

Those to Serve

(B) Mike Mehaffey
(FV) Calvin Burks
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) James Lovell
1st prayer Jack Wall
2nd prayer: Keith Stifflemire
Announcements: Jack Wall
Singing: Kevin Grant

September 27th

Noon Fellowship

October 4th

Mission Sunday

October 11th

Men's Business Meeting

October 24, 2026

Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:00 AM

October 25th

Noon Fellowship

November 1st

Mission Sunday

Day light savings

November 8th

Friends & Family Day

Happy Anniversary

October 2nd

Corey & Mattie Tackett

Happy Birthday

Judy Grant Sept. 28th

Judd Wall Oct. 10th

Mike Mallett Oct 21st

Ruby Jones Oct. 24th

Sharon Boatwright Oct. 27th

Prayer List:

James & Jennifer Lovell
Joy Payne
Michael Payne
Jorge & Valerie Garza
Virgina Lovell
Linda Houts
Wanda Kitchens
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

And God Said No

I asked God to take away all my trials and God said no.

The trials you face on Earth will make you stronger and will help you learn more about the gifts that I have given you. Although I will not take away your trials, I promise that I will always be with you to help you to overcome your trials if you ask me.

I asked God for wealth and God said no.

The gold and silver that you gain here do not compare to the salvation that you can earn through my Son.

I asked God to teach me about Him and God said no.

I have sent you prophets, the Holy Ghost, and even My Son to teach you. Go and learn about Me from them.

I asked God to heal my only child and God said no.

I know your pain for I sacrificed My Son for you, but even as I had a plan for My Son, so have I for yours.

I asked God if He loved me and God said yes. That is why I let My Son die for you, that is why I have been sending prophets to you, and that is why I will never leave you.

I asked God to help me love others as much as He loves me and God said ...

Ah, you've finally got the right idea.

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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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What is a Christian?

The prophet Isaiah looked to the coming Messianic age and said, "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name" (Isaiah 62:1-2). "Christian" is that new name God promised to his people. After the gospel had spread from the Jewish world to the Gentile world as well, the church in Antioch took a lead in mission efforts. Because of this "the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26).

The name of "Christian," found only three times in the New Testament, is a descriptive name that conveys the idea of association and ownership, that the Christian belongs to and associates with Christ. Peter said, "if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf" (1 Peter 4:16). "Christian" is a name to be treasured, even if it means suffering and death. The Christian belongs to Christ and wants to serve Him.

As Paul pleaded for Agrippa to follow Christ, Agrippa replied, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28). If Agrippa had been altogether persuaded "to be a Christian," he would have become a child of God, a member of the Lord's church, and one born again of the water and the Spirit (John 3:3-5).

Several names, including "the church" described the disciples or followers of Christ before they were called Christians. Luke writes of the believers in Jerusalem that "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47). Thus those who had obeyed Peter's command of Acts 2:38, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins," were the saved, and members of the church. Paul reminded the Romans what they had done to become Christians. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin" (Romans 6:3-6).

As he described his conversion, Paul said of the church, "I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women" (Acts 22:4). Paul was persecuting people who knew that being a Christian was a way of life. As he told the Romans, "our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin" (Romans 6:6). The Christian, who has become a "new creature" (2 Corinthians 5:17) no longer serves sin, but serves Christ. A Christian has obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ, and lives for Him daily.

By Bob Prichard

It is Finished

The statement "It is finished" is considered by many to be one of the final statements of Jesus as He hung on Calvary's cross. What did Jesus mean when he referred to "it?" No doubt he was referring to the work the Father gave Him to do. (John 9:4) Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). Obviously, all the lost were not yet saved when Jesus died. The process for saving them, however, was finished. Jesus put in motion the preaching of the gospel. He gave the Great Commission to His disciples so men could know what to do to be saved (Mark 16:15, 16). He shed His blood to open the door to heaven for Jew and Gentile alike.

Jesus also came that all men might have life (John 10:10). John tells us that "in Him was life, and the life was the light of men." (John 1:4) Jesus opened the door of life for all those who obey Him (Heb.5:9).

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). He most definitely did that when he drove out demons from men (Mark. 5:1-20).

Jesus came to set up His church. He laid the foundation (Eph. 2:20). He gave his apostles the entrance requirements and sent them out to preach. All this was done in order to finish the work the Father gave Him to do. (John 17:4)

"It is finished" shows authority. To say "it is finished" is to say no additions are necessary. When man attempts to add, change, or modify the work of Jesus, he is denying the authority of that statement. God's work of redemption is done, it is completed.

Peter noted that we have all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). Therefore, nothing more is needed. The plan of salvation is complete. Many today have yet to obey (Rom. 10:16). The old song we sometimes sing says, "Trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus than to trust and obey." Does that song apply to you? Is your salvation complete? What more must you do?

By Bill Brandstatter