# Shore Lines of the Northfield Church of Christ

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Sunday AM Services Streaming @ 9:30AM (Click for link)

Sunday PM: "Its Not Business; Its Personal" @ 6:00PM (click for link)

Wednesday Bible Zoom Study: "Ezekiel" w/ Steve Robertson @ 6:30PM.

- If You Are High Risk or Feeling ill, PLEASE STAY AT HOME!
- We are not requiring mask due to the mandate being lifted!!



# THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT 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)

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

Live Faithfully by the teachings of the Bible (Luke 9:23).

# The Divine Vaccine

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Dan Jenkins
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For the past year, we have dealt with the onslaught of a powerful sickness which has infected the entire world. Every newscast has given us the number of new infections and the daily total of those who have died. The life of every Christian has been changed because of its presence.

However, we may have lost sight of another "disease" which has rapidly spread all over the world and threatens every person in every home on the earth. That "disease" is sin. It has killed far more every day than Covid-19 has in a year. Sin brings death to all who are infected by it, but we should be ever thankful that there is a Divine vaccine to deal with it.

That vaccine is a life built on faithful obedience and service to the Lord. Sin has captured billions of individuals on this earth, but a life of faith removes its power from our lives. In both the Old Testament and the New Testament we find this simple truth, "The just shall live by faith" (Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38). Sin brings death but a life which is built around trusting God and doing His will "vaccinates" us against the power of sin and Satan.

Look at how the Divine vaccine empowers us and assures us that we will not become slaves to the bondage that sin always brings.

The life of faithful service removes from us the consequences of past sin. When Christians look at the mistakes of their past lives, they see it different. There is no need in the heart of His children for them to carry the heavy burden of the guilt of sin. While we can never remove the knowledge of our sinful past, we must always remember that day when God forgot about them. That person who is raised from the waters of baptism is a new creation. That sinful man with all of the horrendous, stupid mistakes has been crucified and has been buried in the waters of baptism (Rom. 6:3-6). When he walks out of the baptistry, he is a new sinless person! There is no need for guilt because God does not even remember our past!

The life of faithful service removes sin and its guilt from our lives after we are baptized. Do we do wrong? Yes, to deny this is to make God a liar, but hear these words about every wrong we have done after we became a Christian. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

The blood that dealt with past sins deals with our daily sins for "...if we walk in the light...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

Sin has taken up residence in the lives of all mankind, but it does not reside in His children. The blood of Jesus, the Divine vaccine, always protects us. Is there any wonder He said, "Be faithful until death and I will give you a crown of life"?

#### **SERVING TODAY**

**Song Leader:** Bro Lee Christensen **Announcements:** Bro Mike Walsh **Opening Prayer:** Bro Ron Clevenger **Communion:** Bro Steve Robertson

Sermon: Bro Mark Seim

Closing Prayer: Bro William White

**Worship Order** 

Call to Worship (Himno)

**Announcements** 

**Opening Prayer (Oracion)** 

Hymn (*Himno*)

Lord's Supper (Santa Cena)

Hymn (Himno)

Reading-Romans 12:1-2

Sermon-...DISCERNING HIS WILL

Invitational Hymn (Himno)

Closing Hymn (*Himno*)

Closing Prayer (Oracion)

### **CONGREGATIONAL NOTES**

- FYI...We are looking to begin our <u>Sunday Morning Bible</u> Class soon. We will announce our topic of study and the exact date that we plan to begin. Class will start @ 0930 and end @1010; Worship services will start at 1030. Next Men's prayer meeting May 27th @ 6:30PM
- Food Bank is open and available to those in need. Please bring in non-perishable items to help keep it stocked.
- Also there is a portable clothing rack in the kitchen area in which you can bring in clothing you wish to share.



