

CHRIST DIED FOR THE UNGODLY

“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly” (Romans 5:6). It seems that this is a lesson we often forget. Christ did not go to the cross for people who were righteous. He went to the cross for the ungodly and sinners. Christ died for every person on this earth, whether they are trying to be godly people or they are ungodly. He gave his life in order for each person to have the opportunity to be a Christian. *“When we were without strength.”* Mankind is unable to save self. We needed the death of Christ to bring about a way for us to be reconciled to God (Isaiah 59:1,2). The death of Christ opened up that way of escape for all mankind. *“In due season”* means at God’s appointed time. Paul made a similar statement in Galatians 4:4. *“Christ died for the ungodly.”* What a powerful statement that is! Christ died in behalf of, instead of the ungodly. He was a substitute for the ungodly. It illustrates how much he loves us and how much the Father loves us. Think about it, Christ died in your place! His dying for us shows a compassion and love that is unparalleled. To die for those who hate and use us is love supreme. Jesus did that. Remember what Jesus said as he hung of the cross. *“Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know no what they do”* (Luke 23:34). Be thankful for this love.
L. Cole

CONFESSING CHRIST

In the Bible we find beautiful examples of people confessing Christ. John the baptist declared, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!” (John 1:29). When asked, “But who do you say that I am? Peter responded, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:15-16).

In the Bible we also find examples of those who were unwilling to confess Christ. When asked about the healing of their son the parents of the man who had been blind said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind, but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself.’ His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, ‘He is of age; ask him”” (John 9:20-23). Later we read, “Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God” (John 12:42-43).

We must confess Christ with our mouth! Paul wrote, “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth

confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:9,10). We have a beautiful example of this confession in Acts 8:35-39. When Jesus was preached to Him, the Ethiopian eunuch expressed a desire to be baptized. He then confessed, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” Upon this confession of faith in Christ, he was baptized and went on his way rejoicing.

We must not only confess Christ with our lips, but with our lives! The Master said, “Therefore whoever confesses me before men, him I will confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 10:32,33). While we often cite this passage in reference to a verbal confession, does it not encompass our lives as well? While we should and must confess faith by our lips, we also show our faith by our works (James 2:18).

Let us confess Christ with our lips and with our lives. John wrote, “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God” (I John 4:15).

Focus on Findlay, Dwight Fuqua 5/28/17

INTEGRITY

In his recent autobiography, "Mean Joe Greene," told a story about the late Chuck Noll, former head coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Noll was a great coach, winning four Super Bowls, and earning the respect of his players. Greene said that as they were preparing for a game against the Houston Oilers, someone presented Coach Noll with an Oilers' playbook. Coach Noll quickly called a team meeting and said, "Gentlemen, this is the Houston Oilers' playbook. We play them twice this year. We have all of their plays and their game plans. But we're not going to open it. That's not how we do things. We're going to prepare; we're going to line up against them on the field; and we're going to do what we do, and that will give us the best chance to win." With that, Coach Noll threw the playbook in the trash can and walked away.

Integrity!

We just don't see enough of it, but when we see it, we admire it. It's no wonder Paul instructed us to hold the doctrine of Christ with integrity (Titus 2:7). Friends, you may know the truth, and you may proclaim it to others, but if those who hear your words don't see them coupled with integrity, those words, though true, will ring hollow.

"...in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility" (Titus 2:7 NKJV).

Steve Higginbotham (May 22, 2017)

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM

June 4, 2017

Coordinator Mitchell Brooks
Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Scripture Reading..Heb. 13;17John Leonard

Song Leader Glen Reece
Opening Prayer. Steve Anderson

Lord’s Supper-Preside: Roger Draper
Serve: George Clay, Austin Clay,
Kaleb Bush, Gavin Spurlin
Closing Prayer.....Brian Smith

Greeter— Billy & Karen Halliburton
Greeter— Robert & Linda Hackett

Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush

AM Sermon— Building a Great Church—Fellowship
PM Sermon— God is Love

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Song Leader. Glen Reece
Scripture Reading,..I John 4:8-10 John W. Leonard

Opening Prayer Roger Draper
Lord’s Supper Mitchell Brooks
. Justin Draper
Closing Prayer George Clay

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Song Leader Glen Reece

First Prayer. Billy Halliburton
Opening Prayer George Clay
Closing Prayer Dallas Eddie

Prepare Communion for JUNE.
Vicki Russell & Dianna Dillehay

Note: If you are not able to fulfill your assignment listed above, **please notify the coordinator** so that he can find a replacement.

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OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

05/28/17

Wednesday..... 45
Worship Sunday AM 79
Bible Study Sunday AM 67
Daily Bible Readers 42
Worship Sunday PM 53

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 4th. Men’s Business Meeting
- June 18-22 Gospel Meeting with James Rogers
- June 18th. Homecoming meal at the BARN

READING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

01 Psa. 18-20
02 Psa. 21-23
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