

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:

Mitchell Smith

Opening Prayer:

David Dodd

Scripture Reading:

Ron Hutchison

Lord's Table

Wesley Tucker
Josh Price
Andy Johnson
Chris Smith

Closing Prayer:

Johnny Downs

Greeters (East)

Bill and Maria

Greeters (West)

Kyle and Tiffany

LESSONS

AM: Let's Get Down
To Business

Scripture reading:

Philippians 3:3-14

PM: The Christian's
Influence

Scripture reading:

Romans 12:1-5

BIBLE “FAITH” AND “EVIDENCE”

By: Mike Riley

In Hebrews 11:1, the Hebrew writer gives us not so much a definition of what constitutes faith as a description of what faith does in the lives of men in the verses following (cf. Gal. 5:6; 1 Thessalonians 1:3; Hebrews 6:10; James 2:24). New Testament Christianity is a religion of “faith” (Romans 10:17). Faith is produced by the testimony of witnesses (Luke 24:34,43,48; Acts 1:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; 2 Peter 1:16-19; 1 John 1:1-3). We hear the testimony of witnesses, weigh the evidence, and reach a logical conclusion based upon the evidence presented (John 20:30-31).

Empirical Evidence

Referring to the above Scriptures, it is through these “eye-witnesses” that we accept the Bible’s testimony as “truth” (John 17:17). These witnesses reported events that they actually saw and heard. This kind of evidence is called “empirical evidence.”

Priori Evidence

Another kind of evidence is “deduced” from the evidence. This is called “priori evidence”. It is inductive in nature. For example, a detective solves a murder case by coming to the conclusions demanded by the evidence. In a jury trial, guilt is pronounced when the evidence proves the defendant to be guilty “beyond a reasonable doubt”.

Verbally Inspired Scriptures

Still another evidence of the validity of the Bible record is its claim of being “verbally inspired” (2 Timothy 3:16). We are told in 2 Peter 1:21 that various men, chosen by God to be the human instruments to reveal

His will through the written word, wrote as they were guided by the Holy Spirit. They did not write what they “thought” God said. These men did not pen what they “wished” God said; neither did they write what they “thought” God “ought” to have said. They wrote **exactly** what God wanted them to write.

Conclusion

Truly, the Christian’s walk is “by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). None of us have ever seen Christ, yet we love Him and believe in Him (1 Peter 1:8). Why? Because of the **overwhelming evidence!**

Jesus told Thomas, who doubted the other apostles’ testimony of His resurrection (John 20:25), “Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed” (John 20:29). It is with absolute confidence that we have this hope that we will be just as those to whom Peter wrote, “Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls” (1 Peter 1:9).

It is this testimony of credible witnesses to which we look. The Bible was written by God in such a way as to create faith in the heart of man (John 20:30-31). Indeed, to produce a faith that is so strong that nothing will deter us from living faithful to Him all the days of our life (Revelation 2:10), so that we might live eternally with Him (2 Corinthians 5:1-1; 1 Peter 1:3-4; 2 Timothy 4:6-8).

—-via gewatkins.net

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Matthew
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **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
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Thanks to all who came and supported this class. We will meet again the first Tuesday of next month on November 3rd.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Cooking Oil

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell (having knee replacement on the 28th)
- ⇒ 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 (Rachel was placed in a nursing home)
- ⇒ 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

Mat 16:18-19 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (19) And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: ekklēsia (ἐκκλησία)

Pronounced: *ek-klay-see'-ah*

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

Meaning: according to Strong is: a calling out, that is, (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both): - assembly, church

Supporting verse: Eph 5:23-25 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. (24) Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. (25) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Most often when we or others speak of church, we use it in away that the Bible doesn't. We say things like "I'm going to church", implying that the church is a building we go to. Others say things like "choose the church of your choice", implying that there are many churches and that one is as good as another. This is not the case. First of all, the church is not a physical building. It's not made of sticks and stone, but it is a spiritual building established by God and purchased by the blood of Christ. Eph 5:23-25 tells us that Christ is the head of it, and Acts 20:28 tells us that Christ purchased it with His own blood. The church does not belong to some man, but to Christ. Thus, with it belonging to Christ and being spiritual in nature, we see that it is not a building. 1Cor 12:12-27 tells us that the church or body of Christ (Eph 1:22-23) are the people. Notice VS 27 of 1Cor 12, "Now YOU ARE the body of Christ and members individually". Christians make up the church, those who the Lord has added to it (Acts 2:47). Second, we see that Christ only died for one church, His church that He established (Matt 16:18-19). Eph 4:4 tells us that there is but ONE BODY, and remember that the body is the church (Eph 1:22-23). If there is only one body/church, and Christ said that He would build His church, then how can there be many churches, or how can one church be as good as another? It can't be. Let us all strive to be a faithful member in the one body of Christ.



Bible question: Who was filled with the Spirit of God to do all manner of workmanship in constructing the tabernacle?

Last week's question and answer: What concubine of Saul stood by the unburied bodies of her sons in order to keep the birds away?

Answer: Rizpah (2Sam 21:10)

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