

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

**December 14, 2014**

## **Coldwater church of Christ**

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### **ELDERS**

Richard Price  
Kevin Smith  
Bill Vincent

### **DEACONS**

Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher  
Wesley Tucker

### **PREACHER**

Luke Puckett

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

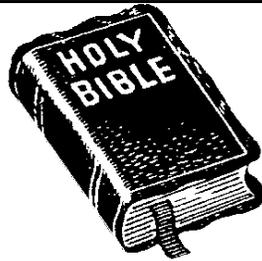
Bible Class: 9:30  
AM Worship: 10:15  
PM Worship: 1:00

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: 7:00pm

### **Ladies Bible Class**

Tuesdays: 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:**

Josh Price

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Kevin Smith

#### **Scripture Reading:**

David Dodd

#### **Lord's Table**

Richard Jones  
Richard Price  
Kevin Smith  
Johnny Downs

#### **Closing Prayer:**

Wesley Tucker

#### **Greeters (East)**

Chris and Theresa

#### **Greeters (West)**

Richard and Rita

### **LESSONS**

AM: Seven Ones of  
Ephesians 4 (part 1)  
Scripture reading:  
Ephesians 4:1-6

PM: Peacemakers in a  
World of Strife  
Scripture reading:  
Matt 5:1-12

# SALVATION BY GRACE

*By: Jerry Joseph*

It is God's desire that all men be saved (1 Timothy 2:4). God, as it is stated in 2 Peter 3:9, ". . . is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." It is evident therefore that God does not want anyone to be lost.

God, by His grace, has provided the way by which we can be saved. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men" (Titus 2:11). Paul declared, "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24). In Ephesians 2:8, these words, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." It is impossible for anyone to be saved apart from the grace of God.

Because the Bible declares that we are saved by the grace of God, does that mean that our salvation is wholly by God's grace apart from any acts of obedience upon man's part? NO! Nowhere within the Word of God is it taught that salvation is by grace alone. The idea that we are saved "wholly by grace" is the Calvinistic idea of God's grace and stands in conflict with what the Bible teaches concerning the grace of God.

If salvation is by grace alone, then that must mean that man has no part whatsoever in his own salvation. But, salvation by grace does not exclude man having a part in his salvation. Peter in Acts 2:40 exhorts the people "save yourselves."

We must remember that salvation by grace does not exclude the necessity of obedience upon man's part. When we obey the commands of God in becoming a child of God, that does not nullify God's grace. Jesus emphasized the necessity of obedience in Matthew 7:21, when He said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." We cannot be saved without obedience to God's Word. According to Acts 10:35, only those who ". . . feareth him, and worketh righteousness, [are] accepted with him." In Hebrews 5:9 we learn that Jesus is ". . . the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." To obtain salvation offered by God's grace means that we must believe (John 8:24); repent (Luke 13:3); confess Christ (Matthew 10:32-33) and be baptized (Mark 16:16).

Yes, salvation is a gift from God (Ephesians 2:8-9). But just because salvation is a gift does not mean there are no conditions that must be met by man. Neither does it mean that it ceases to be a gift when we obey the conditions stated. We do not merit salvation but we must accept God's grace according to his conditions and not reject it (Acts 13:46).



## Coat Drive

Please bring new or used coats, jackets, or hoodies.

See announcements for more information.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

⇒ Debbie Brandon (15th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Ephesians and Philippians
- ⇒ **Team: 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.
- ⇒ **Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
- ⇒ **Coat Drive:** Team 1 is sponsoring a coat drive. Please bring new or used coats, jackets, or hoodies to Wesley, Luke, or anyone on Team 1. Please have them at the building by the first of January.
- ⇒ **New Years Eve:** A fellowship will follow Wednesday night Bible study on 12-31 to bring in the new year!
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Instant Potatoes

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## **Prayer/Sick List**

- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Todd Walker
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Norma & Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison Berry (friend of Stembridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Maddie Johnson
- ⇒ Whitney Tucker
- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Nat Evans (Randall's father)
- ⇒ Jordan Hobbs
- ⇒ Remember all who will be traveling this holiday season.
- ⇒ 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.coldwaterchurchof  
christ.org](http://www.coldwaterchurchofchrist.org). You will find  
bulletins, sermon outlines,  
and other helpful links  
and material.



# THE SEVEN ONES (one body, one spirit, and one hope)

What are we to endeavor in? \_\_\_\_\_

How do the seven ones relate to unity of the Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. One Body

- a. What is the one body? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Who is the head of the body? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Who is, also, the builder and founder? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Who makes up this body? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. How do many members make up one body, and how are we to work together? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. One Spirit

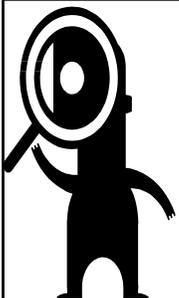
- a. What different kinds of "spirits" are listed in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Which Spirit is meant here as the One Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Who is the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. How is the Holy Spirit equal with God? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. On whose authority did the Holy Spirit speak? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Why did the Spirit once allow miraculous power? \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Has this time ceased and why? \_\_\_\_\_
- h. What is the role of the Spirit in God's plan? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. One Hope

- a. How does God call men today? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What is this one hope? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. In whom is this hope found? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Why is the hope of heaven so motivating and powerful? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_



**Bible question:** Who was visited by the angel Gabriel while confessing sins?

**Last week's answer:** God (Job 38:6)

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