faithful relationship with God and Jesus Christ. Numerous warnings are given telling us to persevere, not to give up and not to compromise Jesus’ teachings. With all these warnings, sermons and lessons, the Lord said, “Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of many will grow cold cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved” (Matt. 24:12-13).

The question of our captioned text is therefore important, **“when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”** When Jesus returns, will your faith in Him, be intact. Or will you like Demas have back into the world (2 Tim. 4:10)? Will He find us sticking faithfully to the “old paths” of His written word or will we be caught up in the modernism of our time? Will He find us worshipping Him in the same way that Christians did in the first century? Will He find us taking an uncompromising stand on His Church? When He comes will we be found wanting? Are you found wanting now? Return to the Lord before it is too late. Today is the day for your salvation.

Lancelot W.



# The family by John Stallworth

Privileged to Serve 02/01/2015

### Morning Service

Song leader **Brian Maddox**

Welcome/Prayer **Derek Peterson**

Song # **609**

Scripture – **Hebrews 2:1-4** Bailey Holfman

Songs # **608**

Song # **794**

Second Prayer **Jason Holfman**

Song # **314 - 1, 3, 4**

Lord's table and Collection:

Lead **Jason Harper**

Assistant **Anthony Soto**

Assistant **Jamal Colson**

Assistant **Ryan Costello**

Song - Kids to class

Song # **290 - 1, 2**

Scripture - **1 Pet. 2:1-5** Kyle Watkins

Sermon - **Lancelot Watson**

Invitation # **940**

Responses & prayer:

**John Stallworth**

**Derek Peterson**

Announcements &

Closing Prayer **Derek Peterson**

Closing Song # **703**

### The Gospel Truth

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### "I don't wanna"

So, how is your dancing skills? Through the years I've shied away from my "smooth moves" for fear of hurting somebody or being locked up in a psych ward. Hate to admit it, but sometime the beat escapes me. If you've ever watched someone dance to music and they are not on beat, it's pretty ugly.

Well, God has given us a beat and we need to stay in rhythm or yes it can be pretty ugly.

*Gal. 5:25 - Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

Have you noticed, the Spirit usually gives us a beat or sound and it is beautiful when we listen, but if we do not, it becomes like random keys on a piano: NO HARMONY.

*Rom. 8:5-7 - Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; 7 the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.*

What we see from Romans 8 and Galatians 5 is the battle. So often we find ourselves in the middle of it. The Holy Spirit is challenging us to be/do something, but our flesh is fighting tooth and nail to resist. Funny, God has given us the power to resist, but it is NOT the Holy Spirit we are supposed to resist. Sometimes we can be convicted (made to feel guilty) by our actions, lack of action or someone exposing us. What to do? Fight or argue? Or is it time to submit and grow? A good rule to live by: "If the challenge is for me to do something good, why not just yield." If we don't yield, we are probably resisting God and saying, "I don't wanna". **Do you know what the Spirit is calling you to do? Let's just do it!**



LIVING IT OUT—  
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY  
BY  
BENJAMIN FIELD



As women and  
Being Human  
by  
Tonya Holfman

### Perception vs. Reality

What we believe to be real is inconsequential to what is true. Experience as perception IS reality (to that person), but that does not mean experience is trustworthy. Consider - if I were dreaming I was being chased, as far as I know it is a real event (although my wife may watch while I mumble and sweat in bed). My experiential reality won't fuse to true reality until I awaken - likely confused. This is often how we are - In a trance; a world that seems real, but is just a semi-conscious dream-state that is difficult to be pulled from.

**Pagan Dreams** -God may be fake to many, but the dream people live does not dictate reality. Scripture says; "The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." Or "the wicked does not seek him, all his thoughts are, "there is no God." Or we see that every intent and thought of man was evil before the flood (didn't change the real outcome). Or we read in disbelief at Pharaoh's persistent dreaming in the midst of plagues.

**Christian Dreams** -Reality is slightly different for us as we are more aware. While moving through our own dream-state we seek a religious "reality" matching our desires and giving us control. Yet scripture says; "The day of the Lord will come like a thief." Or "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you." Or "these are a shadow... **but the reality**...is found in Christ."

### The Reality

The reality is that the physical and spiritual world have coexisted since the beginning. Scripture reveals amazing things that are difficult to believe! Job says Satan and his minions must regularly check in with God (humiliating!). Genesis says the sons of God (fallen angels) and the sons of men interbred to produce giants. The prophets showed how right now spiritual entities of evil and good are **in this world**; angels, demons, and Satan himself, watches us from day to day...waiting...The Lord endures our dream-states, but one day the world will be shaken so that every consciousness awakens and those "realities" irrevocably fuse with His true reality.

It will be a day when dream and reality align and no man dare question "that by the name of Jesus every knee should bow."

As women and being human, we are the worst at worrying about everyone and everything. But, I would like to remind you to trust Him who is in control of our lives. I John 3:19-20 reads: "This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts and he knows everything".

He knows what we need and what is best for us. All we have to do is ask him: Matt 6:33 says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness." He promises that when we do this all we need will be added to us. When our priority is spiritual, God will take care of the material, for where God guides he provides. Matt 6: 34 reads: "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil (trouble) thereof. In other words each day has its own troubles without worrying about hypothetical problems that **could** arise tomorrow.

We can see God's truth throughout all the affairs of mankind. He knows what we need to become the person he wants us to be. Sometimes it's just hard to let him be in control. If we don't trust in ourselves how can we trust in God? He knows what is best for us and in trusting him, we can know with assurance that we have the promise of Proverbs 3:24 "When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet."

I would like to leave you with a few words from this poem I found by Polly Banks. They correlate with the verses found in Philippians 4:4-9:

*If we dwell on the negatives we find in life, We could be eaten with worry, sorrow and strife. But if we think on the things of good report, Roses amongst the thorns and things of that sort, And how God walks with us through all of life's pain, How He gives us salvation with eternal life to gain, And how blessed we are with eternity's values in view, We then can have a rosy outlook in all we do.*