

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks
(FV) Keith Stifflemire
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Jorge Garza
1st prayer Judd Wall
2nd prayer Keith Stifflemire
Announcements: Jack Wall
Singing: Mike Mallett

November 3rd

Mission Sunday

November 11th

Veterans Day

November 24th

Noon Fellowship

November 28th

Thanksgiving Day

Happy Birthday

Valerie Garza Nov 1st

Tammy Burks Nov 3rd

Jorge Garza Nov 12th

Theresa Pruett Nov 14th

Calvin Burks Nov 26th

Linda Houts Nov 28th

Prayer List:

Pringle Family
Mike Lovell
Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Loyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement

Quotes & Sayings

- *"If we will not be governed by God, then we will be ruled by tyrants." William Penn*
- *"Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people...so great is my veneration of the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read, the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens in their country and respectful members of society." John Adams*
- *"It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible reading people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom." Horace Greeley*
- *"England has two books; the Bible and Shakespeare. England made Shakespeare, but the Bible made England"*

Victor Hugo

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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We Are As We Think

By Ron Boatwright

All of our actions first originate in our mind. Proverbs 23:7 says, "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." We are what we think. Those who think on evil things become evil just as those in Noah's day. "Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5). Those who think evil, do evil. "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be" (Romans 8:5-7). The sinful things that people say and do originate in the mind. "For those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man" (Matthew 15:18).

But how can our thinking be used for us to live a godly life so we can go to heaven? "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you" (Psalms 119:11). By studying God's word and making it part of our life we will "sanctify the Lord God in your hearts" (1 Peter 3:15). By doing this we will "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). For us to go to heaven we must, "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2).

We must purify our hearts for, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). How do we purify our hearts so we can go to heaven? "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8). As we think on pure and holy things our lives will be righteous. We will "not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2) as we study God's word. Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). If we do this we will obey all that God commands and one day be with Him in heaven.

The Church Of Christ

By Ron Boatwright

What is the difference between the church of Christ and the many differing denominations? Why is the one church that belongs to Christ referred to as the church of Christ (Romans 16:16), instead of being named after some other man such as Martin Luther or John the Baptist, or after a city such as Rome, or the apostles, or the Day of Pentecost, or the community, or the methodical way of doing things? They seem to be ashamed to wear the name of Christ. But Jesus says, "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38).

The church is the Lord's bride. "Just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their husbands in everything" (Ephesians 5:24). What if the wife told her husband when they were married that she did not want to wear his name, but she wanted to wear the name of one of her old boy-friends? How do you think her husband would feel? He would feel the same way Christ feels when the denominations take on other names that give glory to other people, things, or places. By their own names they don't even claim to belong to Christ.

The Lord's church is referred to as the church of Christ (Romans 16:16), because Christ built it and He called it His own, when He said, "Upon this rock I will build My church" (Matthew 16:18). Christ "gave Himself for her" (Ephesians 5:25), the church, "which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). Christ is the "head over all things to the church, which is His body" (Ephesians 1:22-23), of which there is only "one body" (Ephesians 4:4). There is only one body and this one body is the Lord's one true church. Christ only has one church that He has promised to save, since "He is the saviour of the body" (Ephesians 5:23). People in the many denominational churches will be lost since they have no promise of salvation from the Lord. They are not in the Lord's one church, the one body He is going to save.

We read in Acts 2:47, "The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." The Lord only adds the saved to His one church. But who are the saved? Jesus says, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). The vast majority of the denominations say that baptism is not necessary to be saved, but Jesus say that it is necessary. It is when one is baptized that one is saved and "baptized into one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13), the church of Christ. Even though we are sad for those who will be lost in the many denominations, we should "rejoice because your names are written in Heaven" (Luke 10:20).