

UPCOMING

- Vacation Bible School at Duffee Church of Christ, June 17 - 21 at 6:30PM each night
- No Wednesday night service this week due to VBS

Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland (cancer)

Communion Preparation

June - Rowell
July -

Birthday / Anniversary

Colton Riley - 1st
Lillian Lovett - 3rd
Hudson Rowell - 23rd
Don and Marilyn Potts - 9th

06 / 16 / 2024

WELCOME

We are a body of believers whose soul intention is to glorify and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head of His church. Our desire is to reflect that of our God--that all be saved. Anyone who is willing to humble himself before the mighty hand of God can be saved.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

The Spirit of Liberalism
Class // 8:30 am
Job Bible Class //
9:30 am
Worship Service //
10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

No Service this week //
7:00 pm

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Men to Serve

Announcements - Dwight Callens
Scripture Reading - Genesis 18:17-19
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
Head of Lord's Table - Rick Carlberg
Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson
Scripture Reading - Matthew 26:20-29
Closing Prayer - Don Potts



SERMON NOTES

We Will Go To Our Own "Place"

By Mike Riley

The writer Luke records that because of his transgression, the traitor Judas, "fell, that he might go to his own place"(Acts 1:25). There was no one to force him into it — he went to his own "place" of his own volition.

If we capture a worm, a beaver, or a bird and let them all go at the same time, they will each go to his own sphere or "place" — the earth, the water, and the upper atmosphere. We do not need to force them in order for them to go to their own "place."

If we hold a stone and an inflated helium balloon in our hand, letting them go at the same time, one will descend, while the other will ascend. They will only rest when they find their true "place."

Similarly, God will force no one to descend downward to hell, because He is not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). Thus, if we find ourselves descending downward to that "place," it will be because that is the natural course for such a character as we have willingly built for ourselves while here on earth.

Let's remember that on that golden shore, there stands a loving Lord who delights in seeing men ascend in thought and in deed to forevermore dwell with him in a "place" He has prepared (cf. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 2 Corinthians 10:1-6; Colossians 3:16-17; Revelation 21:3; John 14:2).

On that great judgment day, we will ascend to our own "place" the Lord has prepared for us, only if we (through our own volition) have been obedient to the will of the Father (Matthew 7:21; Romans 2:13; James 1:22; 1 Peter 1:22; cf. Joshua 24:14-15).

What Constitutes Being "Born Again"?

By Mike Riley

While on earth, Jesus taught many spiritual lessons using figures of speech. For example, He spoke of entering the kingdom of God under the figure of a birth while conversing with Nicodemus (John 3:1-8). This figure must be correctly interpreted in the light of literal statements made about the same thing.

The story of the rich, young ruler (Matthew 19:16-25) contributes to our understanding of our Lord's declaration to Nicodemus in John 3:5. The young ruler came to Jesus with the question of what to do to "have eternal life" (Matthew 19:16).

Jesus told him what to do to "enter into life" (Matthew 19:17), and further described it as entering the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:23). That all these expressions had to do with being saved is evident from the disciples question, "Who then can be saved?" (Matthew 19:25).

When it is learned what an individual "must do" to "have eternal life," that individual will know what he "must do" to be "born again."

In Acts 16:30, the question was asked by the Philippian jailor, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul and Silas' answer was to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). The actions of the jailor then demonstrates what it is to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."

Note that the apostle continued by speaking the "word of the Lord" [the gospel] to the jailor and "all who were in his house" (Acts 16:32). The jailor then took them the same hour of the night, washed their stripes, and was immediately baptized (Acts 16:33). Following this, he "brought them into his house, set food before them, and rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household" (Acts 16:34).

The jailor had been born again "of water [baptism] and of the Spirit" [teachings of the Spirit via the gospel] (John 3:5; cf. 1 Corinthians 4:15; Ephesians 6:17; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:22-23) and as a result of his obedience (Romans 6:17), he entered the kingdom of heaven [note the words "church" and "kingdom" being interchangeable in Matthew 16:18-19).

Dear reader, have you been "born again" by being baptized "into Christ?" (Gal. 3:26-27). We pray you have. Realize that those individuals, who by the authority of Christ (Matthew 28:18; John 17:2) have been baptized "into Christ" for the remission of their sins (Gal. 3:26-27; Acts 2:38), and have been added to the Lord's church (Acts 2:47) — the church that is made up of saved individuals (Ephesians 5:23).