

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."* (Jude 3)  
**September 24, 2017**

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### **ELDERS**

Richard Price  
Kevin Smith  
Bill Vincent

### **DEACONS**

Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher  
Josh Price  
Wesley Tucker

### **PREACHER**

Luke Puckett

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

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

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: 7:00pm

### **LADIES CLASS**

Will resume in  
the fall

## **THOSE TO SERVE**

### **Announcements:**

Josh Fulcher

### **Lead Singing:**

Kevin Smith

### **Opening Prayer:**

Richard Price

### **Scripture Reading:**

Gerald Rule

### **Lord's Table**

Richard Jones  
Chris Smith  
Nathia Whitley  
Kevin Smith

### **Closing Prayer:**

Wesley Tucker

### **Greeters (East)**

Tammy and Kristin

### **Greeters (West)**

Chris and Theresa

### **LESSON**

**AM:** Josh Fulcher

**Scripture reading:**

**PM:** Ron Hutchison

**Scripture reading:**

Genesis 4:3-8

## **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.

# WHAT ABOUT BIBLE TRUTH?

*By: Jerry Joseph*

What is Bible Truth? Can we know Bible Truth? Is it important that we know Bible Truth? The answers to these questions and other questions about Bible Truth are contained within God's Word.

## **BIBLE TRUTH IS ABSOLUTE**

Some have the idea that Bible Truth is relative. That is, truth to one person is not necessarily truth to another. What this philosophy says is that you can basically do, teach, and practice whatever you desire, and God will accept it, since there is no absolute truth. If Bible Truth is relative, there can be no false belief, teaching nor practice. If Bible Truth is relative, why did Jesus say, "Beware of false prophets" (Mat. 7:15)? How can we "try the spirits" (1 John 4:1) if Bible Truth is relative? How can we "all speak the same thing" (1 Cor. 1:10) if Bible Truth is relative? These verses cannot be obeyed without believing and understanding that Bible Truth is **ABSOLUTE**.

## **BIBLE TRUTH IS ATTAINABLE**

Can we know the truth? In John 8:32, Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Yes, truth can be known. Not only can we know it, we must know it in order to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4). If we cannot know the truth, why are we told to study (2 Tim. 2:15); search the Scriptures (John 5:39; Acts 17:11) and meditate upon the Scriptures (Psa. 1:1 -2)? Yes, Bible Truth can be known, that is, it is **ATTAINABLE**.

## **BIBLE TRUTH IS ALL-IMPORTANT**

In John 8:32, Jesus said, "And ye shall know

the truth and the truth shall make you free." It is by knowing the truth that we are made free. In knowing and obeying Bible Truth we have freedom from sin (Rom. 6:23). We will keep ourselves from the vengeance of the Lord by knowing and obeying the truth (2 The. 1:7-9). If we want to prepare ourselves for a home in Heaven, we must know and obey the truth (Mat. 7:21-23). Bible Truth is **ALL-IMPORTANT**.

## **BIBLE TRUTH IS AUTHORITATIVE**

How can we know what is right or wrong, what is truth or error? The answer is not found in politicians, preachers, popularity, power, position in life, pleasing ourselves or pleasing others. But, it is found only in the Bible. We must have Bible authority for all we believe, teach and practice (Col. 3:17; 1 The. 5:21; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). Bible Truth is **AUTHORITATIVE**.

## **BIBLE TRUTH MUST BE ACCEPTED AND APPLIED**

It is not enough just to know that Bible Truth is **ABSOLUTE, ATTAINABLE, ALL-IMPORTANT** and **AUTHORITATIVE**, it must, from the heart, be **ACCEPTED** and **APPLIED** (Rom. 6:17-18; Jam. 1:21-22; Heb. 5:8-9; 1 Pet. 1:22; Mark 16:16).

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

⇒ Johnny and Mae (24th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Leviticus
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 4 (**Andy Johnson**) meets today.
- ⇒ **Team workgroups:** To find out which team you are on, see the bulletin board.
- ⇒ **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 services.
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Oct 3rd at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Ladies Class:** Will start back on Tuesday Oct 3rd at 10am
- ⇒ **Singing and fellowship:** Thanks to all who came!
- ⇒ **Gospel meeting:** October 15-18 with Glen Head
- ⇒ **Chili Supper:** October 14th at Kevin's and Tammy's
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Green Beans
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

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## **Prayer/Sick List**

- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson
- ⇒ Josh Price (recovering from surgery)
- ⇒ Justin Renard
- ⇒ Kim Scott
- ⇒ Kristen Scott
- ⇒ Sue Owczyk (Peggy N. sister)
- ⇒ Trish Puckett (underwent more knee surgery, home recovering)
- ⇒ Sonny McManus (Member at Seven Oaks, has colon cancer)
- ⇒ Paul Brandon
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Dennis Thomas (Judy Black's cousin, has throat cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Billy and Cindy Potts (Wesley's uncle and aunt have cancer)
- ⇒ Dean Chadwick (Tammy's mother)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ 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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| Beersheba  | Megiddo     |
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| Cana       | Nazareth    |
| Cush       | Phrygia     |
| Damascus   | Ramathlehi  |
| Ephesus    | Samaria     |
| Gethsemane | Tyre        |
| Hebron     | Zeredathah  |



**Bible question:** What commander of Syria, also a leper, rode up to Elijah's house in a chariot?

**Last week's question and answer:** Satan was from the very beginning both a liar and this.  
Answer: Murderer (John 8:44)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome