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Worship Schedule

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Are You a Christian?

**Do you know what you must
do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17
Believe – John 8:24
Repent – Acts 17:30
Confess – Romans 10:9-10
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21
Live Faithfully –
Revelation 2:10

Got a Bible Question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text, email, or message the Facebook page. Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

The Park Street Informer

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Those Fighting Cancer: Barbra Hook, Tish Clark, Bill Wright, and Drew Shinn

Prayer List

Mike Katosh, James Jones, Tammy Ashely, David Stockstill, Tom Thrasher, Robert Hook, David Phillips, Millie Robertson, Cliff Peck, and Janet Lake.

Shut-Ins

Ted Thrasher, Debbie McGuire.

Upcoming Events

Questions and Answers tonight.
Singing Wednesday Sep. 27th
Building cleaning and door knocking Oct. 14th at 9:00 am lunch at 12.
Ladies Day with Evelyn Bonner Oct. 21st at 9:30 am
Fall Gospel Meeting with Mike Bonner Oct. 22nd – 25th.
BBQ fellowship Oct. 25th at 5:30 pm.
Youth Rally Nov. 11th at 9:30am

Passage to Ponder: Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday Sermons

A.M..... The Gift of God
P.M..... Questions and Answers

Those To Serve

September 24th, 2023

Morning Worship

Announcements

Zac Hall

Song Leader

George Thomas

Opening Prayer

Steve Phillips

Preside

George Thomas

Assist

Steve Phillips

Closing Prayer

Zac Hall

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

Zac Hall

Closing Prayer

Steve Phillips

Lord's Supper

George Thomas

Wednesday Sep. 27th

Song Leader

Singing

Invitation

George Thomas

How to Be Free

Jack H Williams

It seems as though one of the major topics of any "movement," whether political, social or whatever, is freedom. We repeatedly hear the cries for "freedom of choice," "freedom from social tradition," and the like. One begins to wonder if these people even realize what true freedom is or if they realize what the world is actually enslaved to. In Romans 6:16, Paul made it clear that each individual is by choice a servant to one of two masters. We are each either servants "of sin unto death," or "obedience unto righteousness." Of course, the freedom we should all fervently seek is freedom from sin. When we have been freed from the wicked grip of sin, then, we have found the only true freedom that exists. In the same context that Paul spoke of all being servants to either sin or obedience, he gave the route of freedom. "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:17,18). Paul here gives a threefold plan to be free. To be free, one must . . .

Obey Paul said they were servants of sin, "but ye have obeyed." Though many object to the preaching of obedience and cry "legalism" every time they hear it, it is a basic tenet of New Testament teaching. Christ is the "author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him," (Hebrews 5:9). Christ himself said that those who would be saved were the ones who did his Father's will (Matthew 7:21). He pointed out the hypocrisy and futility of calling him "Lord, Lord," yet not doing the things that He said (Luke 6:46). Yes, though many may object, if we are to be free from sin we must obey. The obedience required though is more than mere mechanical actions. Thus we must . . .

Obey From the Heart The very problem that the prophet Isaiah addressed in Isaiah 1:10 and following and many other passages was "mechanical obedience." Though Judah was offering sacrifices (verse 11), observing the holy days and seasons (verse 13), and feasts (verse 14), it was to the Lord as "vain oblations" (verse 13). No, it is not enough for us to simply obey if such obedience is not prompted by a desire of the heart. "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). It is no wonder that the Lord emphasized so much the condition of the heart, the basis for obedience. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). We then come to the last step. Though there are many who have sincerely obeyed, sadly there is a multitude who are being led astray to obey the wrong thing. Paul said freedom came when one sincerely obeyed . . .

That Form of Doctrine Which Was Delivered You Paul was here speaking of that divine message that he and all inspired men proclaimed. It is the same message that Christ spoke of as "my commandments" (John 14:15), "the will of my Father" (Matthew 7:21), and "thy word" (John 17:17). Contrary to what many are teaching today, it is knowable (John 8:32) and is the basis for unity in Christ (1 Corinthians 1:10). Many modern "preachers" have apparently failed or refused to see the singularity and simplicity of this divine message for they preach of "sincerity" and "unity in diversity" instead of sincere obedience to "that form of doctrine which was delivered you" (Romans 6:17). Sadly, many will find out that sincere obedience to the wrong doctrine will avail nothing in the day of judgment.

What is it then that God has given us in His word to obey? His commands are plain. If we are to be free we must obey from the heart what He has said concerning: Faith: "Without faith it is impossible to please Him . . ." (Hebrews 11:6). Repentance: "God . . . commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). Confession: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus . . . thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). Baptism: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Faithful Living: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).

Do you want to be free? Do you want to experience true freedom? Paul by inspiration said the way to find it was sincere obedience to the word of God.