

February 5, 2023

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.

Why Christians are One in Christ

We have the same Lord (Romans 10:12;
Ephesians 4:5)

We were redeemed by the same blood
(Ephesians 1:7)

We obeyed the same gospel (Romans
1:16; Galatians 1:6-9)

We were added to the same church
(Acts 2:41, 47)

We are heirs of the same promises (Acts
2:39)

We are united to the same head
(Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22)

We worship the same God (John 4:24)

We all have the same Father (Ephesians
4:6; Romans 8:16-18)

We hope for the same heavenly home
(John 14:1-6)

*“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is
neither bond nor free, there is neither
male nor female: For ye are all one in
Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28)*

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Religious But “Rong”

Mike Thomas, 2008

Some of the most religious people Paul found in his journeys were the idolaters in Athens. As he passed through the city, he noticed a statue for every god imaginable on display. And lest they left one out unintentionally, the Athenians had a statue to “The unknown God” erected as well. Paul’s response to such idolatry? *“Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious”* (Acts 17:22). There was no questioning their sincerity and dedication to what they believed to be right. But in their ignorance, they had not submitted to the one and only God, *“who made the world and everything in it”* (v 24). They may have been religious, but they were wrong in their conclusions and understanding of truth. If they wanted to be true disciples of God, they had to repent of such idolatry for God *“now commands all men everywhere to repent”* (v 31).

Is this not a good text to prove that it matters to God what we believe and do in religion? The popular theory of our time is **“one church is as good as another.”** Or, **“as long as you are sincere, it doesn’t matter what you practice in religion.”** We are seeing the fallacy of this philosophy as people who once applied it only to “Christianity” are now endorsing all sorts of non-Christian faiths, especially Islam. What feeble creatures we are who feel the need to

be consistent. And if “one is as good as another” has worked so well for years regarding Christian churches, why not extend it to all sorts of faiths and religions, even those who deny Jesus is the son of God? I guess it’s only time before Satanists received the right hand of fellowship as well.

Friends, if Paul had believed like so many of our time, would he have even said anything to the Athenians about idolatry? Why not let the ignorant remain in their happy, contented state if one religion is as good as another to God? Because God commands all men everywhere to repent! It matters not if you are religious or sincere, are you righteous and doing the will of God? Are you submitting to His will as a holy God who demands holy obedience from you? Will ignorance save you? If so, why did Jesus even bother with coming to the world? Why not stay up in heaven and let men do what they think is best if all that matters is sincerity and good intention? Because having a *“zeal for God, but not according to knowledge”* is not enough to save us (Rom 10:2). We must come to God through the truth if we are to be found by Him (1 Tim 2:3-4). We might be religious, but that doesn’t mean we can’t be “rong”.

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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- Not being able to do everything is no excuse for not doing everything you can.
- Consider how much more you often suffer from your anger and grief, than from those very things for which you are angry and grieved.

Prayer List

Holly
Cheryl
Raymond
Robert
Doans' Grandson, Wilson
Devin (Cancer)
Jerry (Lung Cancer)
Berlyn Yockey Family
Leah
Misty's Step-Dad, Ed (Cancer)
Ken & Chris
Randall (Cancer Treatment)

Daily Bible Reading

Feb 5: Ex 36-38; Matt 23:1-22

Feb 6: Ex 39-40; Matt 23:23-39

Feb 7: Lev 1-3; Matt 24:1-28

Feb 8: Lev 4-5; Matt 24:29-51

Feb 9: Lev 6-7; Matt 25:1-30

Feb 10: Lev 8-10; Matt 25:31-46

Feb 11: Lev 11-12; Matt 26:1-25

Feb 12: Lev 13; Matt 26:26-50

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Bible Study: Dan D

Worship: John

Afternoon: Dave

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Jim

Prepare Communion

Misty

Clean Building

Misty

Preaching Feb 5, 2023

AM – Jeff

PM – Lucas

Assignments

Sunday February 12, 2023

Reading: Jim

Announcements: Jeff

Table: Travis

Serve: Mike

Roger

Dan D

Douglas

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Invitation: Mike

Anniversaries

Birthdays

February 5 – Mike P

13 – Darrell

15 – Dan D

23 – Larry

28 – Donna G