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Announcements

Freedom is accompanied by responsibility. With freedom of choice comes the responsibility to think carefully, choose wisely, and act forcefully. Freedom of choice always works best when tempered with wisdom and good judgment. Thus, in every human activity the process of recognizing, believing, and properly utilizing truth is vitally important. Especially is this true in the spiritual realm. Cited Apologetics Press "The Many Faces and Causes of Unbelief"

I hope that you have found this site to be helpful in your search for the truth and salvation, I also hope that you have found the encouragement to become part of the body (the church) in Christ and share your faith with others as we together work in faith, and labor in love and being steadfastness in our hope in our Lord Jesus Christ before God the Father.

Matthew 5:43-48

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do

you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Luke 6:27-36

27 "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. 31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. 32 "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. 35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Matthew 6:25-34

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

In <u>Luke 6:27-36</u> our Lord Jesus Christ tells us to love your enemies, to do good to those who hate you and to bless those who curse you and pray for those who abuse you. Our Lord Jesus Christ also tells us that as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them and tells us to ask ourselves that if you love those who love you what benefit is that to you for even sinners love those who love them, and if you do good to those who do good to you what benefit is that to you? Our Lord Christ Jesus tells us that even sinners do the same.

There is so much that our Lord Christ Jesus tells us for us to learn and do we need to follow Him each day the best we can.

In <u>Matthew 25:31-46</u> our Lord Jesus Christ tells us what happens when we do not help a Christian brother or sister that is in need when it is within our power to help (<u>Proverbs</u> 3:27, <u>James 2:14-20</u>).

In <u>Galatians 6:9-10</u> we are told not to lose heart in doing good, we will reap in due time if we do not grow weary or give up and to do good especially to all people in the body (the church) in Christ and outside the body (the church) in Christ. So then as we have opportunity let us do good to all people especially those in the household of faith.

In <u>1 Thessalonians 1:2-6 NASB</u> we are to work in faith, labor in love and be steadfast in hope in our Lord. In the body (the church) in Christ our Lord we learn that the grace given us, in faith, in love, and in hope are what we strive to grow in (Romans 5:2-5, 1 Corinthians 13:13, Galatians 5:5-6, Ephesians 4:7-16, 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11, 1 Peter 1:21-22, Revelation 2:2).

In <u>James 2:15-17</u> we are told to help our Christian Brother or Sister that is in need.

In <u>James 1:27</u> we are told to visit (help, lookout for) the orphans and widows in their affliction (distress, trouble) and keep ourselves from being unstained (morally unspotted, blemished) from the world.

In <u>Hebrews 13:1-3</u> we are told to let brotherly love continue, not to neglect to show hospitality to strangers, to remember the prisoners and the ill-treated that are in the body.

In <u>Luke 10:29-37</u> our Lord Jesus Christ tells us about the good Samaritan, who are neighbor is and what type of people we need to be (<u>Leviticus 19:18</u>, <u>Matthew 19:19</u>, <u>Mark 12:31</u>, <u>Luke 10:27</u>, Romans 13:9, Galatians 5:14, James 2:8).

In <u>Titus 2:13-14</u> and <u>Titus 3:14</u> the Apostle Paul reminds us that we are to be waiting for our blessed hope the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ and to be zealous and engaged for good deeds so that we are not unfruitful.

A prayer request to God for all who read this, pray for the enemies of the Ukrainian people to have them lay down their weapons and help rebuild the homes and towns that they have destroyed, and ask God that you would like to seek justice for the ones that committed the atrocities and ask God for help for all the people that are outside the body to saved and to come to the knowledge of truth.

Can you please help if you can donate to any of these committed Christians and people that are helping men, women, and children so they can survive today and Lord willing tomorrow?

- Churches Of Christ Disaster Response Team
- Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort

- Healing Hands International
- Hope For Haiti's Children
- Caring For Kenya
- Orphans Lifeline
- ICRC International Committee of the Red Cross
- <u>UNDP</u> United Nations Development Programme
- UNICEF United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
- <u>UNWFP</u> United Nations World Food Programme

Can you also help with funds for the spread of the Gospel through faithful teachers and preachers around the world?

