

The Oologah Informer
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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

Announcements:

Ross Swearingen

AM Sermon:

Punching the Clock
(Psalm 42:1-2)

PM Sermon:

God & Man Lesson #2
“God’s Covenants with Man”

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Job – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

The Christian Do’s – Swearingen

FOR OUR SALVATION

Charles Coats

The ultimate desire of God is that all men be saved (Acts 17:30). To make this possible, God made a plan by which all could be saved, if they only desire it for themselves.

The first part of this plan involved the sacrifice for our sins. Jesus died on the cross that we might have the opportunity to be saved (Heb. 10:4-10). It is by his death that all can be reconciled to God (Eph. 2:16). This does not assure our salvation as the death of Christ enjoins upon us obedience (2 Cor. 5:15).

The next part of the plan is the plan itself. God has put forth a simple plan that, if followed, will bring us to salvation. By God’s plan, we are to hear the word (Acts 10:33), believe God’s word (Mk. 16:16), repent (Acts 3:19), confess the name of Christ (Acts 8:37), and have our sins washed away in baptism (Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21). At this point, we become new creatures in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). Our sins have been remitted and we are now saved (Acts 2:47). Following this, we must continue to live faithfully for God (1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 2:10), and confess our wrongs when we commit them (Jas. 5:16; 1 Jn. 1:9).

Now that Christ has died for us and God has given us his plan, the part that is missing is our obedience to the plan. Those who gladly received the word were baptized on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:41). The Roman brethren became Christians when they obeyed the message delivered to them (Rom. 6:17). A message unheeded is a message that is ineffective to us. Not that the message is not a good message, but its benefits can only be enjoyed when one obeys the message. God demands our obedience in order for us to be saved (Phil. 2:12).

Obedience to any other “plan” will not bring us to salvation. Man teaches us what they think will save us, but if it is not what God has taught us in his word, it is the wrong plan. Since there is only one way to Heaven (Jn. 14:6; Matt. 7:13,14), then we must not listen to man, but we must listen to God.

Our obedience is essential to our salvation. If we are not Christians, we need to submit to God’s plan to have our sins washed away. If we are Christians, we need to confess our faults so God will forgive us.

God expects his word to be preached (1 Cor. 1:21), because it is his power to salvation (Rom. 1:16). Obey today that message that will save our souls.

Announcements

Food Pantry

Our monthly food pantry is this Saturday. Please keep this work in your prayers.

Fellowship Sunday

We have moved our fellowship meal to align with our “Family and Marriage” Seminar on the 19th. Please plan to stay after morning services to enjoy this time of fellowship.

Family & Marriage Seminar

It’s time to start inviting people to our upcoming Family and Marriage Seminar. The Seminar is scheduled for May 17-19.

Recent Prayer Requests

Shirley Lusk – Sister of Darla, had an infection and is now under hospice care.

Kenny (Patti Payne’s husband) – is having heart problems.

Daphne Miller – (the great granddaughter of Walter & Charlotte) is having difficulties, she has recently returned to her birth weight.

Please keep the following in the prayers.

Ed & Barbara Coats

Ruth Corbett

Allen & Joyce Cash

Mary Ann Haugh

Emma and Ruth (Darla Smith’s sister)

John Babb

Jerry Watson – is responding well to his treatments.

Kennedy Cox

William Claxton’s family and friends (many are in need of prayers)