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Assembly Times

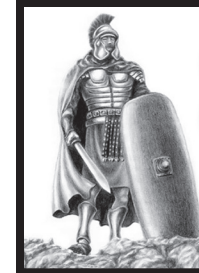
Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine***

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. Philip (Acts 8:30)
2. Judas (Matthew 27:4)
3. Jesus (Matthew 13:57)
4. Stephen (Acts 7:52)
5. Ahab (1 Kings 18:17)



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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The Church Of Christ

The Church of Christ is not a denomination, nor any part of denominationalism. It is the church you read about in the Bible, the one to which God adds the saved (Acts 2:47). All denominations admit (even the Catholics) that a person can be saved, can be a Christian, a child of God, in the family of God, and a member of the boy of Christ WITHOUT being a member of any denomination (including the Catholic).

But the Bible plainly teaches that Christ’s Church is Christ’s Body (Eph. 1:22–23), and that all saved people are added to this church, (Christ’s Church) by the Lord when we are saved (Acts 2:47). This is the church of which Christ is the HEAD (Eph. 1:22–23), for which He DIED (Eph. 5:25), for which He purchased with His BLOOD (Acts 20:28), in which the HOLY SPIRIT dwells (1 Cor. 3:16–17), of which Christ is the SAVIOR (Eph. 5:23).

This church met together and worshipped God (Acts 2:41–42), and rendered service to the needy (Acts 2:44–45) WITHOUT joining ANY denomination. They were simply Christians (Acts 11:26; 1 Peter 4:16), - not Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, etc. (Acts 4:12). They were members simply and only of Christ’s church, the church to which God added them, the Church of Christ (Rom. 16:16). This is exactly what the Church of Christ is today.

You can be JUST A CHRISTIAN, a member of the body of Christ, His church, WITHOUT being a member of the Catholic church or the Baptist church, or any Methodist church, or ANY denomination. Come to the CHURCH OF CHRIST.

by Grover Stevens

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Lester Mabry
Announcements: John Franks
Encouragement Talk: Kevin Buckner
Opening Prayer: Billy Lovell
Scripture Reading: Titus 3:1–7
Song Leader:
Table Talk: Charles Willis
Contribution: Arturo Orozco
Helper: Crowin Richardson
Fruit of Vine:
Helper:
Helper: Verlin Wilson
Closing Prayer: Sandon Spyker

Sunday Afternoons

July 7 Nothing
July 14 3PM Devotionals
July 21 Nothing
July 28 Classroom Quarter Change

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Arturo Orozco
Speaker: John Franks

The Truth About Profanity by Charles Willis

I have searched for a source giving the increase in the use of profanity in recent years, but I have been unable to locate one. This does not trouble me greatly since everyone who is a believer in God recognizes that profanity has become more common. Not too long ago a curse word in a film mean it would receive an “R” rating, but that’s not true today. Words that were “restricted” are now heard in movies rated “PG13” and even “PG”. Sadly this problem is even observed on the television in that more programming is aired with obscenities than most of us even notice. The music industry is flooded with profanity. Step foot into any local elementary school and you will hear profanity coming from the mouth of children you wouldn’t think could even know the words, much less string them together in an adult fashion. Such is common in our society and as Christians we need to notice it! Too often I fear it occurs without our notice.

Society in general would have us believe that there is nothing wrong with profanity, but that is just our perception of society. In Standish, Michigan a judge upheld the conviction of a man who cursed in front of children after falling out of a canoe, ruling that Michigan’s 102-year-old anti-swearing law is constitutional. The original conviction from the summer of 1999 was upheld where Timothy Boomer, a 26-year-old computer programmer, was fined \$75 and ordered to work four days in a child-care program for letting loose a three-minute stream of profanities. (seattlepi.nwsourc.com/national/canu18 .html) The St. Petersburg Times On Line (published Sept.8, 2000) reports where the Hillsborough County School Board passed a new rule that parents of High School athletes must sign a form agreeing to pay a fine if their child curses while playing in High School sports in Hillborough County. The offender will be fined \$50, get ejected from the game and have to sit out the next game. The first offender was Manny Hernandez, a senior quarterback from Chamberlain High School in a preseason game. All penalties were enforced. The team also received a 15 yard penalty.

Know Your Bible

Who Said It?

1. Do you understand what you are reading?
2. I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.
3. A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.
4. Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute?
5. Is this you, you troubler of Israel?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



One other example: John Tait, the 14th selected rookie in the NFL Draft of 1999 left a \$4 Million contract sitting on the table of the Chiefs president – Carl Peterson. The 26-year-old was deeply offended when Peterson began repeatedly cursing during negotiations. Tait stood up and said, “this is over”. (Sept. 1, 1999, CNNSI.com) These are the types of things we seldom hear about because the media deems them unimportant. I for one am greatly encouraged by such things!

Scripture does not give us a list of “illegal words” because profanity changes. What was a “normal” word can change in meaning to become vulgar. “Gay” is one such word. God did not specify words, but specified attitude! Our speech is to be “*seasoned with salt*” (Cal. 4:6). We are to be “*sound in speech which is beyond reproach, in order that the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us*” (Titus. 2:8). We are to let “*no unwholesome (literally ‘rotten’, CLW) word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear*” (Eph. 4:29). We must further consider Ephesians 5:4 “*and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.*” As well as Colossians 3:8 which says to put away “*abusive*” speech. Where in these passages are specific profanities listed? God’s instruction seems to be: you know what is considered profanity, don’t say it. Several reasons are given for why a Christian should not use vulgar language, and yet some Christians do. Whether habit, a “slip of the tongue”, or a planned use, all are wrong for the Christian. Clean speech is a challenge for some but is a definite mark of the believer.

We often talk about how the church seems to follow the world about 20 years later. Will we allow our speech to become “unwholesome” and “filthy”? Ephesians 5:4 says these things are not “*fitting*”! We need to remember the words of Christ: “*Every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for in the day of judgment. For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned*” (Matthew 12:36-37). Will our words benefit us or condemn us in the last day? Let us all cultivate “sound speech” and not be led in the path of unrighteousness by the worldly practice of cursing.

By Charles Willis