

# *Shore Lines of the Northfield Church of Christ*

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**Sunday Morning Bible Study @ 9:30AM**

***(Auditorium only)***

**Sunday Morning Worship Service @ 10:30AM**

**Sunday Evening Service @ 6:00PM**

***(YouTube Only!)***

**Wednesday Bible study @ 7:00PM via ZOOM!**

***(No In person study at this time!!!)***

***(Zoom meeting info from Steve Robertson @ [quinsdad@yahoo.com](mailto:quinsdad@yahoo.com))***

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

# How Important is Your Righteousness?

Posted in **Brad Harrub**

Humans have a propensity towards “*works righteousness*.” We may not want to believe it, but deep down, most of us think we are playing a major role in our salvation. I think many Christians acknowledge the role Jesus Christ plays in our salvation, but the reality is we scour the Scripture to find things “*to do*” and then work real hard believing we play an important role.



Salvation is not earned. You cannot add upon its worth.

Often, our works righteousness attitude is grown out of fear or pride. For those who live their lives in fear, every time something bad happens they believe it is because of something they did (or didn't do well enough). They honestly believe their own actions brought about the “*bad*” thing. Friends, that would mean that for every day that they experienced something “*good*” they would honestly believe they earned/deserved it. That is not how God works and it is not God's plan for man's salvation.

Likewise, there are many who have the attitude, “*Thank you, Jesus, for dying on the cross. Now, look at all this stuff I've done to add to your sacrifice.*” A lot of this arrogance is fed by the church and is supported by the humanistic/narcissistic egotism that is prevalent today.

***Here's what I intend to teach my children regarding works righteousness.***

At your very best, you will be nothing but a filthy rag compared to God. I don't say that to hurt your feelings. I tell you that so that you can always keep the proper perspective of who God is and who you are. (You know we have not been parents who pamper and build false self-esteem.)

Allow me to back up what I said with Scripture: “*But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our*

*righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away*” (**Isaiah 64:6**). God is telling you that at your very best you are nothing but a nasty pile of rags. Paul wrote, “*As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one*” (**Romans 3:10**). A few verses later he added, “*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*” (**Romans 3:23**). In other words, you ain't all that.

There are many people who will be uncomfortable with what we are teaching you, because they honestly believe they can—by their own hands—add to what Jesus did on the cross. But the reality is salvation is only through Jesus Christ (**see Acts 4:12; John 14:6**). You are unable to add to His sacrifice and grace.

Many people comprehend this intellectually, but their gut still tells them they must check off so many boxes in order to be a godly Christian and go to heaven. Listen to what Paul wrote to Titus, “*not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life*” (**Titus 3:5-7**).

To think that we add to Christ's sinless sacrifice is to cheapen it. It brings Him down and elevates us. Paul admonished, “*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast*” (**Ephesians 2:8-9**).

So, does that mean we should just live our life however we want, and not try to do good? If you are asking that question then you are missing the point. When you truly comprehend how wretched you are, and what Jesus did for you, it should stir a desire in you to do good and follow after Him. It's not that we are trying to work our way to heaven. It is that we are trying to pattern our lives after our Savior.

It is my prayer that as you deepen your faith that you will be on guard against this works righteousness attitude.

Humble yourself, and remember who you are—and remember Who He is. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...

## SERVING TODAY

**Song Leader:** Bro Lee Christensen

**Announcements:** Bro Mike Walsh

**Opening Prayer:** Bro Javier Perez

**Communion:** Bro William White

**Sermon:** Bro Bill Wills

**Closing Prayer:** Bro Ron Clevenger

## WORSHIP ORDER

**Call to Worship (Himno)**

**Announcements**

**Opening Prayer (Oracion)**

**Hymn (Himno)**

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

**Hymn (Himno)**

**Reading- Colossians 3:15**

**Sermon- Thankfulness**

**Invitational Hymn (Himno)**

**Closing Hymn (Himno)**

**Closing Prayer (Oracion)**

*Let the peace of Christ rule in  
your hearts, since as members  
of one body you were  
called to peace.*



*And be thankful.*

Colossians 3:15

I NEED THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

## **CONGREGATIONAL NOTES**

### Sunday AM Adult Bible Class

- 🕒 Sunday AM Bible Study;
  - ❖ From "The Simon Peter Principles" by Keith Hodges.

