

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)
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ELDERS

Richard Price
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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

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:

Bill Vincent

Lead Singing:

Ron Hutchison

Opening Prayer:

Richard Price

Scripture Reading:

Kyle Hobbs

Lord's Table

Johnny Downs
Richard Price
Luke Puckett
Gerald Rule

Closing Prayer:

Chris Smith

Greeters (East)

Nathia and Ashlee

Greeters (West)

Bill and Maria

LESSONS

AM: What Will Build
A Strong Church?

Scripture reading:

Matthew 16:13-20

PM: Baptism for the
Dead

Scripture reading:

1Corinthians 15:25-30

WHAT ABOUT BIBLICAL TRUTH

By: Jerry Joseph

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

◆ BIBLICAL TRUTH IS ABSOLUTE

Some have the idea that Biblical 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 Biblical Truth is relative, there can be no false belief, teaching nor practice. If Biblical 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 Biblical Truth is relative? How can we "all speak the same thing" (1 Cor. 1:10) if Biblical Truth is relative? These verses cannot be obeyed without believing and understanding that Biblical Truth is **ABSOLUTE**.

◆ BIBLICAL 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, Biblical Truth can be known, that is, it is **ATTAINABLE**.

◆ BIBLICAL 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 Biblical 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). Biblical Truth is **ALL-IMPORTANT**.

◆ BIBLICAL 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, 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). Biblical Truth is **AUTHORITATIVE**.

◆ BIBLICAL TRUTH MUST BE ACCEPTED

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

—Via St. Peters Proclaimer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Milodean Black (15th)
- ⇒ Ron Hutchison (15th)
- ⇒ Tiffany Hobbs (18th)
- ⇒ Josh Fulcher (19th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Ecclesiastes
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team **2** 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!
- ⇒ **Potluck:** Thanksgiving potluck will be Nov 20th after AM service.
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Dec 6th at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Men's breakfast:** Thanks for all who came and helped.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Ketchup

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell (fell and broke her arm)
- ⇒ Peggy Newsome
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson (having test run)
- ⇒ Kim Scott (continuing treatments)
- ⇒ Paul Brandon (Hazel's brother in-law)
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasley (Kevin's cousin's son)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ Romona White (Mitchell's roommate's mother has cancer)
- ⇒ 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

Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: ginomai (γίνομαι)

Pronounced: ghin'-om-ahee

Translated into the word we use today: **Made or Created**

Meaning: according to Strong is: A prolonged and middle form of a primary verb; to *cause to be* (generate), that is, (reflexively) to *become* (*come into being*), used with great latitude (literally, figuratively, intensively, etc.): - arise be assembled, be (come, -fall, -have self), be brought (to pass), (be) come (to pass), continue, be divided, be done, draw, be ended, fall, be finished, follow, be found, be fulfilled, + God forbid, grow, happen, have, be kept, be made, be married, be ordained to be, partake, pass, be performed, be published, require, seem, be showed, X soon as it was, sound, be taken, be turned, use, wax, will, would, be wrought.

Supporting verse: John 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

When we think about or talk about creation, there is always a lot of controversy over it. Some or most like to think that this world came about by chance and man evolved into the form we are today. In today's world, many think you "stupid" to even consider that there is a God and He created this world. All we have to do is look around us for the evidence we need to see that there is a God and He did create all things. In Psalms 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork." When we see the flowers growing, sunshine or rain, or even the wonderful birth of a new child, we are seeing God's creation working. God created or made all things. We are living proof of that. God the Father, Son, and Spirit all had a hand in creating us and this world. Genesis 1:1,26 tells us this. The word God is used in the plural and is referring to all three. Read John 1, and we can see that the Word, Jesus (vs14), had a hand in making all things. So when we think about creation, and we should, remember God created all things, therefore we need to serve Him.



Bible question: What tiny insect did David compare himself to when Saul pursued him?

Last week's question and answer: Who attacked a Midianite camp at night?

Answer: Gideon—(Judges 17)

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