

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

Hiram Church of Christ

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LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE YOU AND SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU

"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

"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

ORDER OF WORSHIP





Announcements: Kwame Abdul
Opening Prayer: Kwame Adbul
Song Leader: Melvin Bryant III
Second Prayer: Alex Johnson
Lord's Table: Matt Johnson

Message: Melvin J. Bryant II
Closing Prayer: Clarence Proctor

Attendance

Morning Hour: TBA
Bible Class: TBA
Worship: TBA
Wednesday: 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 - Luke 14:25-33)
- ★ Confess - Matthew 10:32-33
- ★ Be Baptized - Matthew 28:18-20
- ★ Live a FAITHFUL life until death - Revelation 2:10



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- ACTS 17:26A

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), Ron McCurry (shut in-visits requested), Amy Brown, Polly Tunstall (Amy's mother), Ann Phillips, Harold and Dean Reeves, Vera Patrick, Mary Troup, Joanie Saporito, Patty Dale, Daniel Welker (kidney transplant), Al Gattis (COPD), Ben Westbrooks (leukemia) Mary Brock.

Continued Prayers Needed

Jamie Franklin, Charlie Griffin, the Webb Family, Ron McCurry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **Carolyn Watson** daughter Jetaun Watson had side affects to medication prescribes and is going through rehab! Let's keep her lifted in prayers.
- ▶ **Deborah Abdul** asked prayers for her mom, Emlyn Potts regarding health related issues, and her cousin Brandon Potts.
- ▶ **Isharah Macon** and family are in need of prayers! Several family members tested positive for Covid-19, Hannah, Ferah and Kaelah.
- ▶ **Dene Reeves** is in need of our continual prayers.
- ▶ **Mary Brock** has asked that we keep her in prayer.
- ▶ **JoAnne Proctor** is in need of continual prayers.
- ▶ **Kilwonia Chandler** is still having complication from her surgery. Let us continue to keep her in prayer.
- ▶ **Jerry Barber** is in need of prayers as he will be going to court to seek justice regarding the murder of his son.
- ▶ **Todd Bryant** came forward last week asking for prayers regarding his family.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

☑ June Birthdays

Kilwonia Chandler - 6th
Melvin J. Bryant II - 11th
Asia Chandler - 22nd

☑ Anniversaries

Kenneth & Vera Patrick - 3rd
Clarence & Jo-Ann Proctor - 10th
Anthony & Joanie Saporito - 15th

☑ Hiram Church News

The ladies are conducting a class each third Monday of the month. All women are encouraged to attend.

Make plans to stay for the last Sunday fellowship meal.

☑ Baptisms

Josiah Johnson was baptized on January 1, 2020! Let us rejoice and encourage our new brother in Christ!

☑ Local Church News

☑ National Church News

BCS Church of Christ in College Station, Texas had their 4th annual Men's Development conference and it was a success! Let us pray for the efforts of developing our young men to be Strong men of God!

☑ World Church News

☑ Traveling

“ONE PEOPLE FROM ONE BLOOD CALLED MANKIND BY GOD”

Acts 17:22-31

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

It is simply amazing to me that we still live in a world where people are still being judged and characterized by the color of their skin! This is why I am SO thankful for the Faithful churches of Christ because in them, it doesn't matter “IF” you're black or white, rich or poor, young or old, we are ALL ONE in Christ Jesus! (Galatians 3:28; Romans 1:16)! But we live in a WORLD today where many are Judged and HATED by their skin color! We have “some” White people who HATE Blacks just because they are Black! And, we have “some” Black People who HATE Whites just because they are White! It is unfortunate that we live in a World who will not turn to the Word of God to find the answer to all of life's questions! As a matter of Biblical Fact, 2 Peter 1:3 tells us, “as His divine power has given to us all things that Pertain to LIFE and GODLINESS, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,” God has given to us EVERYTHING Mankind needs to live and be godly in His sight! In the human body, “Blood” is the most important FLUID! It is SO important that we read in Leviticus 17:11, God said, “**For the LIFE of the Flesh is in the Blood...**”! Then in verse 14, He said, “**...for the LIFE of ALL FLESH is its Blood.**” Blood is important in sustaining life, for without it, man will die! We've heard the saying in the medical field how one, “Bleeds to death”!

In the context of Paul's sermon dissertation, while he was waiting for Silas and Timothy to meet him! He finds himself in Athens, and the Bible tells us in Acts 17:16 that, “...his spirit was Provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols!”