### Wednesday Bible Class

- 🕒 Steve Robertson is leading a study in the book of Acts **VIA ZOOM.**
- 🕒 You need to request a meeting invite from Steve @ [quinsdad@yahoo.com](mailto:quinsdad@yahoo.com)
- ★ Food Bank is open and available to those in need. Please bring in non-perishable items to help keep it stocked.
- ★ There is a portable clothing rack in the kitchen area in which you can bring in clothing you wish to share.



## **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)



# **Thankfulness**

Colossians 3:15  
**Lesson by Brother Wills**



Does being thankful describe your behavior?

## **Thankfulness and Trust**

Beginning in Numbers chapter 11 and reading through chapter 15 we notice how the Israelites complained, cried, wept, were ungrateful, murmured, were disbelieving and disobedient. The same could probably be said of the people of our society, especially in the past couple of weeks. There are many great lessons we can learn about the one true and living God and from the history of the children of Israel. Indeed, Paul's inspired pen was correct when he wrote, *"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and com-fort of the Scriptures might have hope"* (**Romans 15:4**).

Here are just a few things for us to consider as we approach this new week:

1) Be content. **Hebrews 13:5** says, *"Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"* Contentment doesn't necessarily mean satisfied. But carries with it the idea of thankfulness and a focus on how God has blessed us. So...

2) Count your blessings, look for the good in every situation, and be thankful. The Psalmist said, *"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name"* (**Psalms 100:4**). **Colossians 3:15** instructs us to *"let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful."* And lastly...

3) Trust in the Lord. While in the history of God's people God recognizes both sins of ignorance and sins of presumption He still calls both of them sin. And there are consequences for both. Ignorance of the law was/is no excuse. And the only hope we have is to trust in Him and obey His commands (**Psalms 37:3**).

Have a blessed week and be faithful!

This entry was posted in [Tim Dooley](#)

## **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

Your friends (!?) who let you sit in the comfort of your bad habits do not love you as much as the ones who challenge you to do better.

Preoccupied with the opinions of others (**John 12:43**)

Plans fall for lack of counsel, but with many advisors they succeed (**Proverbs 15:22**)

Ignoring the power of prayer (**James 4:2**)

Depending on self-effort (**Galatians 3:3**)

Expecting praise and personal recognition (**Luke 14:11**)

All of us sometime, somehow, somewhere need help, call on GOD!

Need direction (**Psalms 23:5**); Worried (**Philippians 4**); Sad (**John 3:16**);

Grieving (**Jeremiah 29:11**); Financial problems (**Palms 4:6**); Discouraged (**Psalms 23:3**)

Search the scriptures (**John 5:39-47**). Don't just accept what you hear from the pulpit, the bible study teachers or what others say; our salvation is at stake. Open your Bibles when someone is teaching, so you can follow along.

## **Preacher's Corner!**



- Jane & I will be on vacation early in September and miss services on the 12th and 19th.
- The Wednesday evening ZOOM class on Acts is a good one and if you want to "attend" contact me or Steve Robertson.
- Please consult our church website or Facebook Page for any additional information, and the bulletin for people on our prayer list.

# ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

## **CONTINUAL PRAYERS FOR HEALTH**

- Elsie Thompson (mental/emotional/spiritual strength)
- Melida Arbaiza for better health.
- All our church family near and far
- Terry Clevenger with health issue
- Continued prayers for Maria Torres for better health
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## **FRIENDS and RELATIVES**

- Ron' mother is having a minor procedure pray all goes well.
- Terri and Ron' neighbor Rose and her daughter.
- Mariam Figuero' ex Sister-I-L is doing well and might be coming home soon with a home nurse.

## **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

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