# A Living Sacrifice Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

# <u>Lesson Outline</u> GOD'S WILL FOR YOU.... DISCERNING HIS WILL

**Introduction**...So far in this series we have touched on the following: (a) Rejoice always, (b) Pray without ceasing, (c) In everything give thanks, (d) Our sanctification, (e) Do good. This week we will focus on the discernment of God's will in our lives. Hopefully we will prove what is good, acceptable, and the perfect will of God.

#### I. DON'T BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD

- (A) Defining Conformity
- (B) Depicting Conformity
- (C) The Dangers of Conformity
  - (1) Matt.7:13-14
  - (2) 1 Cor. 15:33
  - (3) 1 Jn.2:15-17

#### II. BEING TRANSFORMED BY RENEWAL OF THE MIND

- (A) Defining Transforming
  - (1) Matt.17:1-2
  - (2) Rom.12:1-2

### (B) Depicting Transformation

- (1) Lk.6:40; Rom.8:29
- (2) Col.3:9-10; 2 Cor.3:18
- (3) 2 Cor.5:17

## (C) The Development of Transformation

- (1) 1 Cor.5:17; Gal.3:27
- (2) Titus 3:5; Eph.4:20-24
- (3) Rom.8:5; Col.3:2, 5-10; Col.3:1-2
- (4) Rom.8:5, 13; Acts 2:42

**Conclusion**... The discernment of God's will does not come through conformity to the world, by letting the world determine our standard of speech and conduct. It also doesn't allow worldly people influence us with their evil behavior. (1 Cor.15:33). Rather, the *discernment of God's will* in our lives comes through a remarkable transformation. This comes through the aid of the *Spirit of God* in conversion and regeneration. With the Word of God renewing our minds so that we may be able to discern between good and evil. (Heb.5:11-14). Hopefully, we are letting God and His Word transform our lives in doing His will.

## **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

**GIVE**, but don't allow yourself to be used. **LOVE**, but don't allow your heart to be abused. **TRUST**, but don't be naïve. **LISTEN**, but don't lose your own voice!

## **SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK:**

Acts 20:35, Luke 6:38

Giving does not just mean "MONEY" it includes your time and talent also.

1 Corinthians 13:13, 1 John3:17 & 20, Proverbs 3:5-6

& Psalms 146:3-4



# Hello!

Jane and I are safely home from our mid-week trip to Maine. Hopefully Elizabeth's condition is improving. We will be starting up or Sunday morning Bible class soon. Word on Wednesday night class and Sunday evening worship is that they will remain the same until further notice. Maria Torres asks for prayers for her and her family. Please consult our website and Facebook page for additional information regarding any upcoming events. The PM service topic this week is "Its Not Business; Its Personal"

# Congratulations to our new brother in Christ

We rejoice in the baptism of *Michael Hammer* (5/9/21).

Let us all make him feel welcome and help him along his journey with the Lord.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

#### **CONTINUAL PRAYERS FOR HEALTH**

- Andy's son Andres (recovery from surgery)
- Elizabeth Estevez (recovery from surgery)
- · Robin Battaglia (Health problems)
- Melida Arbaiza (fell at home)
- Debbie Robertson (back issues)
- Derrick & Anna Miller; recovering from Covid, Derrick is better but Anna is recovering more slowly

#### **FRIENDS and RELATIVES**

- · Ron' mother & son Seth
- Bill' friend Bruce is still being monitored for his health.
- Terri and Ron" neighbor (Rose and her daughter)
- MJ' friend Pat
- Mark & Jane' friend Pat
- · Mark & Jane; (S-I-L) Freddy' co-worker
- Aimie' sister first pregnancy, her friend Tazz who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

#### **CONTINUAL CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS**

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

#### **NEW JERSEY COVID-19 Information Hub Link**

Call (General COVID-19 Questions): 2-1-1 (24/7)
Call (Medical COVID-19 Questions): 1-800-962-1253 (24/7)
Call (Vaccine Appointment Support): 1-855-568-0545 (8a-8p)
Appointment Finder https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder

