

Today's Sermons

Morning: Peter's Pentecost Sermon
 Evening: Psalm 2: A Blessing in Trust

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

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study	30
Sunday AM Worship	38
Sunday PM Worship	21
Wed. Bible Study	21
Offering	\$1670



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 IX February 21, 2016 Number 08

Minister:

Tim Canup
tim@wjchurchofchrist.org

Times of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study:... 10:00am
 AM Worship...11:00am
 PM Worship:...6:00pm
 2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

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!**

WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SINS?

by B. J. Clarke

The above question is the opening line to one of my favorite songs. God has clearly revealed the answer to this question unto us in His Word. Yet, some individuals have the audacity to presume that their answer to this question is more accurate than the one given by God.

1. Some would contend that just being a good, moral, upright person is enough to cleanse us from the dark blot of sin. However, the man described in Acts 10 was as good and moral and upright as they come. He was a devout man, one that feared God with all of his house. He was a man of prayer, benevolence and because he was just, he had a sterling reputation even among his rivals. His name was Cornelius. Even though he was morally good, he needed to hear words from a gospel preacher whereby he might be saved (Acts 11:14). As good as he was, his sins still needed to be cleansed.

2. Still others would affirm that being good and kind to your fellow man justifies you in the sight of God. I have sat down with members of the Lord's Church who talked about how "Brother So-and So" is just the greatest fellow you'd ever want to meet. "He's a fine Christian;

Continued Inside

**Church of Christ
 Body of Christ**

- Eph. 4:4 - One Body
- Eph. 1:22-23 - Body = Church

In Christ

Ephesians 1:3

Redemption

Eph. 1:7

Grace/Salvation

2 Tim. 2:1, 10

No Condemnation

Rom. 8:1

Baptism

Rom. 6:1-4

1 Cor. 12:13

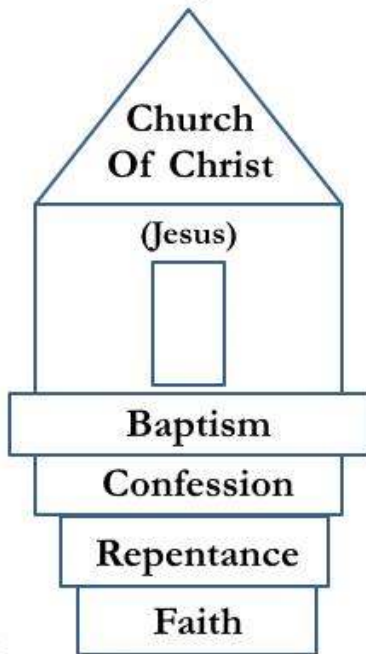
Inside

Outside

Isa. 59:2

SIN

Acts 2:47



why he'd give you the shirt off of his back." And yet, forgotten is the fact that this "good ole fella" is also guilty of being unfaithful to his wife, his children and his Lord. I have also heard preachers practically preach unfaithful members right into heaven just because they helped to build the church building or because of their assistance with some other work project. DEAR FRIENDS, BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND HELPING OUT IN A PINCH IS FINE, BUT IT ISN'T ENOUGH TO SAVE US FROM THE WAGES OF SIN!! We need to learn that doing a few good deeds doesn't cancel out the sin of neglecting the assemblies of the church. We need to learn that moral indiscretions and sexual immorality are not forgotten by God just because we'd give people the shirt off of our backs!

3. What can wash away my sins? NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS! Our hope can be built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins (Heb. 9:22). The following passages teach that only the shed blood of the Son of God can atone for our sins: (Mt. 26:28, Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; Heb. 9:12-14; 1 Ptr. 1:18,19; Rev. 1:5; 5:9; 1 Jn. 1:7; Acts 20:28). "O precious is the flow..."

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong" (11 Corinthians 12:9-10).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- February 28 – Song Service After Evening Worship
- March 6 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Class
- March 13 – Preach & Eat & 1:30 Afternoon Worship Service
- April 10-14 – Spring Gospel Meeting with Tracy Dugger
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell
- Wireless Internet Password: 94615548

What Can The Christian Do About Racial Prejudice?

Bob Prichard

One of the truly tragic problems in our society today is the problem of racial prejudice. It is such a tragic problem because Christ came to defeat it! Jesus was born into a very prejudiced society, but He worked to break down the barriers of prejudice. To the first century Jew, there was nothing worse than a Gentile, except a Samaritan. Jesus, however, showed the brotherhood of all mankind with his parable of the "Good Samaritan," in which the hated Samaritan showed himself to be the good neighbor to the Jew who had been beaten and robbed on the road to Jericho (Luke 10).

Racial prejudice should have no place in the heart of the Christian. "God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" (Genesis 1:26). This means that all men are created in the image of God. Paul wrote, "there is no respect of persons with God" (KJV), or "God does not show favoritism" (NIV) (Romans 2:11). God does not respect or show favoritism for one person or one race more than another, but all are equal in His sight. Jesus died for all people, and came to unite the world in Himself. "He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2). He died for people of all nations and races.

Dealing with prejudice concerning the poor, James wrote, "If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors" (James 2:8-9). The example to follow is to "love thy neighbour as thyself." The "golden rule" of Christ is "all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matthew 7:12). We must treat people of other races as we wish to be treated.

Conquest of prejudice begins in the home. Parents must bring up their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). This includes teaching children the brotherhood of man, and the necessity of respecting all people, including people of other races. Christians should be concerned for the feelings and problems of those who are victims of racial prejudice, and strive to insure that all people are treated as equals.

Paul wrote to the Galatians: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). Paul was not saying that there are no differences between the Jew and the Gentile, between the free man and the slave, or between the male and the female. What he was saying is that all are equal in God's sight, and deserving of honor and respect. In every area of our lives, Christians should be diligent to foster the spirit of brotherly love among the races. As the children's song reminds us, "Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight." "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (1 John 4:20).