

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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## **Coldwater church of Christ**

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### **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 Tuesday  
mornings

## **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.

### **THOSE TO SERVE**

#### **Announcements:**

Richard Price

#### **Lead Singing:**

Wesley Tucker

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Ron Hutchison

#### **Scripture Reading:**

Chris Smith

#### **Lord's Table:**

Mitchell Smith  
Josh Price  
Johnny Downs  
Kyle Hobbs

#### **Closing Prayer:**

Daniel Puckett

#### **Greeters:**

Nathan Puckett  
Jordan Hobbs

#### **Usher:**

Josh Fulcher

### **Lesson**

**AM:** Billboards

#### **Scripture reading:**

Hebrews 4:8-13

**PM:** Coming to Christ

#### **Scripture reading:**

John 6:43-47

# WALKING IN THE TRUTH

*By: Kevin V. Rutherford*

Truth must be learned, loved, and lived. Jesus said, “he who does the truth comes to the light (John 3:21).” One must come to the light to be saved (John 1:1-10; John 3:14-21; 1 John 1:5-7). To come to the light one must do the truth (John 3:21). Therefore, one must do the truth in order to be saved. This is why the question asked by the Jews on Pentecost is a very good question: “Men and brethren, what shall we do (Acts 2:37)?” Another way of expressing this is to say truth must be walked in. To walk in something means that it is your way of life. Walking in truth indicates the truth has encompassed one’s whole life. One must learn it, love it, and live it. It was very encouraging to the apostle John to know that “his children” were walking in truth (2 John 1:4; 2 John 1:3-4). This indicates the importance of remaining faithful to the truth, and shows us that faithfulness to the truth is a continual, every day fact of who we must be as Christians.

We live under the New Covenant or Testament. The first Testament (Law of Moses) was fulfilled when Christ died upon the cross (Colossians 2:14-17). Jesus’ last will and testament came into force when he died (Hebrews 9:15-17). We now live under a different priesthood and this fact alone proves there has been a change in the law (Hebrews 7:12-14). Therefore, we understand we are not bound by the Law of Moses today. However, even while the Law of Moses has been fulfilled in Christ (Romans 10:4; Matthew 5:17), there are many principles we can learn about God specifically, and walking in truth generally from a study of the Old Testament. Thus, it was preserved for our benefit (Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 1-11). With that in mind, let’s take a look at Hezekiah as an example of what it means to walk in truth. The Bible says Hezekiah walked before God in truth (2 Kings 20:3). If we want to have some idea of what it means to walk before God in truth, then we should take a look at how Hezekiah did this. 2 Kings 18:1-6 shows us exactly how Hezekiah walked in the truth. First of all, we are told that Hezekiah did what was right in the sight of God. If a person is going to walk in truth he

must do what is right in the sight of God rather than what is right in the sight of men. This directly addresses the question, “is it wrong to be right?” No. It is not wrong to be right. Yes, being right is very important. Right in the sight of God to be specific. What man thinks is no standard. Doing what is right in the sight of men rather than in the sight of God is not walking in truth and will not ever please God.

What else did Hezekiah do (2 Kings 18:1-6)? He destroyed the places of false idol worship. One religion is not as good as another. One faith is not as good as another. It is not true to say that God accepts whatever man wants religion to be. Rather man must accept what God demands to be right. What one believes, practices, and teaches does matter. If one believes, practices, and teaches the doctrines of men and the gut-feelings of their inner hearts rather than doing what is right in the sight of God, they are not walking in the truth, they are not right, and they are not pleasing God (cf. Jeremiah 7:23-24; 9:12-14; 16:12; 18:12). In any matter, including faith and worship the attitude that seeks to please men (including self) rather than God is “evil (Jeremiah 13:10).”

Hezekiah trusted in the Lord God of Israel, held fast to the Lord, did not depart from following God, and kept God’s commandments (2 Kings 18:5-6). This is what it means to walk before God in truth (2 Kings 20:3). Does one have to be right in the sight of God to be walking according to truth? Yes. In fact, one must keep God’s commandments to be considered one who is walking in the truth, and walking in the truth is crucial to faithful Christian living (2 John 1:1-4; 3 John 1:3-4). If Hezekiah had come up with his own religion, or created some sort of hybrid religion he would not have been walking in the truth. If he had decided to have religion his way, he would have been in direct rebellion against God.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

⇒ Caroline Sims (30th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Hebrews
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 4 (Andy Johnson) 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, November 05 at 6:30.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Mac and cheese
- ⇒ **Thanksgiving giveaway:** There are bags in the pantry that have a card with items needed for each bag. Please get a bag and bring it back with the items listed. For more info, see Wesley.
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

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## **Prayer/Sick List**

- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Richard Jones
- ⇒ Ashlee Whitley
- ⇒ Kristin Sims
- ⇒ Whitney Tucker
- ⇒ Ron Hutchison
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Deborah 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 (Having tests run)
- ⇒ 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.



