

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 CLASS

Tuesday 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:

Bradley Smith

Opening Prayer:

Andy Johnson

Scripture Reading:

Nathia Whitley

Lord's Table

Chris Smith
Wesley Tucker
Josh Price
Andy Johnson

Closing Prayer:

Gerald Rule

Greeters (East)

Chris and Theresa

Greeters (West)

Amber and boys

LESSONS

AM: Someday My
Prince Will Come

Scripture reading:

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

PM: Securing
Salvation

Scripture reading:

Romans 10:1-3

“THAT’S WHAT MY PREACHER SAID”

By: Jerry Joseph

Have you ever had a religious discussion with someone and they tried to prove their point by saying, “That’s what my preacher said.” Some think that the preacher is somehow the “final authority” in religious matters. He is not!

It is believed by some that if the preacher states it, it has to be right and cannot be wrong. So, they go through life blindly accepting and doing whatever the preacher says without examining such in light of what the Bible authorizes.

Does not the Bible teach that we are to put to the test those who preach and teach to the extent that their message must be compared with the Bible to see whether it is scriptural? Look closely at 1 John 4:1, “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” Notice what is stated concerning the Bereans in Acts 17:11, “Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so.”

One must examine what is being taught no matter who the proclaimer may be. It doesn’t matter the popularity, power or personality of the preacher, put him to the test. It doesn’t matter if he is a member of our family or the number of years we have known him, or if we have considered him a close friend, put him to the test. Even if he may have baptized us or we attended the same school, put him to the test. The belief by some that the preacher is “hands-off” concerning his belief, teaching and

practice is not true. This examination must be done because...

1. Pleasing God demands this personal obligation from each individual as we have seen in previous verses.

2. Precious souls can be led astray and therefore find their soul in a lost condition (2 Peter 2:1-3).

3. Preachers have a duty to “Preach the word...” (2 Timothy 4:2) to please God.

It is possible for a preacher to teach false doctrine (Matt. 7:15). If he does, then loving correction must be exercised. Notice that we are referring to false doctrine, not just something that I personally dislike or disagree with.

One cannot assume or prove that God has authorized something by saying, “that’s what my preacher said.” It is foolish to rest the destiny of one’s soul upon a message that has not been checked out with what God has revealed in His Word. Just because something “seems” to be or “sounds” right, does not mean that it is (Prov. 14:12). One must look to God’s Word for the standard of authority for what is believed, proclaimed and practiced (John 12:48; Colossians 3:17). As we learn it and live by it, then we have the hope of heaven (John 14:1-3; Titus 2:11-12; Rom. 1:16-17; Heb. 5:8-9; Matt. 7:21; Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6; Acts 17:30; Rom. 10:9-10; Mk. 16:16; Rev. 2:10).

————Via St. Peters Proclaimer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Addison Fulcher (8th)
- ⇒ Ray and Jill (9th)
- ⇒ Josh Price (10th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Matthew
- ⇒ **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!
- ⇒ **Ladies Bible class:** Has started back on Tuesdays at 10am
- ⇒ **Chili Supper:** Oct 10th at Kevin and Tammy's house.
- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting:** Our gospel meeting is Oct 18-21 with Andy Brewer. Please keep this effort in mind.
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Starting Oct 6 at 6:30pm. It is a new class that will be held on the first Tuesday of every month. Come prepared with topic ideas and be ready for discussion.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Chicken noodle soup

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule (Continuing to improve)
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Ricky Puckett (Luke's uncle)
- ⇒ Mike Smith (Chris's dad)
- ⇒ Logan Dodd (David's grandfather)
- ⇒ 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

Matthew 1:21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: sōzō (σῶζω)

Pronounced: sode'-zo

Translated into the word we use today: **Save**

Meaning: according to Strong is: from a primary word σωζ sōs (contraction for the obsolete σῶος saos, safe); to save, that is, deliver or protect (literally or figuratively): - heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

Supporting verse: Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

God has always had a plan for salvation. Even before He created this world, He knew that man would fall and thus need a way to get back in right standing with Him. Adam and Eve committed sin after being tempted by the great tempter, and man has continued down this path of sin and violating God's law ever since. With this sin, comes separation from God and spiritual death, thus we need to be saved from this death and reconciled to God our Father. Who do we do this? Through Christ! God sent His son to take our place, to bear our sins and give us the way to salvation, to be spiritually saved from our sins. Notice back in Matthew 1:21 that Jesus was given that name because "He would save His people from their sins". This is the whole reason Christ left His home in heaven, took on the form of a bondservant, and died that death on the cross. Luke 19:10 "for the Son of Man has come to seek and save that which was lost". Christ is THE ONLY WAY to salvation. John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Are we saved in the only way, through the washing of our sin in the blood of Christ?



Bible question: According to Proverbs, what substance affects man like the bite of a snake?

Last week's question and answer: Who built a city called Enoch?

Answer: Cain (Genesis 4:17)

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