

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

Hiram Church of Christ

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LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE YOU AND SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU

“Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.” Romans 16:16

FIRST CENTURY CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

MINISTER: MELVIN J. BRYANT II

“If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

1 Peter 4:11





ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements: Melvin J. Bryant II
Opening Prayer: Melvin J. Bryant II
Song Leader: Kwame Abdul
Second Prayer: Melvin Bryant III
Lord’s Table: Clarence Proctor
 Devin Bryant
Message: Melvin J. Bryant II
Closing Prayer: David Bean

Attendance

Morning Hour: TBA
Bible Class: TBA
Worship: TBA
Wednesday: TBA
Contribution: TBA

Weekly Service Times

 The Morning Hour 9:00am
 Bible Class 10:00am
 Morning Worship 11:00am
 Wed. Evening Bible Classes 7:30pm

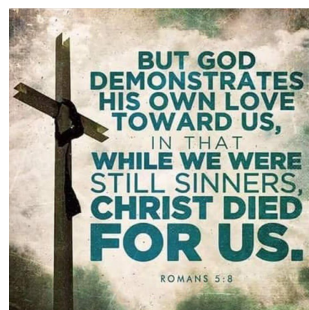
The Morning Hour

- Announcements
- Prayer
- Song
- 25 Minute Study
- Card Writing/Mail Outs
- Prepare for 10:00am Bible Class

Missions: India & Childhaven

PLAN OF SALVATION

- ★ Taught by God - John 6:45
- ★ Believe - John 8:24
- ★ Repent - Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30
(Repentance entails counting the cost)
- ★ Confess - Matthew 10:32-33
- ★ Be Baptized - Matthew 28:18-20
- ★ Live a FAITHFUL life until death - Revelation 2:10



WHAT IF WE BEGAN TO TREAT OUR BIBLES THE WAY WE TREATED OUR CELL PHONES?

WHAT IF WE...

...carried it with us everywhere?

...turn back to get it if we forgot it?

...checked it for messages throughout the day?

...used it in case of emergencies?

...spend an hour or more each day using it?



What would our lives look like?

ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES

Lea Overton (Jeff's mother), Sebastian and Erica Suarez, Ron McCurry (shut in-visits requested), Amy Brown, Polly Tunstall (Amy's mother), Ann Phillips, Harold and Dean Reeves, Mary Brock's daughter Potts/Williams family, Kilwonia Chandler, Vera Patrick, Mary Troup, Joanie Saporito, Charlie Griffin, Patty Dale, Daniel Welker (kidney transplant), Al Gattis (COPD), Ben Westbrooks (leukemia), Anita Berger husband Rich, Sis. Carolyn, Ashley (Sis. Erica's sister) and her family, Sis. Proctor, Anita Berger, Charlie Griffin, the Molden Family, Camilla Fields, Titus.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **The Webb** family lost their daughter Kira. Let us continue to keep them in prayer.
- ▶ **Anita Berger** test result was favorable, but she is still in need of prayers for complications.
- ▶ **Kwame** will take his citizenship test Tuesday. Let's pray that he does well and pass.
- ▶ **Garrison Ihle**, the 5 month old baby of some friends of the Johnsons had his surgery. Please keep him and his family in our prayers.
- ▶ **Carolyn** is still in need of our continual prayer.
- ▶ **Annie** is in need of prayer for strength after loosing a nephew.
- ▶ **Camilla** asked for prayer for patience and finishing up on her schooling.
- ▶ **Ron McCurry** has requested continued prayers as he will be having a nuclear stress test this week.
- ▶ **Mary Matthews**, the aunt of Sis. Traci Bryant is being treated for cancer. Let us keep her lifted in prayer.
- ▶ **Brother Melvin** has a co-worker, Dondrea Clay who is in need of prayers as she was injured on the job.
- ▶ **Kaitlyn Hunter** mom passed away. Let us keep the family in prayer!
- ▶ **Jamie Franklin** is in need of continual prayers after the lost of her parents.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

☑ November Birthdays

Kirian - 1st
Mekel Abdul - 9th
Deborah Abdul - 14th

☑ Anniversaries

TBA

☑ Hiram Church News

Sis. Becky will be conducting a ladies class each third Monday of the month. All women are encouraged to attend.

☑ Local Church News

☑ National Church News

Jack Evans Sr, passed away. Let us pray for his family during this difficult time.

☑ World Church News

☑ Traveling

The Johnsons,
Sis. Carolyn

☑ Hiram Church of Christ News

Make plans to stay for the last Sunday fellowship meal each month.

Kaitlyn Hunter was baptized on September 15th. Let us keep her in prayer for strength and faithfulness.

Jonathan Reaves was baptized on September 29th. Let us keep him in prayer for strength and faithfulness.

"THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE - JESUS"

Hebrews 9:23-28

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

When sacrificing, we have to have a level of faith, because FAITH is coupled with Sacrifice! Because, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." (Romans 10:17)! But "Sacrifice" for so many people is also coupled with FEAR! *Nonetheless*, allow us to define what "Sacrifice" means!

I. SACRIFICE

- A. **BDAG** tells us that "Sacrifice" is defined as an, [1] "act of offering." [2] "that which is offered as a sacrifice." (pg. 462).
- B. **Louw-Nida** tells us that "Sacrifice" is, "that which is offered as a sacrifice." (vol. 1 pg. 533).
- C. **Liddell and Scott** tells us that "Sacrifice" is, "an offering or mode of offering." (pg. 372).
- D. **COED** tells us that "Sacrifice" means, [1]. "the practice or an act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity. An animal, person, or object offered in this way." [2]. "an act of giving up something of value for the sake of something that is of greater value or importance. (Concise Oxford English Dictionary (11th ed)).
 - So, "Sacrificing" consist of us giving something up that is of "Value" for something that is of GREATER Value!

