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Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Class	7:00 PM

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Welcome

The Pippin church of Christ extends to you a cordial welcome. We hope the services have been uplifting, and you will want to return at every opportunity.

Our purpose in meeting is to worship God in Spirit and in truth. God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and Truth. John 4:24

How to Become a Christian

Hear the Word - Romans 10:17
Believe - Mark 16:15
Repent of Past Sins - Luke 13:3
Confess - Romans 10:9
Be Baptized - Acts 2:38
Remain Faithful - Revelation 2:10

Radio Programs

The Lord's Way
AM 920 WLIV - Tuesdays @ 10:10AM

A Challenge to Think
AM 1400 WHUB - Sundays @ 9:05AM

For the Record, Week of 12/4/16

Sunday Class	92
Sunday AM	103
Sunday PM	66
Wednesday	60

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Three Answers to One Question

Robert F. Turner

Could one question be given three differing answers, and all answers be correct? Seems unlikely doesn't it? Yet this is the case in the N.T. book of Acts when the question, "What must I do?" (to be saved) is asked. The expressed answer given to the Philippian jailer was "Believe!" (See Acts 16:25-34 for full account.) Some insist that this expressed reply is complete, and hence salvation is by faith only. However, a consideration of the expressed replies given this question on other occasions will show the fallacy of such reasoning.

When some of the Pentecost multitude asked, "What shall we do?" they were told, "Repent, and be baptized." (See Acts 2:6-38 for details.) And when Saul asked what to do he was directed to Ananias, who told him to "Arise, and be, baptized." (See Acts 9:1-18; 22:6-16 for the record.) If only the expressed reply is to be considered we would have to conclude that the jailer was saved by faith alone, and that those on Pentecost were saved by repentance and baptism (i.e., without any faith) and that Saul was saved by baptism alone -- without either faith or repentance. Of course none of these conclusions are valid.

Why Did The Answers Differ?

Because the questions were asked by people in different circumstances. A man in Burnet, Texas, may ask "how far is it to San Antonio?" and be told, "100 miles." In Marble Falls this question would get a different answer. And in Blanco, the same question would get a third, and different answer. Yet all would be part of one great truth.

There is no indication that the Philippian jailer had either knowledge or faith in the Christian system; so he was told to believe, and then "they spake unto him the word of the Lord." He repented, as indicated by washing their stripes; and he was baptized, as stated in Acts 16:38. Thus he truly believed (vs. 34). But those on Pentecost heard the preaching of Christ before they asked their question. The preaching "pricked their hearts;" i.e., they believed. Then they were told repent and be baptized." And Saul (later called Paul) had already believed, and had spent three days penitently praying, when he was told, "Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins."

Where Are You?

Your status or condition before God must be considered in answering your question, "What must I do?" The Lord will save "all who will obey" (Heb. 5:9) and has given one gospel to all (Gal. 1:8; Rom. 2:11). Have you proven your faith by full and complete obedience to His will?

Citizenship Conflicts

Mark White

Christians are "not of this world" according to our Master (John 18:36). Of course, necessity demands some involvement in the affairs of earth-life, but we must continually remind ourselves that "our citizenship is in heaven" (Phil. 3:20). The apostle Peter (1:1) referred to Christians as "strangers" (KJV) or "aliens" (NASB) He wanted them to see themselves as Jesus described them, "not of this world."

But Christians have to be careful about their behavior among people who ARE of this world. Consider Peter's instruction further in 1 Peter 2:11-12, "Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to ... Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation." (NASU) If we are not careful, our behavior among "Gentiles" can be counter-productive to our purpose in the world. Our purpose is to bring glory to God by helping others become citizens of heaven, too.

As difficult as it may be, this means we cannot become so engrossed in earthly concerns to the extent that we lose focus on our heavenly hope. Let the Gentiles be Gentiles, but keep yourselves pure (1 John 3:3).

SERMON TOPICS

Morning	The Name Christian	Isaiah 62:1,2
Evening	Understanding Cultural Passages	2 Timothy 3:16,17

PRAYER LIST

SYMPATHY - Ryan Parnell, friend of Jonathan and Jenna, in his mid-thirties, passed away this week. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 10, in Linden, TN.

JOHN & DORIS STAFFORD - are still struggling with various health problems.

THOSE BATTLING ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES - Burt Montgomery (co-worker of Josh Lawson), Cathy Phillips (cousin of Geneva Smallwood), Debbie Hensley (daughter of Vestle Hensley), Herbie Fox (nephew of Geneva Smallwood), Karma Carter (wife of Jonathan Carter, nephew of Denise York), Marie Eckel, Pam Heidel (friend of Betty Boswell)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donation

Pippin made a \$1,500 donation to the Gatlinburg church of Christ to support their efforts in helping members with their lost homes and other needs in the community.

December 17 - Fruit Basket Preparation

Saturday, December 17, the fruit baskets will be prepared and delivered.

December 18 - Holiday Fellowship Meal

There will be a fellowship meal, Sunday, December 18 following the evening services.

New Year's Even Singing - Herren's Chapel church of Christ

Herren's Chapel church of Christ will host a New Year's Eve singing at 7pm. Refreshments served at break.

January 3 - March 28 - Winter Bible Class at Smyrna

Smyrna church of Christ will begin a winter Bible class series studying Exodus. The classes will be held from 6:30-8:30 each Tuesday evening. Please RSVP to jsmyrna@smyrnachurchofchrist-ckvl.org so they will have sufficient handouts.

Electronic Bulletins

If you are interested in receiving an electronic copy of the bulletin prior to Sunday via email, you can sign up at www.pippincoc.com and enter your email address in the box on the right of the page.

Bulletin Updates

The bulletin is a great communication tool. If you have updates, additions or removals of sick please let Adam or Amy Swallows know so we can make the appropriate updates and changes.

All Month - December

Table	Kale Burchett
Table Assist	Greg Frizzell Harold Frizzell John Jones John Lane

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements	Lester Boles
Lead Singing	James Gravelle
Read Scripture	John Jones
First Prayer	Andrew Scott
Last Prayer	Eddie Frizzell
Greet at Door	Jonathan & Jenna Medley
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements	Lester Boles
Lead Singing	James Gravelle
Read Scripture	Larry Jackson
First Prayer	Colonel Wheeler
Last Prayer	Gary Medley
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements	Lester Boles
Lead Singing	James Gravelle
Read Scripture	Jeremy Castle
First Prayer	Mike Martin
Last Prayer	Dale Flatt
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Happy Birthday

Brooklyn Apple	12/11
Denise York	12/15
Wendall Smallwood	12/16
Tammy Gravelle	12/16
Andrew Scott	12/19
Tucker Medley	12/21

Happy Anniversary

Perry & Nell Bartlett	12/12
Mike & Betty Martin	12/18

Daily Bible Reading

Zechariah 11,12; Revelation 2	12/11
Zechariah 13,14; Revelation 3,4	12/12
Psalm 74-76; Revelation 5	12/13
Psalm 77,78; Revelation 6	12/14
Psalm 79,80; Revelation 7	12/15
Psalm 81-83; Revelation 8	12/16
Psalm 84,90; Revelation 9	12/17

Question for the Week

Whose mother-in-law had a fever that Jesus healed?

Answer to Previous Question

In Revelation, who did John see riding on a scarlet beast?

harlot; Rev. 17:1-7