

# THE ROCK HILL HERALD

The bulletin of the Rock Hill church of Christ



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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
- Doug Jones
- Scott Wallace

### Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Hugh Ruebush
- John Smetzer
- Burley Stinnett

### Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

*"We're Here  
and We Care"*

## The Gift of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit has long been a topic that challenges every Christian to "give an answer" for, **1 Peter 3:15**. It requires us to venture into the spiritual realm and draw conclusions that we may not fully understand until we face the separation of body and soul. In **Ecclesiastes 12:5-7**, Solomon writes, "because man goeth into his long (eternal) home...then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." **Genesis 2:7** is the first mention regarding man's "living soul". Looking at the Apostle Paul's explanation of this in **1 Corinthians 15:39-58** we find the inspired explanation of the earthly and the spiritual bodies of creation.

What does this have to do with the Holy Spirit as a member of the Godhead? When we can successfully answer this question, we can have a better grasp on the topic. We know the HS is an ever-present member of the Godhead. We also know the HS has been tasked by **Romans 8:26-27** to intercede for the saints before God.

In **Acts 1:1-8** Jesus commands the Apostles, "not to depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father...ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." This is also confirmed in **John 7:39**, "(this spake He of the Spirit which they that believe should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus had not been glorified.)"

The Spirit transition is recorded in **Acts 2:16** when Peter declared, "this was spoken by the Prophet Joel" (**Joel 2:28-32**) confirmed in **Acts 2:33**, "being by the right hand of God exalted (glorified) and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He shed forth this which ye now see and hear." Only then could Peter tell the converted in **Acts 2:38**, "repent and be baptized every one of you...and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit..." The Holy Spirit would then be available to guide the Apostles by inspiration and seal us "with that Holy Spirit of Promise...the earnest (deposit) of our inheritance" **Ephesians 1:13-14**. With this came the New covenant compared with the Holy Place in **Hebrews 9:7-8** "The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made known..." access directly to the Father through the Son whose Word was guided by the Holy Spirit.

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 visiting our congregation, **welcome!** Please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection tray as it is passed. 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 .

**THIS SUNDAY EVENING'S LESSON** is on the Holy Spirit. This is a religious topic about which there are many opinions and false teachings, but what does the Bible say? Make a special effort to come and find out.



### CURRENT ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

- Sunday AM — The book of Ephesians. Currently, we're in chapter 5 about to start chapter 6
- Wednesday PM — The book of 2 Corinthians. Currently, we're in chapter 6.
- Handouts for these classes are online at [rhcoc.org/worship](http://rhcoc.org/worship)

**OUR NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST** is July 11. Make a note of it on your calendar and plan on joining us for breakfast, good fellowship, and some spiritual uplift.

**ROUGH RIDERS GAME?** For several summers in a row now we have gone to a RR game together. This year we're thinking about going to one a little earlier in the year to avoid the worst of summer's heat, perhaps **June 20**. If that would be a good time for you and your family, please sign up in the back.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE...** invite a friend to take advantage of these online resources ...

- Live worship services and Bible studies — [rhcoc.org/worship](http://rhcoc.org/worship)
- Various recorded Bible studies — <https://www.youtube.com/@rockhillchurchofchrist405>

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Nina Easley — recently baptized into Christ, for her strength and growth in the Lord.
- Recoveries...
  - Linda S had knee replacement surgery last week and is recovering at home. Please pray for a quick recovery.
  - Park's grandson, Jordan, hip surgery recovery
  - Eloise Isbell
  - The Mericks son, Konrad, had back surgery.
  - Lynn Turner is now at home.
  - Doug Jones, from cancer treatment
- The Turners' friend Judy has a dear friend with a serious foot infection
- The Turners' niece in Arkansas has an unborn baby who will need major surgery at birth and a 3 month recovery in a Houston hospital
- Reiven H. is having a really hard time walking
- Travis York, son of the the Yorks who were members of this congregation years ago, has had some health complications, Please pray for Travis and the Yorks.
- Dianne H's oldest brother-in-law, Earl Lemons
- Freida R., health issues
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords' (our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts)

*The Christian who is not concerned about his neighbor's salvation may need to be concerned about his own*

granddaughter Peyton has returned to live in the Dallas area.

### LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elizabeth's cousins Tracy with Lupus, and Debbie
- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Dale C in the Ivy in McKinney
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Continued fruit from Burley's mission work in India.
- Churches in New England
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

### READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- 5/30 .....Deut 8-10
- 5/31 .....Deut 11-13
- 6/1 .....Deut 14-17
- 6/2 .....Deut 18-20
- 6/3 .....Deut 21-23
- 6/4 .....Deut 24-26
- 6/5 .....Deut 27-28
- 6/6 .....Deut 29-31



# A word of Encouragement

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*"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.*

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## YOU BE THE JUDGE

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*"Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge..." (Acts 4:19 NAS95).*

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**I**n Acts 3 and 4 we find the story of Peter and John and a healing in the Temple. A 40 year old lame-man was healed and when a crowd gathers to see this miracle, Peter and John begin to preach the Gospel. Temple authorities arrest them and the next day they stand before the Sanhedrin. "By what power or in what name have you done this?" they asked. Peter and John answered, "let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this name this man stands here before you in good health" (Acts 4:10 NAS95). This angered the Sanhedrin leaders, who had only recently had Jesus crucified and then covered up His resurrection, and they commanded Peter and John to no longer preach in the name of Jesus. Peter and John courageously answered, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge..." (Acts 4:19 NAS95).

We may not be called on by the Sanhedrin to no longer speak in Jesus' name, but we all nevertheless face situations where we are pressured to be silent.

The mention of Jesus seems to be unwelcome in the public square these days. We're told we mustn't speak of Him at work, at school, or in polite company. Some even practice not talking about him in their home — let the kids make up their own mind (what a mistake!). But Jesus said clearly, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). So, whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to the world's call to be silent rather than to speak of Jesus, you be the judge.

Jesus' values are likewise in the crosshairs of the world these days. Our increasingly secular culture sees no problem with lower morals and en-

courages disciples of Jesus to merely "just go with it" or "don't make waves". Thus, we are urged to compromise in moral behavior, in immodest fashion, in morally corrosive entertainment, and in coarse language. But God's word says, "Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them" (Ephesians 5:11 NAS95). So, whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to the world's call to the compromise of Christian values, you be the judge.

And if the world can't get us to be quiet about Jesus or compromise our values, another favorite ploy is to distract us. They say that the trick to "magic tricks" and pick-pocketing is distraction, and Satan is a master of distraction. In our world we have almost literally non-stop distractions: TV, handheld devices, sports, shows, parties, and much more. These things aren't evil of themselves, but their constant flow can distract us from faithful church attendance and proper Christian priorities. Paul wrote, (1 Corinthians 7:35) "This I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is appropriate and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord." So, whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to the world's distraction from devotion to Christ, you be the judge.

In Acts 5 Peter and the other apostles give the right judgment, "We must obey God rather than men." But what do you say with your life? Do you speak up for the Lord? Do you resist moral compromise? Do you resist the temptation of too much distraction?

We make the judgments and choices in the here and now, but there's coming a day when our judgments and choices will be judged by the Lord Himself. May our judgments always be in perfect harmony with His.

Park Linscomb

