



Today's Sermons

Morning: "The Day of the Lord"
Evening: A Practical Philosophy for Life

Visit Us At:
www.wjchurchofchrist.org
For Audio Lessons,
Past Bulletins,
Bible Studies
& More

FOR THE RECORD	
Sunday Bible Study	31
Sunday AM Worship	47
Sunday PM Worship	n/a
Wed. Bible Study	35
Offering	\$1771

<p>ACTS 2:21 (PROPHECY)</p> <p>WHOEVER CALLS ON THE</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">NAME</p> <p>OF THE LORD</p> <p>SHALL BE SAVED</p>	<p>ACTS 2:38 (EXPLANATION)</p> <p>REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED IN THE</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">NAME</p> <p>OF JESUS CHRIST</p> <p>FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS</p>
--	---

www.RevelationAndCreation.COM
by Steven J. Wallace



A Weekly Publication of the
West Jefferson Church of Christ
130 Robert Street
West Jefferson NC 28694
Phone: (336) 846-5615 | Email: info@wjchurchofchrist.org
Volume VIII July 12, 2015 Number 28

Minister:
Tim Canup
tim@wjchurchofchrist.org

Times of Services:
Sunday
Bible Study:... 10:00am
AM Worship...11:00am
PM Worship:...6:00pm

Wednesday
Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program
Sunday:.....7:30am
"Back to the Bible"
AM 580 WSKS
93.5 FM

**We Extend A
Warm &
Cordial
Welcome
To All Our
Visitors!**

Where Does Repentance Fit In?
Tim Canup

Jesus said, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Paul said, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30). Repentance is a change of heart that leads to a change of life (II Corinthians 7:10). It is obvious that God has commanded repentance, but I want you to consider, "Where does repentance fit into God's plan?" Some teach that a person is saved at the very moment of their faith without any further acts of obedience (which is contrary to the Bible, James 2:17, 24). In this scenario of salvation, does repentance come before faith or after?

If one says it comes before, then what about Acts 2:38, where Peter commanded, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." Many suggest "for" in this verse means "because of." However, if this is true, then Peter taught they were to repent "because sins had been forgiven," which has repentance coming after faith and salvation, thus this doctrine contradicts the Bible, therefore cannot be truth.

Continued Inside

However, if one places repentance after salvation, then what about Luke 13:3 where our Lord said if a person did not repent, they would perish (or be lost), and Luke 24:47 where Jesus put repentance before remission of sins (or salvation)? According to the doctrine of salvation by faith only and in light of Jesus statements, the implication of placing repentance after salvation is that a person is saved at the very moment of faith and then again when they repent. It also implies a Christian can fall from grace, which many deny, but consider Galatians 5:4. Therefore, this teaching also contradicts the Bible, which means it cannot be true.

So what if repentance comes between faith and salvation? By doing so denies the teaching that one is saved by faith only; it means that there is at least one other condition given (by God) in order to be saved. This fits with Peter's instructions in Acts 2:38, as well as Jesus' command in Luke 13:3 and 24:47 and every other passage in the New Testament. Faith is what moves a person to obey the commands God has given. Hebrews 11 is filled with examples of those who by their faith obeyed the commands God gave to them and then after they had obeyed, received the promised blessing. If one admits that one command comes between faith and salvation, then the possibility of others being required is certainly there.

So does God require anything else in connection to salvation? Jesus commanded that we are to confess Him as the Christ before others (Matthew 10:32-33). He also commanded, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved..." (Mark 16:16). Interestingly, it is at this point the Bible says a person enters into Christ (Romans 6:34; Galatians 3:27), where salvation is (II Timothy 2:10). Jesus shed His blood in His death (John 19:34) and we are baptized into His death (Romans 6:3-4), thus when we are baptized (and not a moment before), we contact the precious blood of Christ that takes away sin (Revelation 1:5).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- July 12 - Preach & Eat
- July 25 - Cookout here at building - begin about 3:00 pm
- July 26 - Teachers Meeting immediately following evening worship
- July 30-Aug 2 - Tent Meeting in Lansing.
- Aug 9 - Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Class
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell

Worship And Emotional Highs

Jimmy Stegall

There is a trend that has developed over the past few years in the church that is rather alarming. It is the idea that the assemblies of the church are to be some sort of staged production that produces an "emotional high" in the people who participate and even in those who observe. We have convinced ourselves that if I leave the building with any feeling other than ecstasy, the assembly has been a failure. Though I do wholeheartedly agree that the assembly needs to be a place where emotions can surface and sincere praise be offered, I do not believe that the purpose of the assembly **is solely to make me "feel good."**

Sometimes, I need to feel **sad**—sad because MY sins caused Christ so much pain and suffering. Sad because my heart sometimes gets a little hard. Sad because there are millions of people who don't even know who Jesus Christ is, and what He has done for them. Sometimes I need to feel **guilty**—guilty to the point of repentance and confession. Guilty of failing to obey God as I should. Guilty of failing to share the good news with others who need to know it just as desperately as I do.

There is a way to condemn sin strongly, and at the same time offer a positive challenge to change. There is a way to be convicted of sin and at the same time rather than be insulted or angry, to feel compelled and challenged to change and grow. But, this compulsion and challenge does not come from a "pat on the back," but a serious, positive confrontation with God and His word. I, as you, pray for more meaningful and spirited assemblies of the church, but in pursuit of this goal, let's not mistake "emotional highs" with true worship to God. We're assembled to worship God and to stimulate and admonish one another to new heights—**not to watch an actor on the stage or to be emotionally manipulated by theatrics.** Our emotions need to be stirred by conviction and challenge from God's word.



The difference between "involvement" and "commitment" is like a bacon & egg breakfast.

The chicken was involved...
but the pig was committed.

Revelation 2:10