

March 31, 2019

“When I See the Blood”

By Michael Hickox

Olney Church of Christ

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Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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Elders: Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

Deacons: John Frost, Dave Goff,
Roger Sholders

Visitors are welcome

We offer Bible classes for all ages

We also offer in-home Bible studies

We have Bible lessons on the radio
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

When the Israelites were in Egyptian bondage, God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and determined to lead Israel out of Egypt.

The hard-hearted Pharaoh rebelled against this (**Exod. 5:2**). Because Pharaoh refused to let Israel go, God brought the ten plagues on Egypt. The last of these plagues involved God destroying the firstborn of the Egyptians (**Exod. 11:4-5**).

While God’s wrath was against Egypt, the *Israelites* were promised safety if they sacrificed a lamb without blemish as instructed, and put the blood of the lamb on **“the two side posts, and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it”** (**Exod. 12:7**).

God promised **“the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt”** (**Exod. 12:13**).

New Testament Christians recognize Christ as our **“Passover”** (**1 Cor. 5:7**).

As the blood of the sacrificial lamb saved the Israelites from the effects of the tenth plague, so does Christ’s blood save us from destruction when we obey His Word.

While the Israelites had reason to be thankful for what God did for them in Egypt, we have even greater reason to thank God for the blood of Jesus that allows us to escape eternal death.

“Choose You This Day”

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Joshua 24:15: *And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*

Joshua made this statement after God had given the Israelites the land He had promised (**Josh. 24:13**). Among the lessons from this statement are the important words “**choose you this day.**”

Obedying God is a *choice*. Joshua indicated what his choice was, but each of the Israelites had to make this choice for him or herself. Every person must *choose* to do what God commands.

The fact that obeying God is a choice hinders those who do not want to obey from having an excuse. To those who genuinely want to do what is right, however, having this choice is a comfort.

In **1 Corinthians 10**, the Holy Spirit tells of the failures of the “exodus generation” of Israelites. They were God’s chosen people, but God was displeased with many of them (**verse 5**) for their lust, idolatry, fornication, murmuring, and other sins (**verses 6-10**).

In **verses 11-12**, it is pointed out that these individuals were written about for us to take heed that we do not follow their mistakes. **Verse 12** says “***Therefore let him who thinks he stands be careful that he doesn’t fall.***”

The very next verse goes on to say “***No temptation has taken you except what is common to man. God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but will with the temptation also make the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it***” (**verse 13**).

Verse 12 teaches that we must be careful not to fall into sin. **Verse 13** goes on to assure that we have a *choice* to avoid sin because God can be relied upon to provide a way of escape.

Together, these two verses teach that we must take Satan’s viciousness and deceitfulness seriously, yet recognize God’s faithfulness in providing us the *choice* to take the “**way of escape.**”

We have the ability to *choose* to serve the Lord. This is in many ways a comfort, but also calls us to take personal responsibility because we know that the choice is ours. May we, like Joshua, *choose* the path of righteousness.

Area Gospel Meetings

River Ridge church of Christ:
March 31 - April 5 (with John Gibson)
Sun: 9:00, 10:00, 4:00; M-F: 7:00

Ohio Street Church of Christ:
April 7-12 (with Brad Sullivan)
Sun: 1:30, 2:15; M-F: 7:00

Casey Westside church of Christ:
April 12 (Singing Service)
Friday: 7:00

*Our Gospel meeting will be
April 21-26 with Gerry Sandusky*

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God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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Prayer List

Holly G
 Barb A
 Sandy S (Foot Injury)
 Betty P
 Mabel H
 Norma's Grandson, Ryan (Head Injury)
 Cheryl S (Breast Cancer)
 Norma C (Injuries from fall)
 Mattie B (Leukemia)
 Linda & Family
 Dody G
 Joe B (Lung Cancer)
 Allen S (Cancer)
 Jeanette & Family
 Raymond B
 Mike D (Broken Neck)
 Everly G

Daily Bible Reading

March 31 – Joshua 22-24; Luke 3
 April 1 – Judges 1-3; Luke 4:1-30
 April 2 – Judges 4-6; Luke 4:31-44
 April 3 – Judges 7-8; Luke 5:1-16
 April 4 – Judges 9-10; Luke 5:17-39
 April 5 – Judges 11-12; Luke 6:1-26
 April 6 – Judges 13-15; Luke 6:27-49

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Bible Study: Mark

Worship: Larry

Evening: Steve

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Dave

Cleaning Building

Jeanette

Prepare Communion

Jeanette

Upcoming Reminders

April 20: Flyer Distribution @ 9:30 a.m.

April 21-26: Gospel Meeting
with Gerry Sandusky

April 27: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.

June 15: Vacation Bible School

Assignments

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Reading: Steve

Announcements: Dan D

Table: Mark

Serve: Carlyle

Harold

Mason

Darrell

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Invitation: Larry

Anniversaries

April 9 - David & Janice

Birthdays

April 25 - Jessica

April 29 - Jerry