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Church of Christ**

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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. Nimrod (Genesis 10:8-10)
2. The enslaved Israelites (Gen. 4:17)
3. Solomon (1 Kings 9:1-17)
4. Reoboam (2 Chron.11:5-10)
5. Omri (1 Kings 16:23-24)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Corwin Richardson
Announcements: Arturo Orozco
Encouragement Talk: John Van Baale
Opening Prayer: Tyler Blazek
Scripture Reading: Eddie Bowen
Luke 1:67-80
Song Leader: Billy Lovell
Table Talk: Kevin Buckner
Contribution: Casey Thomas
Helper: Kyle Crain
Fruit of Vine: Billy Scherry
Helper: Sandon Spyker
Helper: Lester Mabry
Closing Prayer: John Franks

Sunday Afternoons

Sept 22 Nothing
Sept 29 3PM Devotionals
Oct 6 Nothing
Oct 13 Group Visitation (no meeting at the building; go with a friend)

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: John Franks
Speaker: Eddie Bowen



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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Becoming Convinced Of What?

There is a lot of language in our news lately about “fake news.” The claim is that many have been listening to “fake news” and have reached wrong conclusions. This is nothing new, for men have been listening to false teachers ever since God gave instruction to mankind, and still do so today. *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths”* (2 Tim. 4:3-4).

Within the current social discussion about “fake news” there is a strong emphasis on listening to an authoritative source. This is so very true in regards to our beliefs about spiritual things. Paul told Timothy, *“You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them”* (2 Tim. 3:14). Timothy learned the truth from the apostle Paul. His authority came from Christ and was demonstrated in his miracles. Timothy’s conviction was based on the reliability of the source.

Paul worked very hard to persuade others (Acts 17:4; 18:4), and Agrippa said, *“In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian”* (Acts 26:28). Persuade means ‘to convince’ (Strong’s). His appeal was they listen to God as the source of belief. *“When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening”* (Acts 28:23).

Our conviction must be based on the authority of God revealed in the Holy Word. Conviction based on any other source makes us susceptible to believing a myth. *“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”* (Rom. 10:17). Let us imitate the Bereans who *“received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so”* (Acts 17:11).

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Be Fully Convinced

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Conviction: a word we use to describe someone’s sentence to prison. The evidence proved their guilt. In a similar way we use the word to describe a strong belief based upon the evidence. We have become persuaded in our mind to the point of belief.

Conviction Is Necessary For Belief

“For I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day” (2 Tim. 1:12). Paul serves as a great example for us of a person who became convinced. He was a persecutor of the church, one who did not believe Jesus was the Messiah. With God’s intervention on the road to Damascus, he learned the truth. He became fully persuaded to believe in Jesus and devoted the remainder of his life to teaching the gospel as an apostle of Christ.

The faith of Paul was solid and firm, unwavering. He trusted God with His soul, and was convinced God would save him. Such confidence must have come from his inspired knowledge of truth and his own obedience. He was “convinced” that nothing “will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39).

The “conviction” in both of these verses is from the same Greek word meaning, “to be persuaded, to be induced to believe” (Thayer). You and I must also be induced to believe. We must be convinced to the point our confidence is strong.

Be Fully Convinced In His Own Mind

“One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind” (Rom. 14:5). The word for “convinced” in this and the following passages is a different word meaning: to fill one with any thought, conviction, inclination (Thayer). What convinces us? How do we learn to “lean” one way or another?

Knowledge of the word of God is the only thing that will create proper conviction. Some are convinced by what a man says, or what they think is right – but this does not agree with scripture.

Know Your Bible

Builders of Cities

1. Who built ancient Babylon?
2. Who built the ancient treasure cities of Pithom and Raamses?
3. Who rebuilt Gezer, which had been given as a wedding gift to his Egyptian wife by her father?
4. What king of Judah built up the defenses of Bethlehem?
5. What king of Israel built the nation’s capital at Samaria?

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.



Godliness and righteousness are founded upon the word of God. We must become convinced by His word.

A logical conclusion must be that we need to study to show ourselves approved unto God. We need to be able to prove what is the good, perfect and acceptable will of God. This is how we will know that we are in a right relationship with God.

We are “fully assured that what God has promised, He was able also to perform” (Rom. 4:21). To the Colossians Paul writes, “that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God” (Col. 4:12). Our conviction comes from God’s word and His promises regarding eternity.

The Problem

Some folks just never become convinced. They are content to be pushed and pulled by every wind of doctrine rather than be anchored in a true hope of heaven. Christians who fail to study regularly will not have the conviction of faith that they should have. Their knowledge of their salvation will either be shaky, or it will be incorrectly assumed to be assured. They may deceive themselves.

Conclusion

Where do you stand with God? Does He consider you righteous? How sure are you? Conviction of the truth and the reality of God will demand righteous living! How do we become stronger in faith? How do we mature in Christ? Become fully convinced!

