**Elders** Schooley 318-396-7296 n Green 318-547-4026 WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED Hear the Gospel (Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17). 3:3; 24:47; 1:16; Acts 18:8; (Matt. 10:32, 33).

### By the Numbers:

Week of 3/31/19

Contribution - \$2285

Attendance:

Sunday Bible Classes — 21 Sunday Worship\* — 47 Wednesday Night — 42

Schedule Of Services
Sunday

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\*Total for the day

#### Bible Trivia Question



Last Week's Answer: Because he persecuted the church of God (1 Cor. 15:9).

Q: How would Paul have characterized his preaching if Christ were not risen from the dead?

Answer to be given next week!

### **SERMON SPOTLIGHT:**

AM — The Problem of Sin

- 1. How many sins lead to condemnation?
- 2. How can we overcome sin?

PM — Unprofitable Servants

- 1. In view of our sins, should we brag about how great we are?
- 2. Who should be the Subject of our boasting? (Hint: Look at the capital "S")!

#### THE BEACON OF TRUTH

April 7, 2019

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17

# Road Rage & a Ruined Influence Author Unknown

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman hit the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects. He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car."

"Behold, thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of God, And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness, (Cntd. pg. 2)

# NEWS AND NOTES TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

#### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYER**

Margie Tippen — Regina Simmons — Marcia Green — Jerry Tippen — Wendy Traweek — Tim Green — Harold Myers — Joy Skipper — John & Ruth Coston — Stetson Ortega — Lindy Brown — Kaitlyn Wilson — Kathy Lawrence — Debbie Grice — Virginia Wainwright — Jessica Hancock — Melba Tippen Creech (Sister of Marcia Green; at GRMC with pneumonia) — Dewey Young — Tim & Tricia Green (In Baton Rouge this weekend for continuing education)

#### **OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- We are currently in need of more items to restock our pantry. If you would like to help, please see Chase for needed items. Place your items in the barrel in the foyer.
- Youth & Young Adults Thanks to all who helped with the Youth Game night on Friday night!
- Monthly Fellowship Meal 4th Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

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An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law. Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written" (Rom. 2:17-24).

## Be Renewed Chase Green

Renewal is something that must take place in the life of every Christian. To aid in understanding this concept, think of a synonym for renewal, "transformation." "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye <u>transformed</u> by the <u>renewing</u> of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:2, emphasis mine throughout). Isn't it interesting that the words "transformed" and "renewed" appear here together?

There are two key types of renewal that must take place in the lives of Christians. The first is the initial renewal/transformation that takes place when one obeys the Gospel. When we obey the Gospel, we become a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17). We are born again (John 3:3ff). We are washed, sanctified, and justified "in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6:11). But contrary to the belief of many, this is just the beginning!

A Christian must CONTINUE to be faithful, to the point of death (Rev. 2:10). He must fight a good fight, finish his race, and keep the faith (2 Tim. 4:7). How can he do this except he continually be renewed/transformed?

The truth of the matter is that our renewal, our transformation BEGINS when we obey the Gospel, but it must CONTINUE throughout our lives. We must continue to mold our lives closer and closer to the example that was set before us. Jesus Christ left us that perfect example, and it is up to us to follow it.

Heed the words of Paul on this subject in Eph. 4:17-24: "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." (Paul then goes on to explain various sins that must be put away continually).

I find it interesting that Paul writes these words to people who were already Christians (see "saints" in Eph. 1:1). They were the saints (the sanctified). They had experienced the INITIAL renewal/transformation of becoming a Christian, but they needed to CONTINUE to renew their lives after the pattern of Jesus Christ! Once again, the false doctrine of "Once Saved, Always Saved" is easily proven false by the Bible's simple teaching! We must CONTINUE to renew our lives, a daily transformation that should be taking place so that we will become more and more like Christ, as we ought to be!

With love, Chase

#### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

Rom. 15:4

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