

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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Richard Price
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Johnny Downs
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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:

Bill Vincent

Lead Singing:

Ron Hutchison

Opening Prayer:

Andy Johnson

Scripture Reading:

David Dodd

Lord's Table

Bradley Smith
Josh Fulcher
Kevin Smith
Luke Puckett

Closing Prayer:

Richard Price

Greeters (East)

Johnny and Mae

Greeters (West)

Tammy and Mitchell

LESSONS

AM: The Gospel
Truth

Scripture reading:

2Timothy 3:16-17

PM: Is Your Name
Known?

Scripture reading:

Acts 4:8-12

WORLDLY THINKING AND THE CHURCH

By: Jerry Joseph

In 1 John 2:15-17, we have these words, “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.” When one thinks about the “world” as stated here, it is that which will keep us from enjoying the love of God; it is that which will keep us from doing the will of God. No wonder then we are told “Love not the world...”; “And be not conformed to this world...” (Romans 12:2) and one is “...to keep himself unspotted from the world” (James 1:27). When the Church is influenced by the world then she ceases to be holy. Look at the thinking of so many in our world today and how such thinking is having an evil impact upon the Church today. In the mindset of the world...

- **RICHES** are to be our **GOAL** in life. To get, get, get and get, that is what life is all about is the thinking of so many. If one has to lie or cheat to obtain things so be it. If one has to sacrifice “spiritual activities”, “church services”, or “family time” in order to “possess” more stuff, some will do it. When that happens the Church is being influenced by the thinking of the world.

Remember, our Lord said “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).

- **RELATIVISM** is **GOOD**. With this mind set everything is “relative”; there is no definite right or wrong. There is no absolute standard of right or wrong. So God and His Word is pushed aside. Tragically some are promoting this kind of thinking today. When it comes to morality,

marriage & divorce and matters of salvation and acceptable worship some are traveling this road of “relativism”. But, there is an absolute standard of right and wrong and that is God’s Word and it must be followed (2 Timothy 3:15-17; Colossians 3:17; Titus 2:11-12; Galatians 5:19-23).

- **RECREATION** has become a “**GOD**”. There is the “playtime philosophy” that has taken over the thinking of so many. Tragically some will intentionally miss Bible classes, Worship services, etc. to enjoy “playtime”, recreational activities or just to watch others personally or by means of TV who are involved in such. It is time that parents step “up to the plate” and say and show to their children what must be a priority in life. Remember Jesus said, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness...” (Matthew 6:33).
- **RIGHTNESS** is determined by **RESULTS**. If it works or gets results then it must be right according to the thinking of the world. So in the Church some are saying if you get results or more attendance at services by preaching a compromising message or preaching what the people want to hear instead of what they need to hear, then it is okay to do it. To have drama presentations, skits, praise teams, so called contemporary worship services, children’s church, instrumental music, etc., is okay, some say, if you get results. To provide entertainment and or recreational facilities or activities is okay, some say, if it get results. The problem with this kind of thinking is, it is of the world. Rightness is not determined by results but by God’s Word (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

The Church to be what God wants, she must not be listening to the “world” but must be living by the Word in all things (Colossians 3:17).

—Via the St. Peters church of Christ

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Debbie Brandon (15th)
- ⇒ Kyle Hobbs (16th)
- ⇒ Nathia and Ashlee (19th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Romans
- ⇒ **Team:** Team 2
- ⇒ **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:** Will be held on Tuesday Jan 05 at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **New Years Eve:** We will have a New Years Eve party here at the building December 31 starting at 6:00pm.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Spaghetti Noodles

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell (had knee replacement surgery on the 28th)
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule (Continuing to improve)
- ⇒ Jonnie Hutchison (Amber's father is having eye trouble)
- ⇒ David Brandon
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison (cancer)
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Maria's sister-continuing to recover from heart surgery.
- ⇒ Lucetria Hutchison (Ronnie's mother)
- ⇒ Jay Kolb (Friend of Bill and Maria has brain tumor)
- ⇒ 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

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: epaischunomai (ἐπαισχύνομαι)

Pronounced: ep-ahee-skhoo'-nom-ahee

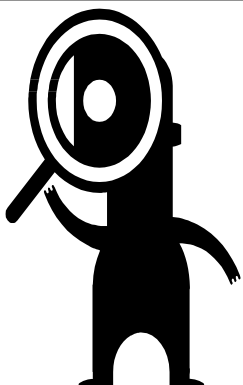
Translated into the word we use today: **Ashamed**

Meaning: according to Strong is: to *feel shame* for something: - be ashamed. Thayer simply says 1) to be ashamed

Supporting verse: Luke 9:26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Have you ever done something or said something that afterwards you wish you had not said, maybe even you were ashamed of what you had done? Has someone ever said you should be ashamed of yourself or what you have done? Maybe you have said that to someone? What is meant when this is said? It means that we have done something or said something that is not right or that we bring shame for saying or doing that. Paul, by inspiration, tells us in Romans 1:16 “not to be ashamed of the gospel of Christ”. Actually Paul says, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ”, implying that we shouldn't be either. What did Paul mean here? He is saying that there is no wrong or shame in standing in the gospel of Christ. His words are truth (John 17:17). We should never be ashamed of Christ and the fact that we are Christians even if we are the only ones following Him. What about you? Have you ever done something or said something that would make others think that you are not a Christian or that you are ashamed of Him and His gospel? Have you ever been ashamed of the fact that you are a Christian or of the gospel? If so, why? There is nothing to be ashamed of! After all, the gospel of Christ is truth and in it is the power of God to salvation for everyone!



Bible question: What congregation had those who worked in Caesar's household?

Last week's question and answer: What mother made her absentee son a new coat each year?

Answer: Hannah (1Samuel 2:19)

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