- White Rock Fund
- In Search Of The Lord's Way

A link to daily devotional from Susquehanna Valley Church of Christ

A link to a Lord's Day devotional Good News Today

Lords Day Worship Service and Bible Studies

Northwest Church of Christ

Sunday

- 9:00 AM Central Standard Time Bible class
- 10:00 AM Central Standard Time Worship services

Wednesday Morning Blessing

• 10:00 AM Central Standard Time

Wednesday

7:00 PM Central Standard Time - Bible class

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Verse 24

Every one therefore that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man, who built his house upon the rock.

The key to everlasting life is in Jesus' saying, "these words of mine!" Throughout the New Testament, the final, ultimate and exclusive authority in true religion is the word spoken by Christ. Jesus commanded the church to teach "whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). He declared that the words he spoke would judge men at the last day (John 12:48). The true religion was "first spoken" by Christ (Hebrews 2:3). "Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God (2 John 1:1:9). Apostles warned that men ought to learn how "not to go beyond the things which are written" (1 Corinthians 4:6). "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Colossians 3:16), Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35). The most important fact to know with reference to Christianity is that it is "of Christ"! Not even the apostles were commissioned to go beyond the word of Christ. Even the reception of the Holy Spirit in their hearts was not for the purpose of imparting additional truth but for bringing to their remembrance the things Christ taught (John 14:26). The current notion that any man in whom the Holy Spirit is supposed to dwell may properly determine the true nature and content of Christian doctrine is emphatically denied in the affirmation of Christ that, even in the apostles, the Holy Spirit did not speak "of himself." "For he shall not speak from himself; but what things soever he shall hear, these shall he speak ... for he shall take of mine, and shall declare it unto you" (John 16:13-15).

Wise man who built his house upon the rock. The "rock" is nothing more nor less than "these words of mine," namely, the words of Christ.

Verse 25

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock.

Rains, floods, and winds, in this place, suggest oppositions from above, beneath, and all around. The stability of the wise man's house was due to the fact that it was built, not upon "a rock," but upon "THE rock"! Only the life founded upon and guided by the principles of Christ shall stand. His teaching is the rock; all else is shifting sand.

Verse 26

And everyone that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them not, shalt be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall thereof.

All this is a recapitulation, in the negative, of what was said immediately before. The focus of attention here should be upon the revelation of what the true rock actually is, namely, the words or teachings of Christ. This is the point so many seem to miss.

John 8:12 NASB

12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

2 Corinthians 6:14 NASB

14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

Ephesians 5:1-11 NASB

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; 2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. 3 But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; 4 and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them; 8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light 9 (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), 10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;

Ephesians 6:12 NASB

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:13 NASB

13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Colossians 1:13-23 NASB

13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. 18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. 19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. 21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds,

22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—23 if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

1 John 1:5-2:3

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

If you are seeking God and His salvation through His Son and have not obeyed the gospel of salvation, please pray from your heart for the guidance as you seek Him to become part of the body in Christ and seek a Church of Christ near you. "Church of Christ", if you would like help with guidance and or prayers, please send me a message through my "contact" page.

In this world there is darkness, Satan and his allies (<u>Matthew 13:36-43</u>, <u>Luke 4:3-8</u>, <u>Acts 26:18</u>, <u>2</u> <u>Corinthians 11:14-15</u>, <u>Ephesians 6:10-18</u>, <u>1 Peter 5:6-11</u>) that are trying to do their best to keep you and your loved ones from the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ (<u>2 Corinthians 4:4</u>).

Please share this site with others so they also can be helped to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

I would like to say thank you first for visiting the site, this site is dedicated to help the lost and the misled on the right path to the one true God and Father through His Son our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and to help encourage any of my brothers and sisters that are in the body in Christ.

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