

# 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



## The Correspondent

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### Whom the Lord Commends

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The Lord's church had just begun. The apostles were preaching the Gospel. They boldly preached that the Son of God had been brutally killed by His own people (Acts 2:36). In Acts 3, we find Peter and John at the temple at 3 PM. A certain lame man was looking for alms, but instead received healing. Peter and John told him to rise up and walk. And he did. He was walking and leaping and praising God as he entered the temple. In the past, his only way in and out of the temple would have been by being carried. Not this time; he was healed.

Who had the power? The apostles had just received the Holy Spirit in Acts 2. Peter noticed their amazement and gave credit where credit was due. *The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers; and His name and faith in His name has made this man strong* (verses 13,16).

The apostles did something good. They gave God and Jesus the credit.

Who gets the credit when we do something good? Something faithful? Helping the sick? Sharing the Gospel and someone obeys? The answer is simple...it's all about Him. *Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God* (I Cor. 10:31).

This is something God told Gideon in Judges 7:2, *The people who are with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying my own hand has saved me*. So, God and Gideon defeated the Midianites with 300 men rather than the original 32,000.

Paul reminds us in II Corinthians 10:12-18 that it is not wise to class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend (praises) themselves. Instead, Paul reminds Christians, *He who glories, let him glory in the Lord*.

As Jesus teaches on prayer in Matthew 6, He talks about having our reward on earth. *And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward*.

On these three occasions, we see the Bible teaching us that God deserves the glory in what we do. After all, He created us, gave us abilities, and has instructed us on how to use them for His cause. Paul sums it up this way, *For, not he who commends himself is approved (accepted), but whom the Lord commends* (II Cor. 10:18).

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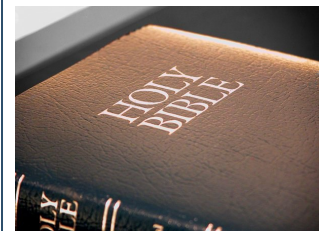
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Lads to Leaders

Bible Bowl

November 5, 5:30 PM



Thanksgiving Boxes

November 22



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

## AVOIDING THE DITCHES

### The Ditch of Legalism

- Close-mindedness- Matthew 11:15, Isaiah 6:9-10, 1 Thesalonians 5:21
- Creates commands- Matthew 15:1-9, 23:1-4, Galatians 5:3-6, 1 Timothy 4:1-4
- Graceless salvation- Romans 4:1-4, Luke 17:7-10

### The Ditch of Liberalism

- Excessive open-mindedness- Acts 17:21, Ephesians 4:14, 1 Kings 18:21
- Undermines commands- Ephesians 5:3-6, Romans 6:1-2, 2 Timothy 4:3
- Inactive salvation- James 2:14-26, Philippians 2:12-13, Hebrews 5:9

### Avoiding the Ditches

- Understand God- Exodus 34:6-7
- Understand yourself- 2 Corinthians 13:5, James 1:14
- Don't speak for God- John 7:24, Matthew 7:1-2, James 4:12

### NOTES

## Worship Service

### Announcements

Song: My Hope Is Build on Nothing Less (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 738 We Will Glorify the King of Kings

### Prayer

Song: 742 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

### Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 68 Because He Lives (Vs. 1, 3)

Song: 350 Jesus, Hold My Hand (Vs. 1, 3)

Song:

**Scripture Reading:** Joshua 1:7-8

### Sermon

Song: 50 Are You Washed in the Blood

Song: 684 This World Is Not My Home (Vs. 1, 3)

### Prayer

### Joshua 1:7-8 (NKJV)

- <sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.
- <sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

### 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*