

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)
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SUNDAY SERVICE

Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

LADIES CLASS

Tuesday 10:00am

A Message To Our Visitors

It is our privilege to have you visiting with us today. Please know that you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here. Please return to be with us again at your earliest opportunity. If you have questions or would like to study the Bible with us, please let us know. Thanks again for visiting with us, and may God continue to bless you according to His divine purpose.

THOSE TO SERVE

Announcements:

Josh Fulcher

Lead Singing:

Wesley Tucker

Opening Prayer:

Andy Johnson

Scripture Reading:

Mitchell Smith

Lord's Table

Nathia Whitley
Bill Vincent
Richard Jones
David Dodd

Closing Prayer:

Bill Vincent

Greeters (East)

Bill and Maria

Greeters (West)

Johnny and Mae

LESSONS

AM: Poor

Unfortunate Soul

Scripture reading:

Mark 9:41-50

PM: Those Who
Love God Love His
Church

Scripture reading:

Ephesians 5:22-30

THE SWIFTNESS OF TIME

By: Jonnie Hutchison

It was the suffering Job who declared, “*Man who is born of woman is of **few days** and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; He flees like a shadow and does not continue.*” (Job 14:1-2). The figures of a quickly fading flower and the briefness of a passing shadow emphasize how rapidly life passes for each of us. Those who have reached their “golden years” may look back at their lives and ask, “where did the time go?” In essence such a question may be addressed in the words “where did my life go” because our lives are intertwined with time. As time passes so do our lives.

Eventually time for each of us runs out and much more quickly than we might imagine in our youth.

“*Remember how short my time is; for what futility have You created all the children of men? What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave?*” (Psalm 89:47-48). As the inspired Solomon addressed the subject of time he wrote, “*To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die....*” (Ecc. 3:1-2a).

Knowing the swiftness of passing time and the certainty of death what helpful lessons may one learn?

Learn To Use What Time Is Granted Us Wisely.

Inspiration instructs us, “*See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil*” (Eph. 5:15-16). To walk “circumspectly” is to be diligent in exercising caution as to how one lives his life. To do otherwise is to walk as a fool walks. Walking “circumspectly” involves utilizing ones time in the proper and most beneficial way possible as stated in verse sixteen in the words “redeeming the time”. One who “redeems the time” takes advantage of the opportunities presented by time to evade evil and embrace God’s plan of salvation. Indeed the most productive use of ones time is in making spiritual preparation for that point in his existence when time is no more.

Learn Not To Waste Time. Time travel is the fantasy of science fiction writers and has no basis in fact. Once time has passed there is no return. The time that has passed is gone forever and may never be utilized again. It is easy to waste ones time and thus ones life on any number of unproductive and useless endeavors. The most wasteful and destructive use of ones time is to spend it participating in some sinful activity. The inspired Paul admonishes us, “*and do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and*

drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.” (Romans 13:11-14). A careful reading of this passage should help us to recognize the importance and the brevity of the time that has been granted to each of us and how wasteful and destructive it is to spend our time fulfilling the lusts of the flesh. Rather than making provisions to spend our time in sin we must cast off those “works of darkness, “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and spend our time productively in following His will in preparation for eternity. Don’t waste this precious commodity called time on those things that will result in the loss of your soul.

Learn To Enjoy Your Time. After Philip preached Jesus to the Ethiopian Eunuch and following his baptism into Christ the Bible says that the Eunuch “*went on his way rejoicing*” (Acts 8:39). Knowing that one is in the right spiritual relationship with the Lord produces the greatest and longest lasting form of joy available to man. The prophet Isaiah described it as “*everlasting joy on their heads*” and that “*sorrow and sighing shall flee away*” (Isa. 51:11). When the inspired Paul wrote to the church in Philippi he declared, “*Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice*” (Philippians 4:4). The most joyful, rewarding and productive use of our time is spending it in service to our God. Learn to enjoy your time in the study of the Bible, in participation in worship, in teaching others God’s plan of salvation, in helping those truly in need, and in daily setting an example of faithfulness before those in the world.

