

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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SUNDAY SERVICE

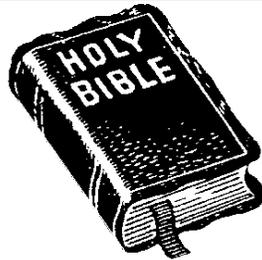
Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

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:

Richard Price

Lead Singing:

Josh Price

Opening Prayer:

Bill Vincent

Scripture Reading:

Kyle Hobbs

Lord's Table

Josh Fulcher
Johnny Downs
David Dodd
Andy Johnson

Closing Prayer:

Hyland Darnell

Greeters (East)

Bill and Maria

Greeters (West)

David and Mitchell

LESSONS

AM: Does God Hear
and Answer Prayers?

Scripture reading:

Matthew 7:7-11

PM: You Can't Grow
Grain On The Rocks

Scripture reading:

Matthew 13:18-23

“WHITER THAN SNOW”

By: Jonnie Hutchison

Did you know that snow is mentioned in the Bible over twenty different times? It is used literally as in Isaiah 55:10, “for as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, but water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater.” Obviously snow occurs because God included it in the laws of nature which He set forth at the creation and serves the same purpose as the rain to provide moisture for the growing of crops to feed earth’s inhabitants.

God spoke to Job of the “treasury of the snow” (Job 38:22). One need not view the intricate design of a snowflake to appreciate its beautiful treasures but simply to look across a field covered with new fallen snow as it glistens in the sunshine. However, the design of the snowflake in which “the scientific consensus states that the likelihood of two large snow crystals being identical is zero,” speaks to the existence of an intelligent Designer (God).

The Psalmist wrote, “Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest Is a faithful messenger to those who send him, For he refreshes the soul of his masters.” (Psalm 25:13). Some suggest that the use of the word snow in this passage in reference to a harvest pictures snow taken from Lebanon or Mount Herman used to cool the drink of those who were laboring in the heat of the harvest. It is used figuratively to illustrate the benefit received when one is faithful in delivering good news to others which is as refreshing as a cool drink in the heat of the day.

The book of Daniel says of “the Ancient of Days” that “His garment was white as snow....”(Daniel 7:9). The angel of the Lord who descended from heaven and rolled back the stone from the tomb in which Jesus’ body lay had “clothing as white as snow” (Matthew 28:3). When Jesus was transfigured before His disciples the Bible tells us that “His clothes be-came shining, exceedingly

white, like snow....” (Mark 9:3). In the vision John saw while on the isle of Patmos there was one “like the Son of Man . . . His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire” (Rev. 1:14). The glory and majesty of heavenly beings are represented then in the phrase “white as snow.”

The white color of snow is also used to describe the terrible disease of leprosy. When Moses was called by God to lead His people from the bond-age of Egypt He gave Moses two “signs” which Moses would use to convince the people that God had sent him. One of those signs is described in Exodus 4:6, “Furthermore the Lord said to him, ‘Now put you hand in your bosom.’ And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, like snow.” One of the symptoms of leprosy is the affected skin turns a pale or white color.

Another figurative use of the color of snow is in reference to receiving the forgiveness of sin. Snow is pure and white and illustrates perfectly the spiritual condition of those cleansed from sin. God declared through His prophet Isaiah, “Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord, Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.” (Isaiah 1:18).

When we see snow it should remind us of the glory and grace of God in granting each of us the opportunity to spiritually be “as white as snow” through the blood of Christ! (Acts 22:16; Rev. 1:5; Ephesians 1:7). As the Psalmist declared, “Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow” (Psalm 51:7). Would to God that each of us would have this desire!

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—Green Plain Proclaimer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Joel, Amos, Obadiah
- ⇒ **Team:** Team 1 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.
- ⇒ **Baby shower:** For Andy and Maddie on 3-15-15
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Sugar

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ray Stenbridge—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 Stenbridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Rachel Adams
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Amanda Griechen (Bob and Susanna Austin's Granddaughter)
- ⇒ 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

Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: *onoma* (ὄνομα)

Pronounced: *on'-om-ah*

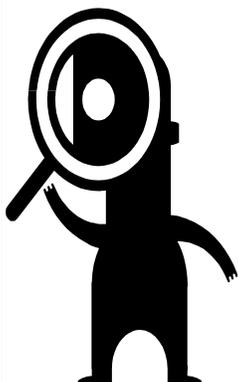
Translated into the word we use today: Name or Authority

Meaning: according to Strong is: a “name” (literally or figuratively), (authority, character)-called. Vines says is used in (1) general of the “name” by which a person or thing is called. (2) All that a name implies, of authority, character, rank, majesty, power, or excellence. It represents the authority of Christ.

Supporting verse: Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As Peter quoted from Joel 2 on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2, we see that he tells them in verse 21 that “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved”. We see the same thing spoken by the inspired Paul in Romans 10:13. So many times people take this to mean that all we have to do is say the “sinner’s prayer” or just call to Jesus to save us, but that’s not what inspired writers, Joel, Peter and Paul meant. As we have examined the word name, we see that it means by the authority of Christ. Just as we sometimes hear the police say “open up in the NAME of the law”, it means to open up by the authority that they have. When we see to call on the name of the Lord, it is telling us to submit to the authority that Christ has if we want to be saved. Peter, later in his sermon in Acts 2, tells them how to submit to Christ’s authority and be saved. Let us always understand how to call on the name of the Lord (Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16).



Bible question: What object did a man dream about that would smite and overturn the tents of Midian?

Last week’s question and answer: Who threw a javelin at David?

Answer: Saul (1 Samuel 18:11)

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