

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Williams

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Scot Parchman

Assisting: Steve Pool
Kyle Pool

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Trevor Moore

Evening Worship

Song Leader: N/A

Opening Prayer: N/A

Sermon: N/A

Lord's Supper: N/A

Closing Prayer: N/A

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: N/A

Scripture: N/A

Reading: N/A

Invitation: N/A

Pantry Item
Ravioli

Sermon Notes *Born Again*

I.

II.

III.

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Welcome!

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Service Times

Sunday:
B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am
Evening 5:00pm

Wednesday Night:
B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class:
Tuesdays 10:00am

Elders
Scot Parchman
Wade Hedgepeth
Byran Hatcher

Deacons
Steve Pool
John Williams

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“Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.” Isaiah 12:6

The Kingdom and the Church in Colosse

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother, To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Colossians 1:1,2).

The inspired Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Colosse and referred to them as “saints,” “faithful brethren,” and confirmed they were those that were “in Christ.” These descriptions are applicable to all Christians throughout the ages. Today, we are “saints,” “faithful brethren,” and can be found “in Christ.” Some teach that to be a saint one must be perfect, or closer to the level of an angel. That is not the Biblical definition of the word. A saint is one that lives a holy, sanctified, righteous life. God demands no less.

Paul then refers to the kingdom in verses 13 and 14. He writes there, “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins.” Consider the word “translated.” What tense is that? It is past tense. The saints and faithful brethren in Colosse, as well as Paul, had been translated into the kingdom already. There was a kingdom and power of darkness where these saints were originally. They were in this condition when Paul and Silas found them, but God translated them (that is He conveyed, or transported) from that kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His Son. The church at Colosse was now in the kingdom of the Lord. They had been redeemed by His blood and had been forgiven of their sins! The kingdom of Jesus Christ, He

as the head and the church as the citizens and body, was in existence in the First Century. Daniel prophesied that that kingdom would never be destroyed (Daniel 2:44), so it is logical to believe that kingdom is in existence today.

When were the sins of those saints forgiven? Chapter two of the letter reads this way, “Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead” (Colossians 2:12). It was in the act of baptism where they were covered by the blood of Jesus and by faith in the operation of God. The act of baptism was where these saints left the kingdom of darkness and entered into the kingdom of the Lord. Paul wrote the same sentiment to the church in Rome, “Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). Being buried in water causes a soul to access the blood of Christ. It is also the place where entrance into the body is made. “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body...” (1 Corinthians 12:13). The Scriptures direct honest hearts to come to the exact same conclusion. This conclusion was evidently reached by the Eunuch of Acts 8; “See, here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized?” (Acts 8:36).

To be in the kingdom of the Lord is to be in the body. In chapter three of this letter Paul wrote, “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful” (Colossians 3:15). The Spirit concludes that the church and the body are one and the same. “And he is the head of the body, the church...” (1:18). There is a conspicuous singular nature in the descriptions of this group: *the* kingdom, *the* church, *the* body, etc. The reason should be so obvious as to need no explanation. How many Kings, Heads, High Priests are there? One! And so there can only be one kingdom, one church and one body, to complement the One Authority.

There is one kingdom, but many citizens. There is one body, but many members. There is only one church, but many people. When the saints of Colosse put Christ on in baptism their sins were washed away, they were now in hope of eternal life. Heaven is waiting for all! Will you answer the gospel call today?

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 10/11/20

Bible Class: 38

Contribution: N/A

A.M. Worship: 38

DB Readers: N/A

P.M. Worship: N/A

Chapters Read: N/A

Family News and Notes

We have been blessed thus far that none of our members have contracted Covid-19 as of yet. Let us continue to pray that remains the situation. We do want to pray for those family members that have lost loved ones these past 6 months. Please also say a special prayer for Alex Freshley as he was diagnosed with Crohn’s disease.

Active military: Pray for our active duty military members; they could be called to a conflict area at a moment’s notice. Remember to pray for their families as well.

Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Alex Freshley, Lettie Gray, Frances Salaz, Tylia Landrum, Gwen Jennen, John and Linda Williams, the Pollard family, Claudia Farrington, Rick Caldwell, Margaret Eads, and Thelma Adams.** Please pray for those in Bible Studies, teachers and students!

Special Recognition

Thanks to John for “getting the lights on!” The new lights are installed and they just look remarkable. His diligent efforts have paid off yet again! Thanks John!

Events

Ladies Bible Class: meet at 10:00am every Tuesday.

Worship services: Still having only Sunday morning adult Bible Class and worship. Bible class at 9am and worship at 10am.

