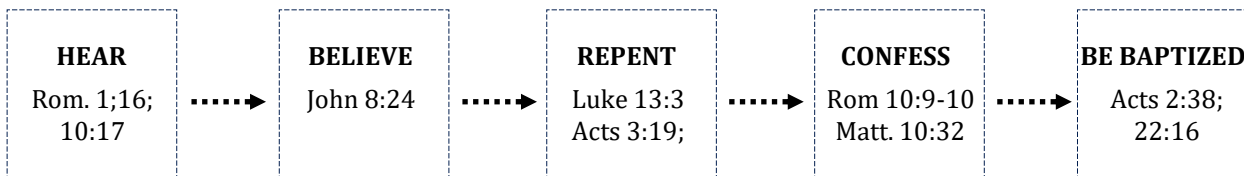


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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



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

WHAT THE RESURRECTION MEANS TO ME – R. Webster

At Easter time, it is customary for millions of people with some affiliation to Christianity to focus on the resurrection of Jesus. This awesome event that took place approximately two thousand years ago, is undoubtedly the basis of the existence of Christianity, which is indicative of the level of significance that should be placed on it by disciples of Christ today. However, one runs the risk of getting swept away by this seasonal sentimental feeling about the event, enhanced by Hollywood movies and various reenactments around the world. We, as members of the body of Christ, are also at risk in celebrating this pivotal event of Christ as a mere glamour occurrence and thereby missing the spiritual blessings arising from it. And so, the question is, what should the resurrection mean to me as a Christian?

To say that my faith stands on the authenticity of this remarkable event is an understatement! There can be no room for doubt about the resurrection. Paul was very forthright in addressing this matter in I Cor. 15 where there were Christians who denied it. Having told us that the resurrection is the core of the gospel in vs. 1-4, he then says the resurrected Savior "...was seen by Cephass, then by the twelve" v. 5, and "After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once," v. 6, and "After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles" v. 7, and "then last of all He was seen by me also..." v. 8. In v. 11 Paul says our belief in the resurrection is the foundation of our faith. I Cor. 15:17 says, "And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!" This means denying it is spiritually catastrophic!

There are very few religious groups that partake of the Lord's Supper weekly as do churches of Christ. We do this not to appear different from mainstream religion, but to follow clear scriptural teachings and doctrinal practice of the 1st century church (Acts 20:7; I Cor. 11:23-29). Since we as Christians do this every first day of the week (Sundays), it is incumbent upon us to make sure we are very informed about it rather than to be steered by global tradition and euphoria. This unique supper was authorized by Christ when He inaugurated it in Matt. 26:26-29. In it we commemorate the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Regarding both the bread and the wine we are told in vs. 24 and 25 of I Cor. 11 to "do this in remembrance of Me."

From the time of Adam, man has been confronted with the inevitable event of death. God told Adam that "In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; For dust you are, and to dust you shall return." (Gen. 3:19). It is again reiterated in Ecc. 3:20 "All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust." Since then, the hearts of families and friends have been shattered by the loss of loved ones including Christians. Paul, however, tells us that the resurrected Jesus gives us hope that we too will be raised from the dead giving us greater courage in facing it. He says, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus" (I Thes. 4:14). For this reason, we should not "sorrow as others who have no hope" (I Thes. 4:13). The resurrection then tells me, that even though we will die (Heb. 9:27) and we are separated from our fellow Christians as a result, it is ok to feel sorrowful but not hopelessly so, since being raised from the dead precedes the reuniting of the people of God. Paul then concludes in I Thessalonians 4 by saying "Therefore, comfort one another with these words."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminders:

- ~Please silence your **cell phones**.
- ~There is no **eating** is allowed in the auditorium.
- ~Please be diligent in observing **CDC guidelines** by getting vaccinated, sanitizing, social distancing, and masking up. This includes wearing a proper fitting mask that covers both your mouth and nose.



Birthdays and Anniversaries this Week:



BIRTHDAYS~

Bro. Eddie Taylor

Sun., April 17th

~ANNIVERSARIES~ NONE

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Sis. Webster..... Real Estate Agent
Sis. Tillman..... Real Estate Agent
Sis. Debra WoodardFinancial Advisor
Gambles Property Preservation & Custom Home Décor

When paying offering electronically, you are encouraged to use the PayPal option.

We will be honoring our mother's with our 1st annual Mother's Day Fellowship luncheon on, Sunday, May 15, 2022. Also, the fellowship committee will have a meeting **today** in the kitchen following service.

For Prayers :

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

Several of our sisters led by Sis. Webster who attended the annual national ladies day retreat are traveling back from Kentucky today. Please pray for safe travels.

We give thanks to God for Sis. Herschenia Brown who was successful in exams to become an arbitrator and Bria Gamble who just purchased her first home.

Continue to pray for and encourage our newest members William Lawton and Nicole Tillman.

Please continue to pray for the Bennett family, The Taylor family, The Morgan Family, Bro, Paul Woodard, Andrea Ellis, Sis. Donna Hall's stepdaughter, Debbie, Sis. Hall's grandchildren who'll be traveling for the Easter holiday, Zuri McLaurin, Bro. Evan Taylor's father-in-law, Albert Taylor, Bro. Chris Shields, Sis. Vannie Wyatt, Glenda Carter, Selma Raglin, Laura Simpson.

Our 10 o' clock Sunday morning bible study classes are as follows: Bro. Webster (Adult class), Bro. E] Taylor (Young Adult class) and Sis. Jameka Taylor (Children's class).

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

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	75
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	44
Last Sunday offering:	\$2464.00
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00