

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



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The Church Is Not Swayed by Society

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“You need to get with the times.” Such words are often meant as a rebuke: you are old-fashioned, out of step, or unwilling to accept society’s changing standards. That pressure does not stop at the church door. Culture regularly urges Christians to revise their beliefs, soften difficult teachings, and treat popular opinion as the final authority. Yet Scripture calls the church to a different path. Romans 12:2 says, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind.” God’s Word, not society, must shape the church.

The Bible repeatedly shows the danger of wanting to be like everyone else. In 1 Samuel 8, Israel demanded a king “like all the nations.” Though warned that a king would take their sons, daughters, land, and wealth, they refused to listen. Their desire to imitate surrounding nations became a rejection of God’s rule. During Samson’s time, Israel had become so comfortable under Philistine domination that its people tried to restrain the man God raised up to begin their deliverance (Judges 13:5; 15:7–12). Later, idolatry brought devastating consequences because God’s people adopted the practices of their neighbors.

Christians are likewise called to remain distinct. Second Corinthians 6 contrasts righteousness with lawlessness, light with darkness, and the temple of God with idols. Separation from worldly values does not mean withdrawing from people or behaving with hostility. It means refusing to let sin become normal simply because society approves it.

We cannot love the world’s rebellious ways and love the Father at the same time (1 John 2:15). The church must do more than resist culture; it must influence culture for good. Jesus calls His disciples the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13–16). Salt changes what it touches, and light is visibly different from darkness. Our distinctiveness is not intended to draw attention to ourselves, but to lead others to glorify God.

That influence is expressed in everyday conduct. Paul urges believers to live quietly, mind their own affairs, work faithfully, and behave properly toward outsiders (1 Thessalonians 4:9–12). Our speech should be gracious and wise, and our lives should be honorable even among those who disagree with us (Colossians 4:5–6; 1 Peter 2:11–12).

Customs differ across places and generations, but culture never outranks Scripture. God calls His people out of the world so they can become a holy influence within it. The church is right not to be swayed by society. Instead, it must be shaped by Christ, governed by His Word, and faithful as salt and light. The question for each of us is simple: Are we being conformed to the world, or transformed into the likeness of Jesus?

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SOMETHING GREATER

Matthew 12:38-42

- I. Jonah- v. 39-41
- A. The resurrection of Jonah- Jonah 1:17, 2:1,10, 1 Corinthians 15:4, Romans 1:4, 4:25
 - B. The preaching of Jonah- Jonah 3:4-10, 4:1-3, Matthew 7:28-29, 9:9-12, 1 Timothy 2:4
- II. Solomon- v. 42
- A. Solomon's reign- 1 Kings 4:20-28, 10:14-29, 4:25, Isaiah 9:6, John 16:33, Romans 8:16-17, Titus 3:7
 - B. Solomon's wisdom- 1 Kings 3:3-14, 4:32-34, 10:1-13, John 6:66-68

Worship Service**Announcements**

Song: 738 We Will Glorify the King of Kings (Vs. 1, 3, 4)

Song: 502 O They Tell Me of a Home (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Prayer

Song: 621 Ten Thousand Angels (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 473 O How I Love Jesus

Scripture Reading: Matthew 12:38-42

Sermon

Song: 674 There's a Great Day Coming

Song: 387 Lead Me to Some Soul Today

Prayer**Matthew 12:38-42**

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EARTH
NINEVEH
QUEEN
WISDOM
SOLOMON
GREATER

Matthew 12:38-42 (NKJV)

- ³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."
- ³⁹ But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah."
- ⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."
- ⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here."
- ⁴² The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here."

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