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Worship Opportunities

Sundays

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Week

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Patchogue Church of Christ Patchogue, NY 11772

A multi-racial community of believers with a purpose and vision to live holy lives, fulfill the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving each other and our community with compassion, love and the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ.

Records you Made:	4/26/15	4/19/15
Bible Classes	41	35
Worship Service	67	84
General Contribution 2nd Sunday - Bldg	\$1605.00	\$1583.00
Wed Bible Class	16	15
Baptisms/	-	-

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. Ro 16:16

Youth Corner

By
Jamal Colson



Hope, Affliction, Prayer

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12 NIV)

Good morning young people. The above scripture teaches us that we need to be joyful in **hope**. We need not be sad or have a down-cast face while we are waiting for God to answer our prayers. We are blessed and we show it by being joyful in all we do.

We need to be patient in **affliction**. By the way, what is affliction? Some may define it as pain, suffering, or hardship. Some of you are in the midst of those things right now. Growing up is difficult and we need to be patient while God does great things within you.

We need to be faithful in **prayer**. If we start each day in prayer, we start the day right. If we accomplish the start of our day with faithful prayer it will lead to other success throughout our day.

In conclusion, life is filled with opportunities. For us to live out the scriptures we need to make the choice of hope, affliction, and prayer.

Young people, choose joy while you hope in the Lord, Patience when faced with difficulties and be faithful in prayer at all times.

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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Let us be merciful

Once a little girl prayed simply, yet profoundly, "God make all the bad people good, and make all the good people nice." Good people sometimes forget to be kind and merciful toward others. Good people sometimes can be neglectful and harsh. Jesus was full of mercy. Many times He was "moved with compassion." He showed compassion to every class of people – rich, poor, educated, uneducated, Jew and Gentile.

The gospel teaches that we must be like Christ in every way. We are to follow in His steps, (I Pet. 2:21). One beatitude says, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy," (Matt. 5:7). This beatitude emphasizes that Christians are to be merciful, kindhearted people. We must never allow our hearts to become calloused by the cruel, heartless society of which we are a part. Let us be merciful to the lost. Jesus had mercy for the lost, (Lk. 7:36-38). We are told Jesus came "to seek and save the lost," (Lk. 19:10). He laid down His life that the lost might be saved.

We must also have mercy by forgiving others as Jesus did. He forgave those who crucified Him even though they neither asked for it nor deserved it. A story is told of a mother who visited Napoleon on behalf of her condemned son. The emperor told the mother her son had committed the same crime twice and justice demanded he forfeit his life. "But, sir," cried the mother, "I don't plea for justice, but for mercy." The emperor said: "He does not deserve mercy." The mother said, "But it would not be mercy, sir, if he deserved it." "Well then," said Napoleon, "I have mercy," and released the boy. We Christians like Christ should be willing to extend mercy to the undeserving. Read what the apostle

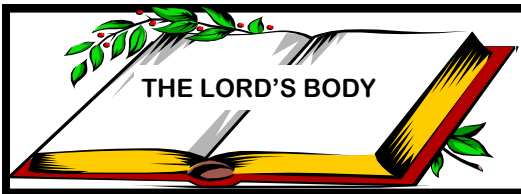
wrote in Ephesians 4:31-32.

We must have mercy for the afflicted as Jesus did, (Mk. 1:40, 41; Matt. 20:29-34). We must not allow national politics to set our agenda for mercy. We are followers of Christ! Let us therefore be merciful to the financially needy, the sick, the unemployed and the unemployable. Let us treat them with dignity and respect. Let us not be indifferent to the hungry, to those without clothing and shelter. We are not able to help every poor person, but we can help at least one.

The late G.C. Brewer used to tell of a fine Christian who was walking along the street and noticed a little ragged, sick, but bright-eyed and intelligent looking boy reclining against a building. He gently laid his hand upon the boy's shoulder and asked him what he was doing. The little boy said, "I have been waiting for God to come to me." "What do you mean?" The man asked. The little boy explained how God had taken his family into heaven and that his mother before she died had told him to wait for God to come and take care of him. As he spoke, the child looked up through his tears into the man's face. "Yes," said the man, with tears in his eyes, "your mother was right about it. God has sent me to take care of you." Then he took the ragged boy into his arms, hugged him and started home with him, and the little fellow put his arms about the man's neck and said, "I knew God would come or send someone."

Brethren, somewhere, someone is waiting for God to come and take care of him. God will do this through us. He commands us to help those in need. (Gal. 6:10; Jas. 1:27; 1 Jno. 3:17).

Lancelot W.



The family by John Stallworth



*LIVING IT OUT—
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
BY
BENJAMIN FIELD*



Ladies' Corner
by
Paulette Watson

Privileged to Serve 05/03/2015

Morning Service
Song leader Brian Maddox
Welcome/Prayer Mike Salimbene
Song # 648 (1,2,4)
Scripture – I John 1:5-10 Kyle Watkins
Songs # 895
Song # 837 (1,2,4)
Second Prayer Tom Meehan
Song # 364
Lord's table and Collection:
Lead Ben Field
Assistant Ryan Costello
Assistant James Guiffre
Assistant Anthony Soto
Song - Kids to class
Song # 867 (1,2,4)
Scripture - I Pet. 4:7-19 Jamal Colson
Sermon - Lancelot Watson
Invitation # 907
Responses & prayer:
Derek Petersen
John Stallworth
Announcements &
Closing Prayer Mike Salimbene
Closing Song # 703

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“Convicted – can you still hear?”

