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**And I gave my heart to seek
and search out by wisdom
concerning all things that
are done under heaven...**

Ecclesiastes 1:13

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Purified Souls

“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.” 1 Peter 1:22-23

The inspired apostle Peter disclosed the fact that Christians have purified their souls in obeying the truth (1 Peter 1:22). This implies that their souls at a previous time were not pure, but at the point of obeying the truth had been purified.

Among the false teachings of the first-century Gnostics who troubled the church, was the concept that sins in the body do not affect the soul. The truth, however, is that man’s soul is involved in sin and becomes defiled. When my inward man decides to go against the law of God, then I sin (1 John 3:4). It is not merely the body that is involved in sin, but the soul as well. For instance, when a person commits the sin of fornication, it begins in the heart (Matthew 15:19), it involves the body (1 Corinthians 6:15-18), and repentance is required so that the “spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus” (1 Corinthians 5:5). While certainly the body is involved in sins, the soul can sin (Ezekiel 18:20). That the word “soul” is sometimes used as a synecdoche in the Scriptures to refer to the whole person does not remove the fact that the part of man known as the soul is involved when sin is committed. Consider this question in the book of James: “Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?” (James 4:5). Sin defiles the soul.

How, then, did Christians purify their souls which had been defiled by sin? The answer in 1 Peter 1:22 is, “in obeying the truth through the Spirit.” Truth must first be known if it is to be of any benefit. In John 8:32, Jesus said, “and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” This freedom is freedom from the bondage of sin (John 8:34-36). Jesus later prayed for His disciples to be set apart from the bondage of this sinful world when He petitioned the Father in John 17:17, “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” Purification does not come to those who merely acknowledge truth without acting on it; it comes to those who obey the truth. It is obedience of the truth that is the means of purification.

The Christians to whom Peter wrote obeyed the truth through the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the revealer of God’s truth, who gave the words of truth to the first-century apostles and prophets (John 14:26; 16:13-15); these words of truth are preserved for us in the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 2:13; 14:37; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). This is the incorruptible seed, the ever-living word of God, mentioned in the next verse (1 Peter 1:23). Jesus said in John 6:63, “the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” The word of God is living and able to pierce the depths of our souls (Hebrews 4:12).

Will you allow the word of God to enter your heart and move you to obey the truth so that your soul may be purified?

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- "Hear the Trumpet Sound"

PM- "Cry to the Lord"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 107:1-32

2017 Dates to Remember

May 28- Graduate Honor Night- 7p-annex

Jun 4- Youth/Parent summer planning- 12p

June 5-8- Chapmanville, WV, Gospel Meeting with Glenn Colley- 7p

Jun 9-10- All youth/parent camping retreat to the Adkins cabin

Jun 14- Coffee, tea, & cakes -annex- 8p

Jun 25- elders/deacons/preachers meet- 4:30p

June 30- Ladies Luncheon- 11:30a- Texas Roadhouse

Jul 2-8- Ft. Hill Youth Camp week

Jul 15- Church Picnic- on grounds-5p

Jul 24-28- Vacation Bible School here

Aug 6- Ice Cream/dessert night- annex- 7p

Sep 5- Prime-timers resumes- 10a- annex

Sep 15-16- Marriage Seminar with Alan Cole

Sep 23-Cookout & singing @ the Scotts

Sept 30- Girls Youth Rally- Fishinger & Kenny Rd. church of Christ- 8:30a- RSVP

Oct 28- Trunk O Treats & Chili supper- 7p

Nov 4- Ladies Day with Sheila Butt- 8:30a

Nov 5- Bring A Friend Day & Potluck

Nov 13- Wreath Making group #1-annex-7p

Dec 2- Scotts' Pancake Breakfast- annex- 8a

Graduate Honor Night

Tonight, following evening service, we will honor this year's graduates with a celebration in the annex. We will honor Krystiana Scott and Darick Carter.

Lawn Maintenance Schedule

The schedule is published and copies are on the foyer table. The team this week to complete their work by May 27th is Greg Conley, Terry Whitley, Will Whitley, and Jordan Conley.

Prime-timers

This group will break from June to August and resume in September. Prime-timers is an open discussion Bible study group that usually meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the annex large class.

Youth Summer Planning Meeting

Next Sunday after morning worship, Mark Day would like to meet with all of the youth and their parents. Summer plans will be made for upcoming youth events, so please, bring your appointment calendars to help coordinate activities.

Coffee, Tea & Cake Night

On Wednesday, June 14th, bring your favorite cake to share and tea is optional as we will provide the coffee for a social event in the annex following Bible study. Share the good Christian fellowship.

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Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! - Psalms 107: 31

Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?
Why not today?



Gauging Our Faith

	05/21/17	Goal	05/22/16
Bible Study	105	110	113
AM Worship	173	160	151
PM Worship	98	110	109
Mid Week	nc	110	90
Contribution:	\$5685.50	\$5600.00	\$4993.50

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Jerry Sturgill

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Denny Deskins

PM: David Trimble

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Greg Hall

Assisting: Mark Parks,
Nathan Adkins, Daniel Goshorn
David Castle, Ernie Perry,
Darick Carter, Jason Fouts

Presiding PM: Chris Scott

Assisting: Tim Hammond

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Edgar Phillips

PM: Nathan Parks

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Steve Wallace

DEVOTIONAL: Daniel Goshorn

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Mark Day

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: Matt Vonderheide

Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you
as our guest today.

If you are a **first-time visitor** with us,
please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you find
on the back of the pew. Please, put it in the
collection plate or hand it to one of the men at
the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the
foyer with **free tracts and literature**. We
offer **free Bible correspondence courses**
you can receive by mail at no cost to you. Let
our preacher know if you would like to set up
an **in-home Bible study**. Thank you for
attending. Come back anytime!

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★ **Every Sunday** ★★
Pew Packers

at 5:45pm

in front of the auditorium
-geared to age 12 & under,
but everyone is welcomed.

Boys: have a song ready
to lead for the group

★★ **June 9-10** ★★

Camping retreat to Nathan
Adkins' family cabin for all youth
& family- see Mark Day for details

