

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

WELCOME

Jonnie and Gail Hutchison. We are honored to have you with us for our 2015 homecoming.



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:

Kevin Smith

Lead Singing:

Wesley Tucker

Opening Prayer:

Bill Vincent

Scripture Reading:

Bradley Smith

Lord's Table

Richard Jones
Chris Smith
Nathia Whitley
Bill Vincent

Closing Prayer:

David Dodd

Greeters (East)

Chris and Theresa

Greeters (West)

Josh and Jennifer

LESSONS

Guest Speaker:

Jonnie Hutchison

Does Heaven Exist?

By: Jonnie Hutchison

The existence of both heaven and hell is often denied by unbelievers. Are we surprised by that? No. The majority of people who live in this world reject the Bible and thus reject the source of our information about both heaven and hell. However, there have been those who have claimed that they have actually gone to heaven and come back to the earth to report on their visit. A woman by the name of Lois Hetrick claims to have visited heaven and has written a book about it entitled *Inside the Gates of Heaven* which purports to be “an orderly tour through that Celestial City and I will be your guide.” Jesse Duplantis, a so-called “televangelist,” claims that he has been to heaven and gives his “testimony” on his television programs as well as on YouTube. Many others have made such claims but the description given by these two and others concerning their claims to have visited heaven clearly contradict the statements found in the Bible about heaven and who will be there. To put it plainly, these folks never have been to heaven and without genuine repentance, sadly, they never will be. While this writer rejects such outrageous and obviously false claims he does accept the true testimony of the Word of God of the existence of heaven. The Bible speaks of the existence of heaven in a number of passages. It tells us that heaven is the dwelling place of God (1 Kings 8:30-49). Heaven is where the Lord’s throne is (Psalm 11:4; 103:19; Matthew 5:34). The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men (Psalm 14:2; 53:2; Isa. 63:15). God is in heaven (Psalm 115:3; Eccl. 5:2; Daniel 2:28; Matthew 5:48; 16:17); God’s word is settled in heaven (Psalm 119:89); God spoke from heaven (Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11). We address our prayers to the Father who is in heaven (Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:2). Jesus taught the existence of heaven indicating that we can lay up our spiritual treasures there and that one who does the will of the Father shall enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 6:20). Angels from heaven have visited men and women (Luke 22:43). The Holy Spirit descended from heaven like a dove upon Jesus as John the immerser testified (John 1:32). Jesus came down from heaven to be born of a virgin and to die on the cross for the sins of the

world (John 6:32-58; Phil. 2:5-11) and ascended back to heaven after his death, burial and resurrection where He sits on the right hand of the throne of God in heaven (Acts 1:10, 11; 2:30-33; 1 Peter 3:22; 1 Thess. 1:10, 4:16; 2 Thess. 1:7-10). The names of the saved are registered in heaven (Hebrews 12:23) and their citizenship and hope is in heaven (Phil. 3:20; Col. 1:5). Heaven is the ultimate inheritance which is “reserved” for those “who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Peter 1:4-5). These are just a few of the truths concerning heaven revealed in the Bible. There is no stronger evidence of the existence of heaven than the firsthand testimony of Jesus Christ the only begotten Son of God. Indeed, one cannot truly believe in Jesus without accepting the existence of heaven! Heaven will be the eternal dwelling place for those who have faithfully served God in this life. Preparation for heaven requires submission to God’s requirements for salvation. That old statement that “heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people” is still as true today as when first spoken (John 14:1-3). One who accepts the existence of heaven must also accept the existence of hell for the same Bible that testifies to the existence of one testifies to the existence of the other. In Jesus’ picture of the coming Day of Judgment He said, “Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels”... and these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal” (Matthew 25:41, 46). There are no other alternatives. It is either heaven or hell. Those unprepared to go to heaven will sadly exist eternally in hell (Matthew 10:28; Mark 9:43; 2 Peter 2:4). God has given us the choice. Which do you choose, dear reader? Our prayer and hope is that you choose heaven! Does heaven exist? We do not need to rely upon the dubious and untrustworthy claims of human beings as proof when we have the inspired, infallible Word of Almighty God that clearly teaches the existence of heaven.

—Via The Green Plain Promclaimer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Peggy Newsome (25th)
- ⇒ Mitchell Smith (29th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Jonah and Micah
- ⇒ **Team:** Team 4 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!
- ⇒ **Congratulations:** To the Johnson's on the birth of Colton.
- ⇒ **Workday:** Is scheduled for May 30.
- ⇒ **5th Sunday:** 5-31 we will have a potluck following morning service and song service for our afternoon meeting.
- ⇒ **Visit:** We will visit Mount Olive on May 31 as a congregation.
- ⇒ **VBS:** June 13 (Please have ideas or anything you need made for VBS presented by workday on May 30)
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: McDonalds \$5 gift card (please give to someone on team 1)

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Clemmie Black (At Spring Creek room # 420 B in station 4)
- ⇒ Ray Stembridge—Sick with an ear infection
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Brooks Tucker (ear infection)
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ 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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You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Jonah 3:10 Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: metanoēō (μετανοέω)

Pronounced: met-an-o-eh'-o

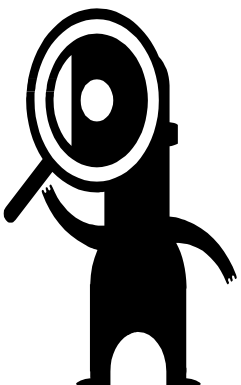
Translated into the word we use today: **Repent or turn**

Meaning: according to Strong is: to think differently or afterwards, that is, reconsider (morally to feel compunction): - repent. Thayer adds: 1) to change one's mind, i.e. to repent, 2) to change one's mind for better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one's past sins.

Supporting verse: Revelation 2:5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place--unless you repent.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As we look at the word repent or to turn from, we see this used several times throughout the Bible. This is always used in connection with making something right with God. A wrong you have done that needs to be turned from or repented of. When we apply this to salvation, we see that it can be used in both someone who has never obeyed God and been immersed for the remission of their sins to become a child of God, or to someone who is a child of God and has committed sin since their conversion. If someone is not a child of God, then we see that they must repent before their confession and baptism (Luke 13:3). This must first be done, a change in one's mind that leads to a change in their life, to show that they are willing to humble themselves and obey God. Second, if someone is already a child of God and they commit new sin, then they need to repent of it and can pray to God asking His forgiveness (Acts 8:22-24). A child of God doesn't need to be baptized again because they have already come in contact with Christ's saving blood. They just need to repent and ask for forgiveness (1John 1:9).



Bible question: Whose mother dedicated 1,100 shekels of silver to the making of idols?

Last week's question and answer: Who was the second oldest person recorded in the Bible and how old? **Answer:** Jared at 962 years old (Genesis 5:20)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Clemmie Black, Helen Tidwell, Rachel Adams, Johnny & Mae Downs, Ron & Joanne Hutchison, Peggy Newsome