- That word “Provoked” carried the idea of, “being upset at someone or something involving severe emotional concern.” (Louw & Nida vol. 1 pg. 762).
- So, Paul's spirit being “Provoked” tells us that he had an INTEREST in people although their Religious preference and worship was considered ignorant!
- We find several Biblical example of God's people worshipping ignorantly and the Righteous Servant of God being provoked or becoming HOT because of it! (see **Exodus 32:19**).
- Aaron didn't restrain the people (verse 25) and made for them a “Golden Calf” (verse 2) and in verse 4, told them, “**This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt**”!
- So, instead of giving God the glory for their departure from Egypt, Aaron fashioned a “Golden Calf” from his own hands and gave glory to it, rather than to God!”
- Paul told the Athenians in Acts 17:29, what did Paul say, “**Therefore, since we are the Offspring of God, we ought NOT to think that the Divine Nature (Or; Godhead) is like Gold or Silver or Stone, Something SHAPED by Art and Man's Devising.**”
- The “Divine Nature” or “Godhead” church consist of God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit and should not be thought of like, Gold, Silver or Stone that's shaped by the art of man's devising!
- So, those gold crosses with the “so-called” Jesus on your necks, it means nothing and does not make you a child of God because you have it on! Those pictures and statues of Jesus in your living room(s) is NOT Jesus, and you should not look at those things as being a Representation of Him! Those painting of Jesus in many church buildings is NOT a depiction of our Savior! We don't PRAY to pictures that illustrates the art of Man, we pray to God the Father (Luke 11:2ff) who man today has NEVER seen and therefore can't put an image to! So, we ought NOT to THINK....of the GODHEAD like Gold, Silver or Stone that's shaped by the art of man's devising!

- God had already given the ten commandments and told the children of Israel not to have no other god before Him (Exodus 20:3-5)!
- So, it was not like they were unaware of God's command, BUT; they disregarded God's instructions and did what they wanted to do! Moses ANGER became HOT because he saw that the children of Israel had sinned against the commandment of God by making a carved image, calling it a god, and worshipping it! So, in similar fashion, Paul seeing the city of Athens given over to idolatry became "Provoked," he cared enough for these people, saw their lost state and preached the Gospel to them!
- Psalms 119:136, tells us, "[Rivers of water run down from my eyes, Because MEN do not keep Your law.](#)" Our spirits ought to be "Provoked" because of all the idolatry and denominational churches that surrounds us!

I. GOD MADE EVERYTHING

- Although there were MANY different religious preferences in Athens, Paul went in to confirm that, "God Made Everything!"
 - He made the heavens, the earth, the seas and everything in it according to Nehemiah 9:6!
 - These people were "Very Religious" and there is no difference today!
 To illustrate: (see **Acts 17:26**)!
- God made from ONE BLOOD Every Nation of Men to dwell on all the face of the earth!
 - The ONE Blood here is referring to Adam, because remember what Adam said in Genesis 2:23. So, God didn't created different people and put them in different areas, we ALL came from ONE, Adam!
 - In Genesis 5:2, God called us, "**Adam**" (KJV) or "**Mankind**" (NKJV)!
 - Some have asked, in their quest to rid the Bible of its inspiration from God!
 - But then; you have "some" sincere souls who pose this question because they are just unsure, Both would ask, "[Where did Cain get his wife from?](#)" (Genesis 4:17)?
 - The answer is found in Genesis 3:20! EVE is the Mother of ALL Living!
 - That simply means that every person that ever lived and every person living today came from Mother Eve!
 - BUT; here is the Querist, "[I thought incest was a sin and should not happen?](#)"
 - And, Here is the answer! The law against incest didn't happen until Leviticus 18:6-18!
 - So, marrying a relative BACK THEN was not uncommon before the Mosaic law!
 - But here is another misnomer!
- Shouldn't you marry within your race? (see **Numbers 12:1-16**)!
 - God does NOT take it lightly for one to discriminate against another ethnicity by promoting the idea that it is a SIN to marry outside of your Race!
 - God has NEVER had a problem with it and neither should we since we ALL are apart of Mankind!
 - *Remember*, Rahab was a Gentile and a harlot, but; after committing herself to God's people, (and putting off her harlotry ;-)) she married Salmon! Ruth was a Moabites, and after committing herself to God's people, she married Boaz, Rahab and Salmon's son!

II. ALL MEN SHOULD SEEK THE LORD

- As we explore Paul's message, we need to keep in mind church that he's talking to a different kind of audience!
 - The Epicureans and the Stoics! These philosophers had NO CLUE as to who God was!
 - As Paul preached to the Athenians, some men believed (Acts 17:33-34)!
 - The GOSPEL still has that saving POWER today!
 - We are ONE people from ONE Blood called Mankind by God!
 - Be encouraged brethren until the last Amen.....