

# *Shore Lines of the Northfield Church of Christ*

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**[Sunday AM Services Streaming @ 9:30AM](#)** ([Click for link](#))

**[Sunday Evening Message "Defining Faith" @ 6:00PM](#)** ([click for link](#))

**[Wednesday Bible Zoom Study: "Ezekiel 23" w/ Steve Robertson @ 6:30PM.](#)**

- Please observe good distancing inside the building & sit only in designated pews.
- Masks Are Mandatory.
- If You Feel That You Are At High Risk Or Are Feeling ill, Please Stay Home.

## ***WE BELIEVE WE MUST...***

**HEAR-** *the Word of God (Romans 10:17)*

**BELIEVE-** *that Jesus is the Son of God (Mark 16:16)*

**REPENT-** *of our sins (Acts 2:38)*

**CONFESS-** *Jesus as the Son of God (Acts 8:37)*

**BAPTISM (Immersed)-** *in water for the remission of sins & to be added to the church (Acts 2:38, 41, 47)*

**LIVE FAITHFULLY-** *by the teachings of the Bible (Luke 9:23).*



## Failure to “Purchase Tickets” for Noah’s Cruise

That there will be final appearance before God and a final judgment is obviously taught in the Bible. It is not that in some vague way, open to various interpretations, that somehow men might be brought into His presence. The Scriptures are filled with clear statements which leave no doubt about that final judgment.

Listen to the finality of these words from heaven. *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ” (2 Cor 5:10). “For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ” (Rom. 14:10). “He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness” (Acts 17:31).* It is an eternal truth that it will happen.

In view of how sick and spiritually depraved our world has become, why has He not already come? There were those in the first century who thought He should have come and concluded that the Lord had made a promise to return and failed to keep it. In Peter’s second epistle, he writes about this and then gives the reason why He had not come in their day. It is the same reason He has not returned in our day.

There were those who looked around them and concluded that *“...since the fathers fell asleep all things continue as they were” (2 Pet. 3:4)*. Peter said that those who were saying this had forgotten what had happened in the past. They had done it on purpose (v. 5). It is so easy to fail to see the big picture of God’s dealings with man. The apostle pointed them to the flood in Noah’s day. God’s view of that ancient world was vastly different from those who heard Noah’s preaching. God kept His promise, and the flood came!

*Why did He delay?* Read God’s words about this question, and you will have a better understanding about the reason He has not come even in our day. *“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet. 3:9).* Think of it in these terms. There was room on

the ark for many more than Noah and his family, but not one single person wanted to *“purchase the ticket.”*

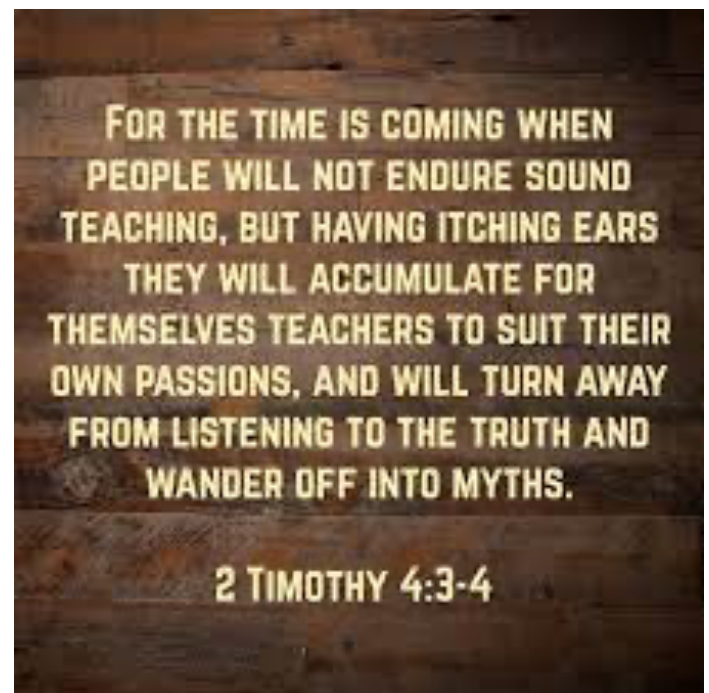
The implication of these truths? We live in a world where it is widely believed that the world has nothing to do with a Creator but is the result of an evolutionary process. God has made us, and we live, walk and have our very existence because of Him (**Acts 17:28**).

Why does He delay of the final judgment? Because He is not willing that any should perish. He waits as we try to teach those around us. He has delayed His return because He is waiting for us to tell others about sin and salvation. He is counting on us. We must not fail to be part of saving just one more soul for Him.

April 4, 2021 Article  
Dan Jenkins



Palm Beach Lakes  
CHURCH OF CHRIST



## **SERVING TODAY**

**Song Leader:** Bro Lee Christensen

**Announcements/YouTube:** Bro Mike Walsh

**Opening Prayer:** Bro Bart Diguglielmo

**Communion:** Bro Russell Weems

**Sermon:** Bro Mark Seim

**Closing Prayer:** Bro Lee Christensen

## **WORSHIP ORDER**

**Call to Worship (Himno)**

**Announcements**

**Opening Prayer (Oracion)**

**Hymn (Himno)**

**Lord's Supper (Santa Cena)**

**Hymn (Himno)**

**Reading-** *Matt.21:28-32*

**Sermon-** *The Gospel Of The Kingdom...The Entrance Into It.*

**Invitational Hymn (Himno)**

**Closing Hymn (Himno)**

**Closing Prayer (Oracion)**

## ***CONGREGATIONAL NOTES***

- For cancellation of services at the building due to bad weather please check our *website, facebook page, and phone message* for updates. *Thanks, Lee*
- The Food Bank is open and available to those in need. Please bring in non-perishable items to help keep it stocked.

