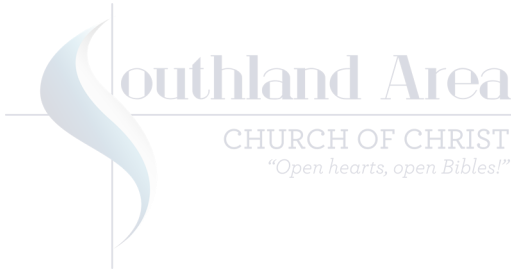


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Sermon Notes



WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

- HEAR**
Rom. 1;16;
10:17
- BELIEVE**
John 8:24
- REPENT**
Luke 13:3
Acts 3:19;
- CONFESS**
Rom 10:9-10
Matt. 10:32
- BAPTISM**
Acts 2:38;
22:16

BLACK HISTORY

MONTH

THE MESSENGER



*"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." **1John 1:5***

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WELCOME VISITING FRIENDS

If you are one of our visitors today, please know that we are indeed honored to have you. If you are a member of the Lord's body, thanks for choosing to worship with us today. If you are not a member of the Lord's church, we would be happy to meet with you and discuss how one becomes a member of the church which we read about in the New Testament. We aim to speak as they spoke and do as they did. We also offer a free Bible correspondence course which can be mailed to you. Or, someone would be glad to meet with you for a one-on-one Bible Study. You can indicate your desire on a visitor's card and place it in the collection tray.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Class.....10 a.m.
Worship11 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting
(Last Wed. each month @ 7 pm)

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Move Toward Perfection

One could easily sense a level of frustration in the writer of Hebrews as he tries to explain to his readers about Jesus being the High Priest appointed by God. He said the issue had become difficult to explain because his readers, according to **Hebrews 5:11**, had "... become dull of hearing." They were taught the basics of the gospel but seemed to have stuck there in terms of their knowledge. He went on to say in v. 12 *"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food."* In **Hebrews 6:2**, he continued by exhorting them saying, *"Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."* Paul also was impeded by the lack of progress on the part of some of the Corinthian Christians when he wrote in **I Corinthians 3:1-2** *"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now, you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able."*


Learning the fundamentals of our faith builds a solid foundation on which to grow our knowledge of the Word.

Yes, we must first learn the fundamentals of our faith. Peter says that *"as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby"* (**I Peter 2:2**). We cannot "go on to perfection" without first learning the basic teachings of the gospel which produce the much-needed foundation on which to learn more difficult lessons in the word of God. It is, therefore, to our own spiritual detriment if we restrict our knowledge to the basic teachings of God's word without progressing further. A lack of spiritual growth in this area will result in ignorance of important decision-making process leading to sin and potentially losing our souls. Paul warned the Corinthian Christians that their carnal (worldly) minds were as a result of them feeding only on milk and not solid food resulting in *"... envy, strife, and divisions among you..."* (**I Corinthians 3:3**).

Each of us has a duty to grow beyond the basics as Paul encouraged the young evangelist Timothy who he told to *"Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all"* (**I Timothy 4:15**).

R. Webster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to silence your cell phones. 

All members who need a tax donation letter, please text Bro. Webster at 708-752-5589.

Special thanks to everyone for making our 2nd anniversary a resounding success. Also to the sisters who supervised the food etc, the brothers who arranged the tables and chairs.



Our new directories are here and it will be one per family. Please see Sis. Ann-Marie Webster to sign for your copy. ****Sis Barbara Johnson's correct address is 2239 E 92nd Pl, Chicago, IL 60617.** Please make the correction in your directories.

Sis. Glenda Carter has been admitted to Ingalls for health-related issues. The diagnosis is still yet to be determined.

Sis. Mutlab continues treatment on ongoing health issues.

Sis. Trussell will be out of town for two weeks. Bro. Robert Davis has not been well for a while. We will have a guest speaker next week, Bro. Edward Davis from the Sheldon Heights congregation.

For Prayers:

Our military personnel. Bro. Robert Davis has not been feeling well lately.

Our plans this year to move into another facility.

Also, Ursula Ware, Nadia Hawks, Robert Davis, Rob Hardy's son Paul.

Our College Students:

Paris Mickles: Southern Illinois University

Bria Gamble: Illinois State University


Angelice Gibson: Loyola University

Please submit **your announcements** to Bro. Webster by Thursday evening each week.

Order of Service

- Song
- Announcement
- Song
- Opening Prayer
- Song
- Scripture Reading
- Song
- Sermon
- Song
- Lord's Supper**
- Offering**
- Song
- Closing Prayer

Last Week's Record

	Sun. AM Class	28
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