Jn. 16:7-8 ... the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

As I've grown up in Christ, one word often used is 'convicted'. Oddly, the meaning of the word varied based on who was using it. How / why does such a word exist in a spiritual context? Dictionaries would describe the word in context of a criminal convicted of a crime. Jesus explains that at least one of the jobs of the Holy Spirit is to convict you and me. Convict of what? "I'm innocent"; "I'm not that bad"; "I don't kill and steal"; "I give to charity". Amazing: when we are challenged we begin to defend ourselves. We need to be really careful of this says Matt. 7:21-23. Three things are called out to which we are convicted: SIN, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUDGMENT.

How would we know we are convicted of guilt? This is another word: "Conscience". Ever get pricked by your conscience? Paul will say:
2 Cor. 7:10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

If we do nothing about our conviction/conscience/sorrow: the Bible will call that 'worldly'. When we repent (**change**), the Bible calls that 'godly'. The result is either death or salvation.

One of the most dangerous places we can be is: we no longer repent. We are confronted with the word of God and it doesn't even bring conviction anymore. Paul will say your "...conscience is seared..." (1 Tim. 4:2). We fight and rebel against anything and anyone who tries to change us. The Bible will call that a "calloused heart".

Matt. 13:15 For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.

Pray the father will open your eyes and ears!

Baptism...The Baptism of Jesus

Argument #2– “Jesus was sinless; Jesus was baptized; therefore baptism is not needed to forgive sin”
Answer - Yes, Jesus was perfect and baptized. His baptism is different in nature than for any other human. He stated it was necessary to “fulfill all righteousness,” and He was already perfect and “righteous.” Note, this amazing passage concludes with the **Spirit and Father** descending from heaven to consecrate the event on Earth! *Never dismiss that all three persons of God came to Earth at one time and place for that event.* What event is so important that the Father would speak, and the Spirit descend at that very moment **so all three were together?** Baptism. Our baptism ties Father, Son, and Spirit to us just as Jesus' tied Father, Son, and Spirit to it.

Problem 1 - The Spirit and Father don't show up until Jesus is baptized. This was the *binding of the Father, Son and Spirit to baptism*. It is the reason Jesus gave the command of Matt 28:19, and must happen to obey Matt 3:17-18. Surely He *believed* in Himself prior.

Problem 2– Jesus' baptism was an endorsement of it. The Father and the Spirit appearing at the event was the actual consecration of the practice, *just as the Lord's Supper was consecrated by Jesus before His death*. Clearly Jesus did not take the supper to “examine himself” (1Cor.11:28) Therefore, if baptism is optional because of Jesus' perfection, logic dictates that the Lord's Supper is too. If the supper is not optional, neither is baptism. Jesus *instituted and commanded* both. Jesus' baptism and subsequent command is **the reason** why it was tied to forgiveness (1 Peter 3:21). This cannot be avoided.

Problem 3 – Declaring baptism unnecessary contradicts Jesus' own words. Matthew 28:19 goes right back to “problem 1” and “2” above!

Problem 4 – There would be more of a reason to avoid baptism had Jesus NOT been baptized. If Jesus said he *had* to be baptized, what makes those with sin an exception to imitating and obeying Him? If He didn't do it, would there not be greater reason to avoid the practice?

Next Week – “Baptism is a Work, and Grace Saves.”

Congratulations!!

Six amazing women among us have demonstrated their faith and understanding of Jesus' desire for both men and women to be soul winners for Him. Congratulations to Adrienne, Brenda, Doris, Helene, Kathleen, and Lynn for successfully completing the Christ's Ambassadors Evangelism Training Course— 11 weeks of intensive, even grueling Bible study and training to become “fishers of men” (Mark 1:17). Congratulations to the men who completed the course also, but in this column, I'd like to give special recognition to the women and thank them for exemplifying for all Christian women in general certain characteristics with which the Lord is pleased, and which we should emulate:

Desire to save souls: Thank you, Sisters, for showing us how “[S]he who wins souls is wise” (Proverbs 11:30). We see your desire to obey Jesus' command to “preach the good news to all creation” (Mark 16:15-16). We see you following the example of the “woman at the well” who showed us that soul winning is a worthy activity for women.

Desire for knowledge of the Word: Thank you, Sisters, for demonstrating what it means to have a desire, a *very strong* desire to know the Word of God, and doing something practical to achieve that goal, by taking the Christ Ambassadors class. The apostle Paul encouraged Christians to “Crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation” (1 Peter 2:2). You got the opportunity to learn more, and took it.

Diligent, disciplined, hard work in Bible study: One thing we heard about this class is that it is a lot of work. It involved hours of Bible study every night for almost 9 of the 11 weeks. Thank you, sisters, for showing us your willingness and your commitment to take Paul at his word when he told Timothy, “**Do your best** to present yourself to God as one approved, a **workman** who does not need to be ashamed and **who correctly handles the word of truth**” (2 Tim. 2:15-16).

Ladies, let us show our appreciation for these sisters by doing all we can to follow their example of dedication and passion for Jesus and the church.