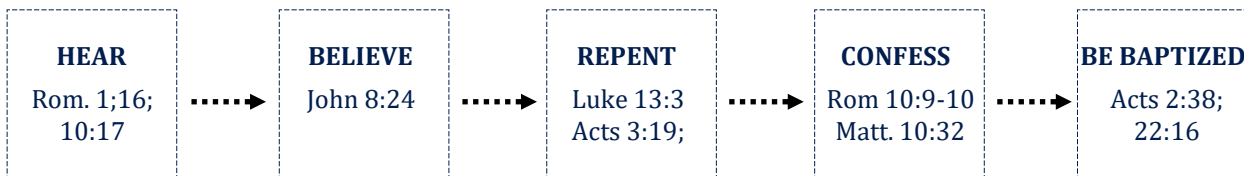


Sermon Notes

Topic:
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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



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 located at the front on the communion table.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Young Christians' Class10 a.m.
Sun. Adult Bible Class.....10 a.m.
Worship Service11 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Psalm 122:1*

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

The Offensive Religion!

It seems many are searching today for an unoffensive religion—one that is all-inclusive, non-confrontational, and non-judgmental. Jesus is recast into a mold of complete gentleness and acceptance. Preaching is simply a “feel good,” therapy session designed to satisfy what people want to hear. This is exactly what the apostle Paul warned us about when he told Timothy that “...*the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.*” (2 Tim. 4:3).

However, the Author of true Christianity was one who offended many people. Jesus offended the residents of His hometown, Nazareth, by His wisdom and miracles. “*And they took offense at Him*” (Matt. 13:57). Jesus’ exposure of false religious traditions certainly did not please people. The disciples, apparently concerned about Jesus’ popularity, came to Him, and asked, “*Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?*” After Jesus had denounced the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, an expert in the Law answered him, “Teacher when you say these things, you insult us” (Luke 11: 45). Jesus, knowing the hearts of men, boldly accused the Jewish leaders of being “*sons of hell,*” “*whitewashed tombs,*” and a “*brood of vipers*” (Matthew 23:15, 27, 33). Jesus was in a non-negotiating mood with the gospel even if people were offended by His words. In fact, because of this John 6:66 says that “*From that time many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him.*” Jesus never went after them apologizing or offering to discuss their differences.

The Christian life will create enemies because of its message (Gal.4:16), but anything less is pseudo-Christianity! Being faithful to the Lord may bring you difficulty in the classroom, at work, at home, and maybe even in the church (Matt. 10:17-39). Instead of looking to win popularity contests, let us humbly follow in the Master’s footsteps (1 Pet. 2:21).

Robert Webster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to silence your cell phones.



Birthdays and Anniversaries this Week:

NO BIRTHDAYS-

Brian Gamble	Monday, Feb 14th
Whitney Taylor	Tuesday, Feb. 15th
Donna Hall	Friday, Feb. 18th

NO ANNIVERSARIES-

#34- Booker & LaDonna Carter- Today, Feb. 13th

Please be reminded that no eating is allowed in the auditorium.

Please review the website for any updates. Please email or text Sis. Ruthie Gamble any corrections.

If you send your offering electronically; if possible, please use the PayPal option to avoid transaction fees with Cash App being withheld.

Skills Bank

Remember to submit your information, and do your own verification for licensing.

For Prayers :

Our military personnel, first responders, new members and educators.

Please add Bro. Young and the Cossom family to your prayers. They will be traveling for funeral services for Bro. Young’s aunt. Prayer for Sis. Delores Scott-King to your prayers .

Please continue to pray for the Vannie Wyatt, Oddman, Nunn, Nathan and McLaurin families, Glenda Carter, Ruthie Gamble, Selma Raglin, Bro. Mickles, Bro. Kinds, Bro. Conner’s cousin, Laronda Conner, Brenda Sims, LaDonna Carter and the Shields family, Pamela Lennon, Laura Simpson, Laurene Cunningham and Kristopher Strickland. Sis. Thigpen’s mother-in- law is now at Christ hospital and unable to walk.

Our Young Adult Bible class is now being taught Bro. EJ Taylor every Sunday morning at 10 o’clock. Please encourage young people within your family and your friends to take advantage of this class as they come to worship service.

Order of Service

Song
Announcement
Song
Opening Prayer
Song
Scripture Reading
Song
Sermon
Song
Lord’s Supper
Offering
Song
Closing Prayer

Sis. Webster.....Real Estate Agent

Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	101
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	47
Last Sunday offering:	\$3,507.31
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00