

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

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



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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American Christianity Part 2

-Renn Ferguson

Last week we began this discussion on how American culture and ideals can impact how we practice our Christianity. We noticed how some are under the impression that Christianity is a European religion designed to oppress various demographics of people. We also noticed that those things are demonstrably false. This week we will continue our discussion by looking at how American culture may have an impact on how Christians practice their Christianity.

Our culture is all about freedom. I am thankful for that. I am sure we all enjoy the various freedoms that we are afforded in this nation. I pray that we can continue to have those freedoms (1 Timothy 2:1-2). However, sometimes it seems the American idea of freedom has a negative impact on our service to Christ. We take on an "I can and therefore I should" attitude. Or, conversely, the "I don't have to so I'm not going to" mindset. It is true that in our civil relationships we have freedom to do or not to do what we wish so long as it does not harm or break the law.

Yet, those mentalities are absent in the New Testament. The Apostle Paul wrote, "All things are lawful, but not all things build up. Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor." (1 Corinthians 10:23-24, ESV). Earlier, in a similar context, he stated, "Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble." (1 Corinthians 8:13). Paul was not under the illusion that just because he could do something that he should do it. His focus was not on his own freedom but what was best for those around him.

As Christians, we must be careful to not allow our culture to influence our service to God. Rather, let our service to God influence our culture. Christianity is a religion of selflessness and service. When it comes to our relationships (both with God and each other) we do not always need to think in terms of what is commanded or not commanded. We must grow in our love for God and one another to begin thinking in terms of what is best. What is going to help our relationship with God the most? What is going to be most beneficial to my brothers and sisters? These are the questions we must ask ourselves.

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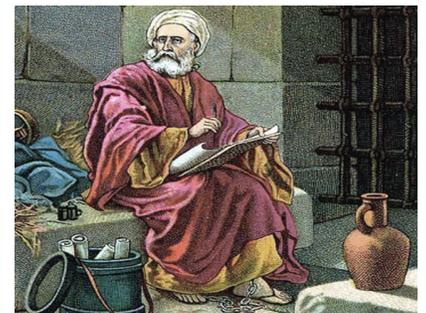
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Night with Paul



April 12, 5:30 PM

Ephesians Chapter One

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

The Deity of Christ

- A Difficult Doctrine- 1 Corinthians 1:22-23, 2 Peter 3:16
- Jesus in the Old Testament- Genesis 1:1-2, John 1:1-3, Genesis 22:11-12, Joshua 5:13-15
- Jesus' Claims- John 5:17-18, 8:58, Exodus 3:14, Mark 2:1-12
- Jesus' Nature- John 1:48, Mark 4:34-41, Hebrews 4:15, 13:8
- New Testament Passages- John 1:14, 20:28, Philippians 2:5-11, Colossians 2:9, 1 Timothy 3:16

Notes:

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 111 Come, We That Love the Lord (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 708 Walking in Sunlight

Prayer

Song: 495 O the Depth and the Riches

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 220 He Lives

Song: 213 He Gave Me a Song

Song: 583 Sing to Me of Heaven

Scripture Reading: John 8:56-59

Sermon

Song: 23 All Things Are Ready (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 676 (There's within My Heart (Vs. 1, 5)

Prayer

John 8:56-59

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John 8:56-59 (NKJV)

- 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad."
- 57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"
- 58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."
- 59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23