Learn That Now Is the Accepted Time For Your Salvation.

If you are not a New Testament Christian then these words are for you: “*For He says: ‘In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation*” (2 Corinthians 6:2). No sinner may better utilize his or her time than to lovingly submit in obedience to the commands of the gospel which results in reaching the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ which washes away ones sins and grants the hope of eternal life (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Romans 6:3-4).

Time is swiftly passing and is filled with much uncertainty. However, we can be certain that time will end for each of us and that those who properly use their time to receive God’s forgiveness will exist eternally with Him when time is no more. “*Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you*” (1 Peter 5:6).

—Via the Green Plain Proclaimer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Ezekiel
- ⇒ **Team:** Team 2 meets today
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **New Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Will be held on Tuesday Feb 02 at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Workday:** Saturday 1-30 at 8am
- ⇒ **Visit:** We will Visit Kirksey on 1-31. They start at 6pm.
- ⇒ **5th Sunday Singing and Potluck:** on 1-31
- ⇒ **Guest Speaker:** Rickie Burse will speak on 1-31
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Pancake Mix

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell (recovering from knee replacement surgery)
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Carter and Brooks Tucker
- ⇒ Colt Johnson
- ⇒ Jonnie Hutchison (Amber's father is having eye trouble)
- ⇒ David Brandon
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Larry Pea (Cousin of Judy Black, has cancer)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards (Josh Fulcher's)
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison (cancer)
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill (Rachel was placed in a nursing home)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Maria's sister-continuing to recover from heart surgery.
- ⇒ Lucetria Hutchison (Ronnie's mother)
- ⇒ Jay Kolb (Friend of Bill and Maria has brain tumor)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasley (Kevin's cousin's son, 4 years old)
- ⇒ Continue to remember all those who have lost loved ones this year

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the Word
(Rom 10:17)

Believe the Word
(John 8:24)

Repent
(Luke 13:3)

Confess Christ
(Rom 10:10)
(Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

Remain Faithful
(Rev 2:10)
(Acts 8:12-24)

Heaven can be your
home if you obey God!
(Heb 5:8-9)

Please visit our website at
www.coldwatercoc.org.
You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Ezekiel 8:4 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, like the vision that I saw in the plain.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: doxa (δόξα)

Pronounced: dox'-ah

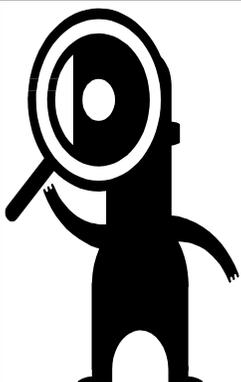
Translated into the word we use today: **Glory**

Meaning: according to Strong is: glory (as very apparent), in a wide application (literally or figuratively, objectively or subjectively): - dignity, glory (-ious), honour, praise, worship.

Supporting verse: Philippians 2:10-11 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, (11) and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Glory, honor, and praise are all things that belong to God. We have seen glorious things in our life. Maybe it is the view of God's wonderful creations. For me, I love the beauty and glory of the mountains or a waterfall. These things are nice to look at, but God's glory is different and far greater. The glory of God is seen not only in His creation but also in His love for us. God sent His only begotten Son to come and suffer, die and shed His blood so that we might have a wonderful home in heaven. For this reason, we give glory and praise to God. See, God's glory is not like looking at something glorious but it is His love and righteous judgment. Don't get me wrong, we see God's handiwork through the wonders and beauty of His creation, but the glory of God is His love, which in return allows us to glorify Him and His name. Not only did God send His Son to die for us, His Son is also by whom we will be judged. He is a fair judge and will judge all by the same standard. There will be no partiality, no "loop holes", just fair judgment according to His word. For this reason we also honor God. Are you giving God the honor, praise and glory that He deserves?



Bible question: Who, in the beatitudes, does Jesus promise laughter to?

Last week's question and answer: Who anointed David as King?

Answer: Samuel (1Samuel 16:13-13)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Helen Tidwell, Peggy Newsome, Rachel Adams