

# 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 Significance Of The Torn Veil

By Mike Riley

A querist asks, “From Matthew 27:51, what is the significance of the veil of the temple being torn into from top to bottom?”

Matthew 27:51 states:

“And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked , and the rocks were split.“

When Adam and Eve sinned in Genesis 3, they lost their intimate relationship with God (or access into His presence). In driving them from the beautiful Garden of Eden, cherubim were sent by God to guard the way back to the tree of life (Genesis 3:22-24).

In the Exodus record, God instructed Israel to build a temple and to weave “an artistic design of cherubim” into the veil [curtain] that separated the holy place from the holy of holies where the presence of God resided. (Exodus 26:31-35; cf. Hebrews 9:3).

When an Israelite entered the temple and saw the veil with the cherubim, he was graphically reminded that sin separated him from God’s presence (cf. Isaiah 59:1-2).

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### SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E  
Edify, Exhort,  
Evangelize  
4 Square  
8:30 AM

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Hebrews  
9:30 AM

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service  
10:30 AM

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Romans  
7:00 PM



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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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## Are We Content With The State We're In?

By Mike Riley

As a child attending elementary school, I remember carrying home my report card to my parents. On that report card was a section devoted not to grades, but to attendance and a block which included an “E” for effort. It wasn’t enough for me just to make a passing grade, but how did I do in comparison to what I could have done.

Whatever work we are engaged in for the Lord, let’s ask ourselves, “Are we honestly putting forth our maximum effort, or are we just putting in the minimum effort we “think” we can get by with in order to be allowed into heaven? Could we have put forth more effort than we actually did?”

The following poem by an unknown author illustrates our effort (or the lack thereof) and the ensuing results:

I think my soul is a tame old duck  
 Dabbling around in barnyard muck,  
 Fat and lazy with useless wings.  
 But sometimes when the north wind sings  
 And the wild ones hurtle overhead,  
 It remembers something lost and dead,  
 And cocks a wary, bewildered eye  
 And makes a feeble attempt to fly.  
 It’s fairly content with the state it’s in,  
 But it isn’t the duck it might have been.

Brethren, as the poem states, are we content with the state we’re in? Have we given our best effort in doing the Lord’s work? (1 Corinthians 15:58; cf. Ecclesiastes 9:10; Deuteronomy 6:5; Jeremiah 48:10).

We certainly don’t want to be found “slumbering and sleeping” on the job when the Lord returns (Matthew 25:1-13; cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8). Wouldn’t we rather receive an “E” for effort instead? (cf. Matthew 25:19-23; Matthew 25:34-36).

Let’s think about it, and then make any necessary adjustments.

When Jesus died and shed His blood, the veil of the temple was ripped apart from top to bottom. God’s act of ripping the veil signified that access into His presence would then be granted to both Jew and Gentile, because as our sinless High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 9:11-14), forgiveness of sins could now be attained for those obedient to the saving gospel of Christ (Hebrews 9:15; Hebrews 10:16-22; cf. Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Gal. 3:26-28; 1 Peter 3:21).

Paul wrote of this access into God’s presence when he stated:

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God” (Romans 5:1-2; cf. Ephesians 2:13-18).

### Announcements

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### Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments

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### Communion Preparation

- September - Thrash
- October - Carlberg
- November - Callens
- December - Rowell

### September Birthdays & Anniversary’s

- Camden Cooper - 1st
- Dwight Callens - 9th
- Bostyn Rowell - 10th
- Aubri Cooper - 15th

Every Sunday Morning  
 @ 8:00 AM  
 on WTOK-TV



### Sermon Notes

### Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Larry Montgomery  
 Scripture Reading - 2 Corinthians 8:1 - 5  
 Lead Singing - Mark Potts  
 Head of Lord’s Table - Dwight Callens  
 Assist on Lord’s Table - David Cradic  
 Scripture Reading - Matthew 27:38 - 44  
 Closing Prayer - Don Potts

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