

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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SUNDAY SERVICE

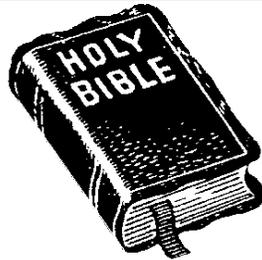
Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesdays: 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:

Kyle Hobbs

Lord's Table

Mitchell Smith
Bradley Smith
Chris Smith
Kevin Smith

Closing Prayer:

Bill Vincent

Greeters (East)

Andy and Maddie

Greeters (West)

Elizabeth and Reagan

LESSONS

AM: So Near, Yet So
Far Away

Scripture reading:
Matthew 7:21-23

PM: You Can't Grow
Grain On The Rocks

Scripture reading:
Matthew 13:18-23

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

By: Jerry Joseph

What does the future hold for you? Can we know for sure what is going to be in our future? Can we help shape our own future? What part will God's Word have in our future? These are good questions that need to be answered. As we look to the Bible for the answer, what do we find? What will be in our future?

TROUBLES & TRIALS:

As long as we live in this world there are going to be troubles and trials. "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble" (Job 14:1). "In this world ye shall have tribulations" (John 16:33). Even the child of God is not exempt from such in this life. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you" (Matthew 5:10-12). "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations" (James 1:2). It is not a question of whether the troubles and trials will come, for they will, but we need to ask ourselves that when they come, what am I going to do? Peter declared, "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf" (1 Peter 4:16).

TEMPTATION: In the future, for every accountable person there will be temptation to be dealt with. The devil is our enemy. He is after us (1 Peter 5:8). He is active and busy in striving to

get us to yield to temptations to bring about sin in our lives. He knows how God feels about sin in the lives of mankind. Temptations will come also to the child of God. The devil knows what sin does to our relationship with the Lord (Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 6:23). When those temptations (enticements to do evil) come about in our lives, we must not blame the Lord. "Let no man say

James 4:14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man" (James 1:13). Now notice what James wrote in verses 14-15, "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

THE END: In the future, for every one of us there will be The End. As long as this world stands, death is coming to each and every one of us (Hebrews 9:27-28). We are but strangers and pilgrims in this land (Hebrews 11:13). Our life is going to end on this earth in the future.

In our future there are going to be troubles, trials, temptations and the end. How thankful one should be, if he is a faithful child of God, because he is able to continue to prepare for what's coming in the future. If you are not prepared, then obey the Gospel (John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Matthew 10:32-33; Mark 16:16) and live a faithful life according to the teaching of the Bible (1 Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10).

— St. Peter's Proclaimer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Rita Price (26th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Acts
- ⇒ **Team: 4 Team meets today**
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
- ⇒ **New Directory Pages:** Info for the Hobbs', Hutchison's, and new birthday pages are available. Please see Luke or Amber to pick these up so you can add them to your directory.
- ⇒ **Bible Bowl:** Will be Saturday 3-14 at the Green Plain church building. All ages from K-12th grade participate. The study is over the book of James. If interested, see Wesley for more info.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Jelly

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ray Stembridge—Sick with an ear infection/Back trouble
- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs (Received great news from the doctors :)
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Todd Walker
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison Berry (friend of Stembridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Rachel Adams
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Nat Evans (Randall's father—home recovering)
- ⇒ 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)

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christ.org](http://www.coldwaterchurchofchrist.org). You will find
bulletins, sermon outlines,
and other helpful links
and material.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Acts 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: anakrinō (*ἀνακρίνω*)

Pronounced: *an-ak-ree'-no*

Translated into the word we use today: Search or investigate

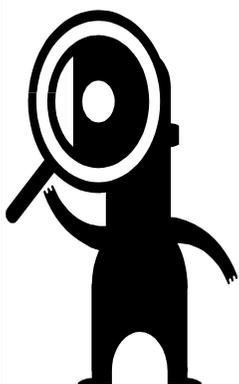
Meaning: according to Thayer is: to investigate, examine, enquire into, specifically in a forensic sense of a judge to hold an investigation. Strong says that properly to scrutinize, that is, (by implication) investigate, interrogate, determine, or examine.

Supporting verse: 2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

1 Timothy 4:13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As we look at Acts 17, notice what is said about those in Berea over those in Thessalonica. It says that they were more fair-minded or noble. What a wonderful complement to a group of Christians or to an individual one. Would this be said of us? Why were they more fair-minded? Because they **SEARCHED** the Scriptures **DAILY!** As we see through our Greek word study, we know this word searched means that they investigated what was being taught against the Word of God. Do we properly search or investigate the Word of God? We have ready and available for us at all times God's Word, that which can save our souls, and yet so many times we never open it, read it, or study from it. We should be searching and investigating God's Word for the truth, just like a detective would. Once we do this, then we can know God's truth, and it can make us free from sin!



Bible question: Who threw a javelin at David?

Last week's question and answer: Who made an axe head float?

Answer: Elisha (2Kings 6:1-7)

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