

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



The Church In A Ship By John Davis

The Roman Emperor, Caesar, was once sailing with his armed men on a campaign against Greece. They encountered a severe storm and fears were great. Caesar attempted to calm the fears of the sailors by reminding them with these words:

“Remember you carry Caesar and his fortunes.”

Paul reminded us that we have this treasure in earthen vessels (2 Corinthians 4:7). Vessels often carry precious cargo. Occasionally we read of treasures retrieved from the wreckage of ships sunk many years ago.

We remember when Peter, James, John, Matthew, Bartholomew and the rest of the apostles sailed the Sea of Galilee. Peter, Andrew, James and John knew that sea well. They knew the danger of storms and most likely had lost friends caught in storms there.

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SUNDAY

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
8:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thru the Bible in 52
Weeks - Exodus
9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Jesus is tested in the
wilderness
Matthew 4:1-11
Luke 4:1-14



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“Study to shew thyself
approved unto God, a
workman that needeth
not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word
of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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We Must Only Worship God

By Ron Boatwright

But God is also displeased with other forms of irreligion, such as the practice of witchcraft and the attempts to contact the dead (Leviticus 20:6-8). God expected worship of Him alone (Matthew 4:10; cf. Deuteronomy 6:13; Deuteronomy 10:20). And He made serious provision for the punishment of those who would “play the harlot” with other gods (Hosea 3:1-4). He will not tolerate such from us either.

Those who would commit such spiritual adultery in the Old Testament would find that such worship was vain, because in time of true need, these gods could not help them (see the contest on Matthew Carmel between Elijah and the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-40). In addition, the worship of other gods proved to be costly, for the punishment was death by stoning.

What is the cost of following other gods today (be they money, fame, lust, etc.)? While it is true that the followers of idolatry will not be stoned, they do not escape. Still, the gods of men cannot help in time of trouble.

In fact, like the character of many men, these false gods are said to laugh at their followers problems. And the punishment for service to these gods is still death, albeit a spiritual one, for it is separation from God for eternity (Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 6:23).

The Old Testament is filled with such important teachings, and we would be well-served to “take heed” of the examples of old (Hebrews 3:7-12 KJV).

Such a storm came, but this time Jesus was sailing with these men. Mark called it a “great storm” (Mark 4:37) and yet Jesus was asleep. The disciples cried, “Master carest thou not that we perish?” (Mark 4:38). Not for a moment do we believe the storm caught Jesus unawares. He always knew where He was and what was happening around Him.

Someone asked, “What if that ship had sunk?” But such could never have happened, for Jesus said to the sea: “Peace be still. And the wind ceased and there was great calm” (Mark 4:39).

If Jesus is in the ship wherein I sail, it will never sink. Yes, there will be storms and when I see only the storm, it is frightful and threatening. When waves crash over the bow, winds rip down sails and oars and rudder are useless, it is time and past time to remember that Jesus is sailing with us. He is asleep in the midst of the storm, but is totally aware of the winds and the waves.

Sail with Jesus, and when the storms come, as they surely will, you will ride out the storm and reach yonder shore safely. I dare not sail alone. To do so is to invite eternal disaster.

Jesus can still any storm.

Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Ken Williams, Maxine Powell)
- All those affected by COVID-19
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Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2020 is in foyer
- August - Potts
- September - Thrash
- October - Carlberg

Announcements

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August Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Donald Montgomery - 4th • Chuck & Sonja Rowell - 11th
- Jill Carlberg - 14th
- Scott Williams - 28th

Every Sunday Morning

@ 6:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Sunday Morning

- Announcements/Opening Prayer - Don Potts
- Scripture Reading - John 4:31-38
- Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
- Head of Lord's Table - Rick Carlberg
- Scripture Reading - John 19:25-30
- Assist on Lord's Table - David Cradic
- Closing Prayer - Scott Williams



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