# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."(Jude 3)

January 12, 2020

#### THOSE TO SERVE AM

### **Announcements:**

Josh Fulcher

# **Lead Singing:**

Mitchell Smith

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Richard Price

#### **Scripture Reading:**

Kyle Hobbs

#### Lord's Table:

Josh Price Kyle Hobbs Mitchell Smith Johnny Downs

# **Closing Prayer:**

Wesley Tucker

#### **Greeters:**

Ethan Hobbs Isaac Fulcher

#### **Usher:**

**Richard Price** 

### Lesson

**AM:** Out With the Old, In With the New

# **Scripture reading:**

Col 3:5-10

# PM: The Scripture Can't

Be Broken

#### **Scripture reading:**

John 10:34-39

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#### THOSE TO SERVE PM

**Lead Singing:**Mitchell Smith

**Opening Prayer:**Kevin Smith

**Scripture Reading:** Chris Smith

**Lord's Table:** Josh Price

Closing Prayer: Johnny Downs

#### **ELDERS**

Richard Price Kevin Smith

#### **DEACONS**

Johnny Downs
Josh Fulcher
Kyle Hobbs
Andy Johnson
Josh Price
Wesley Tucker
Nathia Whitley

#### **PREACHER**

Luke Puckett

#### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

Bible Class: 9:30 AM Worship: 10:15 PM Worship: 1:00

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

#### **LADIES CLASS**

10:00 am Tuesdays

# A Message To Our Visitors

It is our privilege to have you visiting with us today. Please know that you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here. Please return to be with us again at your earliest opportunity. If you have questions or would like to study the Bible with us, please let us know. Thanks again for visiting with us, and may God continue to bless you according to His divine purpose.

# RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHY OF TODAY AND PETER'S PREACHING

By: Jimmy Clark

"But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:" (Acts 2:14).

These are the beginning words of Peter in the great sermon given on that day of Pentecost, which brought about the beginning (cf. Acts 11:16) of the fullness of the gospel. By the end of the day about 3,000 souls were saved and added by the Lord to the saved (cf. Acts 2:41). In the day when people cry out for results, it would be hard to plead against such numbers. However, consider the approach that Peter by the Holy Spirit used in preaching the gospel on that morning and see how it conflicts with the religious philosophy of today.

**Absolute Religious Authority Contrasted to** Relativism. Relativism is the philosophy that holds to there being no absolute truth. According to relativism, everything depends on situations and points of view. All viewpoints are considered valuable with no one viewpoint esteemed above another according to the popular religious philosophy of today. Peter spoke definitively and absolutely. "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel" (Acts 2:16). "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:" (Acts 2:22). "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly . . . " (Acts 2:36). The Holy Spirit did not leave any room for opinions or points of view to arise in the discourse. It was not a matter of "How do you see it?" but a matter of "This is the case; therefore, know and know assuredly."

**Ascribing Bible Citations for Proof Contrasted** to Human-Interest Stories. Some hold to the belief that book, chapter and verse type of preaching is ineffective and archaic. Humaninterest stories warm the hearts of hearers and readers, it is said. Don't use too many Bible verses as that tends to be too preachy and people won't listen to that, it is asserted. Stories, especially success stories, that show how one went from depravity to being the dedicated disciple of the cause help people to believe that they too can do it, man is told. Peter used the Bible to convince these devout Jews (cf. Acts 2:5) the truths before them. He cites what the prophet Joel said in Joel 2:28-32. Again, he cites what David, himself also a prophet (cf. Acts 2:30), wrote by inspiration in Psalms 16:8 -11 as well as Psalms 110:1. Faith does not come by stories, but by the word of God (cf. Rom. 10:17).

**Affixing Personal Responsibility for** Wrongdoing Contrasted to Tolerance and Feeling Good About Oneself. Tolerance and the age of immediate gratification call for religious experiences of feeling good about oneself and how to help others feel the same. It is averred that preaching to call for major lifestyle changes turns people off. Peter called for their personal responsibility with their "wicked hands" (Acts 2:23) and how that they "have crucified" (Acts 2:36) the very one God made Lord and Christ. They were pricked in their hearts (cf. Acts 2:37) and asked the right question. They were authoritatively told what to do (cf. Acts 2:38-40) and did it (cf. Acts 2:41). Hence, God's way is the way.

# **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

#### **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan**: 1Kings
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team **2 (Johnny Downs**) meets today
- ⇒ **Area events**: Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **Personal invitation handouts** are available. Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to services.
- ⇒ **Men's Class**: Thursday, February 6th at 6:30.
- ⇒ **Deacons**: Some of the Deacons will give a report of their work on Sunday, Jan 19 in our afternoon service.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Jelly
- ⇒ **Sick**: If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

#### **Prayer/Sick List**

- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Richard Jones
- ⇒ Kristin Sims
- ⇒ Whitney Tucker
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson
- ⇒ Neal Parker (Ron's bother-in-law)
- ⇒ Lucetria Hutchison (Ron's mother)
- ⇒ Karen Price (Josh Price's sister-in-law)
- ⇒ Johnny Wagner (Josh Fulcher's neighbor has cancer)
- ⇒ Debra Moore (Linda Jones' daughter)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law, cancer)
- ⇒ Dennis Thomas (Judy Black's cousin, cancer)
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Dean Chadwick (Tammy's mother)
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Trish Puckett
- ⇒ Paula Fulcher
- ⇒ Continue to remember all those who have lost loved ones this year

# WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the Word (Rom 10:17)

Believe the Word (John 8:24)

Repent (Luke 13:3)

Confess Christ (Rom 10:10) (Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized (Acts 2:38) (Acts 22:16)

Remain Faithful (Rev 2:10) (Acts 8:12-24)

Heaven can be your home if you obey God! (Heb 5:8-9)

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You will find bulletins, sermon outlines, and other helpful links and material.



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<u>Bible question:</u> Who tried to exalt himself to king of Israel before David's death?

Last week's question and answer: What woman cared for David in his old ago?

for David in his old age?

**Answer:** Abishag (1Kings 1:1-4)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy

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