

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

Bulletin of the Rock Hill church of Christ



The Certainty of Judgement

Let me remind you of **Romans 12:1-2** which indicates that we should present our bodies a *“living sacrifice, which is our reasonable service, and to be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.”* We need to take this as a personal challenge. The word of God warns that we are to be judged by the words of the Bible, and of the consequence for living otherwise. Look at the account of Lazarus and the rich man from **Luke 16:19-31** for Jesus’ own description of punishment prepared for the Devil and his angels in **Matthew 25:31-46**. Many refuse to believe that God would do such a thing. His commandment is clear that we are to study the Word to confirm that we follow it according to **II Timothy 2:15**. We cannot expect to please God, and not have a clear understanding of the Word.

I would direct your attention to: **Hebrews 11:6**, where the Bible says, *“without Faith, it is impossible to please God”* **Romans 10:17** says, *“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God...”* **Romans 1:16** tells us that the Gospel of Christ is the *“power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth”*; **Luke 13:3** commands *“repent or perish”*; **Matthew 10:32** says *“whosoever will confess me before men, him will I confess before my father in Heaven”* and finally **Mark 16:15-16** where the apostles were told to, *“go unto all the world and preach the Gospel. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”*

These verses give commands for what is considered conversion according to the Gospel. An example is in **Acts 8:26-39** which is the account of Phillip and the Ethiopian. The Ethiopian recognized his spiritual need, and was reading from the Prophet **Isaiah 53**. Phillip preached unto him Jesus. The Ethiopian believed the gospel to be something that he needed, and wished to be a part of something greater than what he had. When they happened upon the water, he said *“here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?”* Phillip responded, *“If thou believest, thou mayest”*. He voiced the great confession of faith when he said, *“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”* He was baptized for the remission of sins, giving a classic example of God’s plan for salvation in the New Testament dispensation.

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Worship Times:

- Bible Class — 9:00AM
- Sunday Worship — 10:00AM
- Sunday PM Worship — 6:00PM
- Wednesday Bible study — 7:00PM

Elders:

- Jim Boles
- Charles Haley

Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Doug Jones
- Burley Stinnett
- Fernando Zapata

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

Doug Jones

Family News

"For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." Ephesians 2:18,19

If you are a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please do not hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister (the tall guy) or any other church member.

N . E . W . S .

MEN'S BREAKFAST is this Saturday at 9AM. It's a great time of fellowship and brotherhood — not even to mention the food.

THIS WEDNESDAY we'll start the NT book of 1 Thessalonians. Read at least the first chapter of this short book ahead of time and get the most out of the study.

A SERIES ON THE ELDERSHIP — was scheduled to start today, but because one of our elders is quarantining for COVID, we'll start on Feb. 13.

THE NEXT CHRISTIAN MEN'S SERVICE CLASS will be Feb 26 — Songleading. The rest of the schedule looks like this...

- March 26 — Prayer leadership
- April 30 — The Lord's Supper
- May 28 — Preaching 1

- June 25 — Preaching 2
- July 30 — Preaching 3

Come, even if you think you'll need lead singing at Rock Hill. A time may come, when this skill might be really needed in a pinch.

YOUTH MINISTER

SEARCH —

Jonathan and Lacy Crowell will interview for our youth minister position the weekend of Feb. 25-27. Details...

- Saturday afternoon meeting with the elders and Park
- Saturday evening meeting with elders, deacons, and Park

- Sunday AM teaching adult class
- Sunday after AF worship, fellowship luncheon for whole church to meet

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PROJECT thanks to everyone who came and helped

TREAT FOR OUR SHUT-INS — The ladies are planning on making candy to share with our shut-ins.

THE ELDER, DEACONS, AND PREACHER will be meeting next Sunday, Feb. 13, afternoon at 4PM for their monthly meeting. Got anything that you'd like discussed by our leaders? Tell it to one of them for discussion.

THE LADIES' CLASS meets in the fellowship hall each Tuesday at 10am. This Tuesday they'll be delivering goodies to our shut-ins.

THE "KICK-OFF" OF CARE GROUPS will be March 20. After March 20th

morning worship services, we'll all meet for a potluck and afterward will meet in our separate Care Groups.

GIVING...We can now give online (rhcoc.org), by mail (PO Box 2301, Frisco TX 75034), or of course in person at worship assembly.



PRAYER LISTS...

For COVID sufferers

- Charles H. is quarantining at home.

Praise for answers...