II. SACRIFICING CONSIST OF AN OFFERING TO GOD

- A. Every "Sacrifice" offered to God must be by FAITH and not by our own understanding! (see Genesis 4:1ff).
 - We can't "Sacrifice" an "Offering" of ANYTHING to God, without His approval!
 - Cain and Abel both had occupations! Abel was a "Keeper of Sheep," he dealt with animals, he was a shepherd! And, Cain was a "Tiller of the Ground," he was a farmer!
 - Both brought an offering to God! God RESPECTED Abel's offering and had NO RESPECT for Cain and his Offering (verses 4-5).
 - Remember, "Sacrificing" consist of us "Offering" something to the Lord according to His will, and if we're not careful with God's word, we can "Sacrifice" something that can be REJECTED by God "IF" it is offered to Him without Faith! (Romans 10:17).
 - When we consider the Sum of God's word (Psalms 119:160), Hebrews 11:4 tells us it was, "By Faith Abel offered to God a MORE EXCELLENT Sacrifice than Cain...." He heard and obeyed God! Abel was righteous according to Jesus (Matthew 23:35).
 - Cain also HEARD what God REQUIRED and did not do it because it was NOT of Faith!
 - In Genesis 4:5, that word "Respect" comes from a Hebrew word that means, "to gaze, have regard, look, pay attention." God did NOT pay attention to, He did NOT have regard for Cain AND his Offering! Considering the SUM of God's word again, 1 John 3:12 tells us that Cain was, "...of the WICKED ONE and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were EVIL and his brother were righteous!"
 - Now, keep this in your minds...."IF" we "Sacrifice an Offering" to God, "IF" it is NOT according to FAITH, what we hear from the word of God, I can ASSURE YOU, it will be (and already has been) REJECTED by God!
 - So, for the Lord's people that are shifting the order of worship to appease to the world today, GOD has REJECTED your "Sacrifice and your Offering!" If you're clapping in worship and not following the command to say, "Amen" (1 Corinthians 14:16), women usurping authority over the men, completely violating 1 Timothy 2:11, NOT singing spiritual songs according to the command found in Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16, but you're making instrumental sounds with your mouth which CANNOT edify, your worship to God is in VAIN, you're going BEYOND what is written (1 Corinthians 4:6)!!!!

- B. Korah and his company is another example of God’s REJECTION (Numbers 16:1-40).
- God has ALWAYS had order and has ALWAYS instructed His people as to what He desires and commands, what Sacrifice and Offerings He will accept!
 - EVERYONE of God’s people is HOLY, and God has given us instructions as to how He wants us to worship Him today, how we are to conduct ourselves! (1 Timothy 3:15).
 - BUT let’s say, the sisters RISE UP one day and say, “*We feel that we can preach and usurp authority over you men and WE are going to take it upon ourselves to do so.*” THEN they are going against the commandments of God and their “Sacrifice and Offering” to God WILL BE REJECTED!
 - But why is that? Because it is NOT according to FAITH, it violates 1 Corinthians 14:33 AND; 1 Timothy 2:11!

III. SACRIFICING IS GIVING UP SOMETHING VALUABLE FOR SOMETHING OF GREATER VALUE

- A. Moses (see Hebrews 11:24-26).
- Moses was willing to give up something that was valuable for something of Greater Value!
 - When Moses became of age, when he can decide to do things upon himself, he REFUSED to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter!
 - *However*, wasn’t it Pharaoh’s daughter that had compassion on him in Exodus 2:6, KNOWING that he was a Hebrew child?! Did she not name him? (verse 10). Did he not have the BEST education of Egypt and was learned in all their ways and was mighty in words and deeds? (Acts 7:22)! She LOVED her adopted son Moses, he had riches, wealth and honor....BUT BY FAITH, he listened to God, REFUSED to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, but what did he choose to do?
 - Hebrews 11:25, “*choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.*”
 - Moses saw the GREATER Reward of heaven! Sacrificing comes at a PRICE!
- B. What are you willing to give up? What are you willing to “Sacrifice”?
- This World that we live in has SO MUCH to offer, *however* as Christians, we are commanded NOT to be conformed to this world! (Romans 12:2).
 - Can you SEE the Greater Riches in heaven than the things here on earth? Colossians 3:2 tells us, “*Set your mind on things ABOVE, NOT on things on the earth.*”
 - What “Sacrifices” are you willing to make for the betterment of your family?
 - Are you willing to give up the job that’s taking you away from worship and Bible class and find something else that can (and will) assure you to be in worship, to be in Bible class?
 - *Remember*, “Sacrificing” comes at a GREAT PRICE!
- C. Jesus is the Ultimate Sacrifice!
- He left the GLORY of Heaven! Jesus said in John 6:38, “**For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the WILL of Him who sent Me.**”
 - He chose to suffer ONCE for the sins of the world! (1 Peter 3:18). He was WILLING to die, give His life for ransom! Romans 5:8 tells us, “*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*” Hebrews 5:8-9 tells us, “*though He was a Son, yet He learned Obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been Perfected, He became the Author of Eternal Salvation to ALL who obey Him.*” God has given Jesus ALL authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18). Let us obey God through Him in ALL things, sacrificing to Him according to the will of God!
 - Be encouraged brethren, until the last Amen.....

SERMON NOTES
