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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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In Him was life,
and the life was

the light
of men.

John 1:4

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!

The Faith Came

The law of Moses served the purpose for preparing mankind for Jesus Christ. The only way to live under that law was to continue in flawlessly keeping of all its stipulations, else one was under the curse (Galatians 3:10). In the Old Testament, God stated through Solomon, “For *there is* not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not” (Ecclesiastes 7:20); he acknowledged this truth again on a separate occasion—when praying at the dedication of the temple representing God’s holiness (1 Kings 8:46; 2 Chronicles 6:36). Nobody could keep the law perfectly; it was a yoke that no one could bear (Acts 15:10). Humanity needed to be saved from the curse it was under.

Enter Jesus Christ, the seed of Abraham through whom God had made a promise of blessing the world (Galatians 3:16; Genesis 12:1-3). This promise came before the law; it was God’s unilateral commitment to bless mankind in spite of man’s failing to keep the bilateral contract of the law (Galatians 3:17-21). Jesus perfectly kept the law which no other man could keep; only He “knew no sin” (2 Corinthians 5:21). As the apostle Paul goes on to write, “But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster” (Galatians 3:22-25). The law served as a guardian and disciplinarian until mankind came of age and could be blessed by the freedom in Christ. Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: *but* the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed” (John 8:34-36).

The faith that came is the system of truth of the New Testament. Faith in Jesus Christ is the way of salvation; those who become children of God by faith, by being baptized into Christ, are heirs of God’s promise (Galatians 3:26-29). It is contrasted to the law in that it is, at its root, a faith system, not a merit system. Faith is an integral part of God’s plan of justification that stands for the whole process (Galatians 3:24). Faith does not remove laws for even later in this book we are exhorted to “fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). But faith does remove the curse resulting from failing to faultlessly keep God’s commandments, for we trust and follow Him who did faultlessly keep the commandments.

Therefore, we are no longer under the old law. It served its purpose. It highlighted sin and the need for the Savior. We are not bound by that former law and we should not seek to return to its bondage; instead, we should stand upon the liberating truth of Jesus Christ (Galatians 5:1; cf. John 8:31-32). How thankful we should be that Christ came and brought the faith—His last will and testament. Has the faith found lodging into your heart? Have you become a child of God through faith in Jesus by putting Him on in baptism? What better way to finish up this year? You could then say, “I was in the bondage of sin, but then faith came and made me free.”

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- Mark Day- "The Fullness of Time"

PM- Jerry Sturgill- "As We Consider Jesus..."

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-3

2017 Dates to Remember

Dec 29- Ladies Luncheon- Blazers- 12:30p

Dec 31- 5th Sunday Q & A- questions due by the 24th to preachers or wooden box

Dec 31- New Year's Eve watch- 9pm

2018 Dates to Remember

Jan 2- Prime-timers- cancelled

Jan 9- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Jan 16- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Jan 21- elders/deacons/preachers meet- 4:30p

Jan 23- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Jan 26-27- Ohio Winter Lectures, Fishing & Kenny Rd. church of Christ, Columbus, OH

Jan 30- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Feb 5-9- Freed Hardeman lectureship

Mar 3- Save the date for Ladies Day w/ Sheila Butt- Fishing & Kenny Rd. church of Christ, Columbus, OH (details to follow)

New Year's Watch

Everyone is invited to bring in the new year in good Christian fellowship here at the building Sunday, the 31st following evening worship. Things will get started about 9pm. There will be singing and a devotional. Plus, bring games for all ages, snacks and drinks to share and watch the new year arrive.

Prime-timers Holiday Schedule

Prime-timers is an open discussion Bible study group that usually meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the annex large classroom. Due to the holidays the group will cancel 12/26/17 & 1/2/18 group.

Christian Youth Conference

Anyone interested in attending CYC February 23rd -25th in Pigeon Forge, TN, needs to speak with Mark Day or David Trimble. Early bird registration needs to happen before the new year to take advantage of the reduced rates.

2018 Book Reading Challenge

Jerry Sturgill is coordinating another book reading challenge into the new year. You must sign up on the foyer bulletin board then read 6 books in 5 months. The book list, with the basic rules, is available on the round table. See Jerry Sturgill for the bonus gift book for participating. The reading challenge through April 8, 2018.

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
1:2 *The same was in the beginning with God.*
1:3 *All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?

Why not today?



Gauging Our Faith

	12/17/17	Goal	12/18/16
Bible Study	nc	110	97
AM Worship	nc	160	148
PM Worship	81	110	86
Mid Week	82	110	104
Contribution:	\$6083.38	\$5600.00	\$4774.00

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: David Trimble

PM: Denny Deskins

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: Daniel Goshorn,
Steve Wallace, Denny Deskins,
Dan Stone, Jacob Martin,
Jerrad Nickell, Michael Perry

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Ben Poling

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: John Gambill

PM: Daniel Goshorn

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: J.C. Hughes

DEVOTIONAL: Mark Parks

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: David Castle

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

COORDINATOR: David Smith

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-
Boys: have a song ready to lead

★★★ Dec. 31 ★★★

New Year's Watch

Invite your friends.

Bring games and
snacks to share.