- Most of our COVID sufferers at Rock Hill have recovered
- Ora H. is improving

Prayers needed

- Rita Wallis (Nancy J.'s cousin), husband Monroe just passed away
- Maxie Savage (cousin of Nancy J.) also has COVID and AFIB
- Mark Berhstrom, friend of Elizabeth, back surgery
- Sherry Joy: encouragement regarding her health and future

- Kevin Kissinger, Doug and Nancy's grandson
- Lori Cloud's father: some confusion
- Dianne Haley's cousin, Heather Martindale: cancer, chemo, surgery, and just lost her father.
- Nancy Jones' cousin Larry Rigbsby
- Ora Holt
- Linda M.'s friend, Sandra: cancer and chemo.
- Conkling family
- Travis Y. feeding tube complications
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela, paralysis, surgery, recovery, and rehab
- Trelitha Bryant
- Zapata's teenage friend Isabella with a heart lesion
- Linda M.'s niece

Remember these often:

- brethren in India
 - the churches in New England
 - our elders, deacons, and preacher
- #### Long Term Requests
- Carol P.
 - Dale and Lavonia C.
 - Bonnie B.
 - Dianna C.
 - Ken C.
 - Mary H. and daughter Sharon
 - Cheryl F.
 - Ann S.

WE'RE A BIBLE-READING GROUP.

FOLLOW THE SCHEDULE AND READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR — AGAIN.

- Jan 23, Exo 16-18
- Jan 24, Exo 19-21
- Jan 25, Exo 22-24
- Jan 26, Exo 25-27
- Jan 27, Exo 28-29
- Jan 28, Exo 30-32
- Jan 29, Exo 33-35
- Jan 30, Exo 36-38

See what new things you can pick up out of the Bible this time through!

A Word of Encouragement

"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it." Hebrews 2:1, NAS95.

Do You Love the Lord?

The greatest command, the Bible tells us, is to love the Lord our God (Matt. 22:37). It is the very foundation of Christianity. And yet...there is sometimes cause to wonder whether we really love the Lord or just know that we *should*. The litmus test of real love, like the real test of faith (see James 2:14), is our deeds (John 14:15). That being true, then, let's indulge in a little self-examination.

DO YOU COME TO SEE ME?

When we love someone, we try to get together as often as possible; we just enjoy being together. So it is with the Lord. While it is true that we can be with the Lord at all times, we are in His special presence, when we assemble for worship (Matt. 18:20). So, how often do you seek to get together with the Lord? Or are you sort of hit and miss — maybe even mostly miss? The Hebrew writer put it plainly, "and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near" (Heb. 10:24,25). Do you make a point to come be with the Lord and His people at every opportunity? Do you love the Lord?

ARE YOU ASHAMED OF THE LORD IN PUBLIC?

In ordinary relationships, infatuation and puppy love may be embarrassed to confess affection for someone else, but real love confesses its love and relation without hesitation. Jesus said, "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32). The world, like a gaggle of juvenile boys, will do its best to belittle, make-fun of, and shame us about our love for the Lord; but the love-compelled disciple will gladly and freely confess his love for the Savior. Whether through a direct challenge ("You aren't really one of those dumb Christians, right?") or whether through intentional evangelism, a genuine Christian will never be ashamed of the Lord in public.

DO YOU AND THE LORD TALK TOGETHER OFTEN?

Folks who are in love have regular, daily conversations. There always seems to be something to say — how the day went, who you talked with today, what you accomplished, successes and failures, feelings and

challenges, dreams and plans, thoughts and opinions. And it is a two-way conversation. One-way conversations are never satisfactory to at least one party, if not both. So also it is with the Lord. The Lord's part of the conversation is Scripture, and despite the fact that the words don't change, there always seems to be something new that those same Scriptures are saying to us in our present situation. And prayer is our part of the conversation. And we must be careful not to let one side dominate over the other. While the Lord's voice is authoritative, He still invites us — **invites us** — to cast our burdens on Him because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). Do you have a daily conversation with the Lord? Do you love Him?

DO YOU OFFER PRESENTS?

Those who are in love often give each other gifts and not just token gifts, but often ones that include some sacrifice. We know that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..., right? So what do we offer in return, tokens or sacrifice? First dates sometimes include token gifts, but serious, sacrificial gifts say that the love is getting serious, too. Sacrificial gifts of time, effort, love, work, money, and perhaps the loss of something precious are of great value to the Lord, and by the way, they can be done "to the least of these" and they are accepted by the Master. They say in a human way, I love you, Lord.

DO WE LIKE EACH OTHER'S FRIENDS?

In order to get along, those who are in love often adjust their outside friendships to be in keeping with someone that both can get along with. Similarly, James taught in his usual, no-nonsense way, "You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God" (James 4:4). One of the surest measures of long-term faithfulness to the Lord is the choice of friends after becoming a Christian.

Do you love the Lord. These and other questions that could be asked will give us insight — and hopefully warning, if our love is not what it should be. Jesus Himself said to the Ephesian church, "But I have this against you, that you have left your first love" (Rev. 2:4). Let's be sure, for our soul's sake, that we never leave our love for the Lord; or if we have, that we restore it.

Park Linscomb