## **Simple Guide for Prayer ACTS**

**Adoration** — Time for worshipping and adoring God.

**Confession** — Time to confess, or agree with God about, any sins or mistakes you have made that He brings to mind. Make sure people know they can pray silently.

**Thanksgiving** — Give thanks to God for who He is, what He has done and what He will do.

**Supplication** — Ask God for His help for yourself or others.

## **The Gospel of The Kingdom...**

### ***The Entrance Into It***

**INTRODUCTION...** Last week we observed just a few of the blessings of the present kingdom (*God's forgiveness, care, family, Spirit*) and the future kingdom (*God's eternal kingdom, eternal city, eternal presence, eternal care*). It is logical then, if we desire to enjoy these blessings of the present and future kingdom, that we must be in it. We must first gain entrance into the present kingdom so that we will make our election into the future kingdom sure. This morning we will study just how one enters the kingdom.

#### **I. IT REQUIRES OBEDIENCE**

##### **(A) *Obedience To the Will Of God***

(1) Matt.7:21-23

(2) Matt.21:28-32

##### **(B) *Obedience To The Gospel***

(1) 1 Pet.4:17, Lk.17:10, Rom.1:5

#### **II. IT REQUIRES REPENTANCE**

##### **(A) *Repentance From Sin***

(1) 1 Cor.6:9-10, Gal.5:19-21

##### **(B) *Repentance Involving Sacrifice***

(1) Lk.9:62, Acts 14:22, Mk.9:47

#### **III. IT REQUIRES SANCTIFICATION**

##### **(A) *Sanctification With A Higher Standard***

(1) 1 Pet.1:14-16

##### **(B) *Sanctification With a Noble Character***

(1) 2 Pet.1:4-9

(2) 2 Pet.1:10-11

#### **IV. IT REQUIRES A NEW BIRTH**

##### **(A) *A Birth Involving Conversion***

(1) Matt.18:3, Acts 3:19

##### **(B) *A Birth Involving Water And The Spirit***

(1) Jn.3:3, 5, 7

(2) Col.2:11-13

**CONCLUSION...** To enter the kingdom of God requires being *reborn through faith, repentance and being immersed in water* on man's part, & grace, mercy, & the renewal by the Spirit on God's part. This is what will make our entrance into the future kingdom sure. We must pursue the kingdom with an un-surpassing righteousness. We must also display great diligence while growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. *"Therefore, brethren be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you."* (2 Pet.1:10-11).

## **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

*It was the night before Jesus came and all through the house family was busy ignoring the storm. Some watched TV and some laid on their beds with visions dancing in their heads. When to my wondering eyes should appear, but the Angels proclaiming that Christ was here! I dropped to my knees, but it was too late!! I waited too long and thus sealed my fate!!! The servants of God let out a big cheer! As the darkness surrounded my soul with fear. I'm ready to serve you, "I shouted and pled. They just looked through me as though I were dead. My sins like a cloud were painfully clear. "Why didn't I accept Him when He was so near?" His church was claiming just as He said...I should have been listening as the "Good News" was spread. My eternity is set! In darkness I'll be!! How did I let all this happen to me? In the words of this poem, I hope you can hear, the return of the Lord is now very near. Don't get caught sleeping, don't wait one more day, accept Christ now, so you will hear Him say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant enter my Heaven I have prepared for you!"*

## **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:**

• ***Ecclesiastes 3:1-11***

• ***John 3:16***

• ***Luke 12:20***

## **LITTLE HUMOR:**

HOW MANY SECONDS ARE IN A YEAR?

**ANSWER: 12**

## **PREACHERS NOTES**

### **Hi to all**

*Please pray for Bill & Noreen as they head down to FL. We had a productive business meeting this past Tuesday evening. This week's Wednesday night Zoom class will cover the 23rd chapter of Ezekiel. See me if you want to participate. The lesson for this Sunday evening will be about "Defining Faith." There are many on our prayer list, so please take the time to read the bulletin and add those people to your prayers. Check out our website or Facebook page for more information. If you know of anyone who might enjoy receiving a daily devotional via email early each morning, see Lee or Mark.*

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY'S & BIRTHDAY'S TO ALL OUR APRIL FAMILY!!!**

# Keep in Your Prayers



**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL WHO WERE NOT MENTIONED IN THE BULLETIN OR WHO YOU MAY KNOW WHO NEED PRAYERS!!!**

## **OUR MEMBERS:**

- Please pray for Elizabeth Estevez, she will be having surgery on April 30th.
- Keep Melida in your prayers she is suffering with leg pain.
- Continued prayers for Robin who is suffering with health issues.

## **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:**

- Mark & Jane's granddaughter (Athena) fell at the playground keep her in your prayers for a speedy and healthy recovery.
- Pray for the families who have lost loved ones in the Atlanta and Colorado shootings.
- Amie Harris asks prayers for her sister during her first pregnancy (& husband). Also prayers for her friend Tazz, who's been diagnosed with liver cancer.
- Ron's mother cancer is in remission & she is doing well. Continue to keep Seth, Ron's son in your prayers.
- Pray for (Mark & Jane) (S-I-L) & Freddy's co-worker that contracted COVID-19.
- Keep Mark/Jane's friend (Pat) in your prayers she has improved.
- Keep MJ's friend Pat in your prayers.
- Continue prayers for Bill'(B-I-L) Bruce who is still being monitored for health issues .
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## **CONGREGATION CONTINUAL PRAYERS:**

- Toms River Church of Christ
- Cape May Courthouse Church of Christ
- D.R.- Ministry (Growth)
- Zambia (Continued Relief)
- El Salvador Church of Christ

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