

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 10:30 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth
1 Thessalonians 1:8

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Giving Back to Jesus

-Edd Sterchi

The little book of Jude begins with some big reminders for Christians of all ages (both in time periods and in years). Let's examine three from the first three verses.

Always put Jesus first (v.1). The author of the epistle, Jude, was the half brother of Jesus Christ. And yet, rather than boasting about that, he referred to himself as, "a bondservant of Jesus Christ." First and foremost he considered himself a servant of Jesus. We would also do well to put Jesus first place in our lives. First consideration in everything we do should be Jesus and His will. He is our Master every moment of every day.

Always remember that Jesus has saved us (v.1). Jude reminded his readers that they had been "called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ." Christians need to constantly bring to mind that they were called out of the world by the gospel of Christ, sanctified by contacting the blood of Christ in baptism, and are preserved by the grace of God through faithfulness in Christ. It is vital to keep this on the forefront of our minds.

Always be living for Jesus (v.3). Jude's exhortation was to continue to "contend earnestly for the faith." As important as putting Jesus Christ first and remembering that He has saved us are, it is equally important to always live for Him in word and deed. Many false teachers and false notions abound, and we must be the ones to live and speak the truth concerning Jesus and His will. The Greek word translated "contend earnestly" was often used in reference to an athlete striving hard. Thus it is a reminder to us that living this way and speaking the truth is going to take a lot of concentrated, dedicated effort.

Another way of looking at these thoughts is that we need to be giving back to Jesus. He has given us so much (salvation, blessings, assistance, etc.). Let us in appreciation give Him first place in our lives, give remembrance to what He has done for us, and give Him a faithful life that honors and proclaims Him. Let's always give back to the One who has unselfishly given to us.

- Edd Sterchi preaches for the Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY.
- Article obtained from www.bulletingold.com

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December 9



2023 Theme:
Children of Light

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The Significance of the Book of Acts

I. The Origin of The Church.

- A. The fulfillment of prophecy- Joel 2:28-32, Isaiah 2:1-4, Acts 1:12, Acts 2:16-21
- B. The first converts- Acts 2:36-41, 47, Ephesians 1:22-23

II. The Development and Operation of the Church.

- A. In organization- Acts 11:30, 14:23, 15:6, 20:28
- B. In worship- Acts 2:42, 20:7
- C. In fellowship- Acts 2:47, 4:32-37

III. The External and Internal Conflict of the Church.

- A. The persecution- Acts 4:18-22 (23-31), Acts 8:1-4
- B. The division- Acts 15:1-5

IV. The Spread of The Gospel.

- A. Both to Jew- Acts 1:8, Acts 13:14, 14:1
- B. And to Gentile- Acts 10:1-48 (v. 34-35), Acts 22:17-21

Worship Service

Announcements

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Song: 884 Teach Me Lord To Wait

Prayer

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Lord's Supper & Contribution

Song: 892 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Song: 583 Sing to Me of Heaven

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-2

Sermon: The Significance of the Book of Acts

Song: 337 Is Thy Heart Right with God?

Song: 231 Hilltops of Glory (v. 3)

Prayer

The Book of Acts

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COMMANDMENTS
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Acts 1:1-2

- ¹ The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,
- ² until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,

What must I do to be saved?

Hear: Romans 10:17. Believe: Mark 16:16. Repent: Acts 2:38.

Confess: Romans 10:9-10. Be Baptized: Acts 2:38. Live Faithfully: Revelation 2:10