

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

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:

Ron Hutchison

Opening Prayer:

Andy Johnson

Scripture Reading:

Kyle Hobbs

Lord's Table

Bill Vincent
Josh Price
Wesley Tucker
Hyland Darnell

Closing Prayer:

Hyland Darnell

Greeters (East)

Ima and Milodean

Greeters (West)

Kay and Linda

LESSONS

AM: Angry Words

Scripture reading:

James 3:3-10

PM: Veils and

Coverings

Scripture reading:

1Corinthians 11:3-16

THE HIGH COST OF LOW LIVING

By: Jonnie Hutchison

Sin costs! It is estimated that some \$90 billion dollars a year is spent to purchase beverage alcohol. Of course the cost is much greater when one considers treatment for alcohol related diseases and the destruction of property and lives which are the result of alcohol consumption.

The Office of National Drug Control Policy estimates that in the year 2000 Americans spent about \$36 billion on cocaine, \$10 billion on heroin, \$5.4 billion on methamphetamine, \$11 billion on marijuana, and \$2.4 billion on other illegal substances. Those figures do not take into consideration how much was spent in the continual “war on drugs,” the treatment of those addicted to them, or the deaths that resulted from their use.

Family Safe Media estimates that every second \$3,075.64 is being spent on pornography. Although exact figures are difficult to attain and are often disputed, one study indicated that \$2.84 billion dollars was spent on the internet alone on pornography in 2006. Of course, this figure does not include the marriages that were destroyed, the reputations that were damaged or the spiritual harm done to those who view such material.

Thus far we have touched on only a few of the many sinful activities in which mankind participates on a regular basis. Yet, it is obvious that merely from a monetary standpoint participation in sin is expensive. But the actual high cost of low living is seen in the spiritual cost of sin.

“Low living” is costly in that it destroys physically. Continued participation in sin has often resulted in a variety of physical diseases and death. One who abuses his or her body with alcohol, tobacco, recreational drugs or illicit sexual activity will pay a price. The long term effects of beverage alcohol consumption can be both devastating and life threatening including liver disease, hypertension, and pancreatitis. There are also psychological effects. Many suicides are directly related to alcohol consumption and drug abuse. Sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS are often the result of participating in the sins of fornication, adultery and homosexuality. It should be obvious that the consequences of “low living” can be avoided altogether by refusing to participate in it.

“Low living” is costly in that it destroys spiritually. The greatest cost of participation in sin is the ultimate destruction of ones soul. “The soul who sins shall

die....” (Eze. 18:20). “The wages of sin is death....” (Rom. 6:23). These passages are not speaking of annihilation. The death that results from sin is eternal separation from God in the punishment of hell. Speaking of sinners Jesus said, “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (Matthew 25:46). The Bible declares that at the end of all things Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, “in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power” (2 Thess. 1:8-9). This is one aspect of the “high cost of low living.” But there is more, for one who decides to live in sin will miss HEAVEN! The Bible describes heaven in the most wonderful words. Heaven is a place of rest and peace. It is a place in which temptation and sin will not exist. The inspired Peter describes heaven as “... an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 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). In heaven one will be in the very presence of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit. “And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” (Rev. 21:3-4). This, dear reader, is the “high cost of low living” for the sinner will miss heaven!

The “high cost of low living” is indeed enormous for it will cost you everything including your eternal soul. It is our plea that each one who reads this article would seriously consider the high cost of sin. Are the few and temporary pleasures that sin brings worth existing for an eternity in the horrors of hell? Do you want your children and grandchildren to exist there? What will it take to persuade you that entering into the joy of heaven is worth every sacrifice necessary to obtain it? Now is the time to make the necessary changes in your life that will lead to your salvation from sin and obtaining the hope of eternal life. The “high cost of low living” is just too great! [See the next page of this bulletin for God’s plan of salvation.]

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Maria Vincent (11th)
- ⇒ Nathan Puckett (11th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Revelation
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** 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.
- ⇒ **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:** Tuesday, Sep 6th at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Visit:** Walnut Grove on August 14 at 6:00pm
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Cooking Oil

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Linda Jones (having test run)
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Kristin Sims
- ⇒ Virgil Hale
- ⇒ Kim Scott (Has cancer, will be starting treatments)
- ⇒ Paul Brandon (Hazel's brother in-law is in rehab)
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasly (Kevin's cousin's son, 4 years old)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ 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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www.coldwatercoc.org.
You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Revelation 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: Α

Pronounced: al'-fah

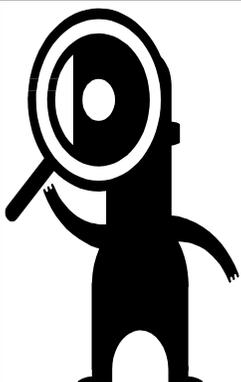
Translated into the word we use today: **First, beginning**

Meaning: according to Strong is: Of Hebrew origin; the first letter of the alphabet: figuratively only (from its use as a numeral) the first. Often used (usually an, before a vowel) also in composition (as a contraction from [G427](#)) in the sense of privation; so in many words beginning with this letter; occasionally in the sense of union (as a contraction of [G260](#)): - Alpha.

Supporting verse: Revelation 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Jesus refers to Himself as the Alpha and the Omega, that is, the Beginning and the End. Unfortunately, most do not understand this or believe it. See, Jesus is God and has always been. Philippians 2:6 "Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God," Jesus is God. That means that He always has been and that He always will be. There is no beginning or end to God, including God the Son, Christ. Also, some don't know that Christ was involved in creating this world. In Genesis 1:1, when it says "God created", this included not only the Father, but Christ, also. In John 1:3, "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made". Verse 14 tells us that this is Christ. See, Christ had a "hand" in creating all things. Everything that we look and know about is because of Him. Therefore, He is the beginning. Also, He is the end, too. Christ lived a life on this earth and died on the cross, but He rose again and went back home, Heaven, to be with God the Father. Christ's life has no end, but He will come at the end of this world and call all to judgment (2Cor 5:10). Then we will be like Him, an eternal spiritual being, where we will exist in one of two places, either heaven or hell. Where will you be?



Bible question: What medium was consulted by a king who had outlawed all mediums?

Last week's question and answer: Who commissioned Ezra to teach the law of God to those who did not know them?

Answer: Artaxerxes—(Ezra 7:21-26)

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