

September 3, 2023

Did Christ Die in Vain?

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.

“He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not his mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth” (Isa 53:7). Isaiah described the events leading up to the death of Christ. In obedience to the Father, Jesus willingly stretched out his hands and died on the cross for our sins, but was His death in vain?

For those who refuse to obey the gospel, they are saying, “Lord so what if you loved me and gave your life for me?” Those who stubbornly reject the gospel of Christ are saying by their actions that the death of Christ was in vain.

If this is true of you, then consider that one day the Lord will return “in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thess 1:8). Appreciate what the Lord has done for you. Recognize your need for the blood of Christ. Obey the gospel! Don’t let Christ’s death be in vain.

~David McPherson via The Beacon

A Guiding Light

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Mat. 5:14-16).

Jesus wants us to shine our light for God. Jesus describes His disciples as “a city set upon a hill.” A city on a hill is noticed. What you do, as His disciple, gets noticed. Everything you do gets noticed by somebody. The words you speak are heard. Your attitude is seen in your every act. Where you go is noticed. It all has influence for good or bad.

Who Notices You?

1. People Who Know You Notice.

Nearly every day you see the same people at work, or at school. There is a circle of friends that you hang out with. They notice you. They see whether you pause to thank the Lord before you eat. They see how you drive your car. They see what you wear. They see what you are doing during services. They see how you handle difficult situations. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Don't forget your own family. They notice. More than

anyone else, they know if your faith is real or not. They know if you are serious about the Lord or not. What do the people who know you see?

2. People Who Don't Know You Notice.

Nearly every day there are people we meet that we really don't know. Those that work at gas stations, post offices, UPS drivers, those in doctor's offices. They see how honest we are. Our attitude is seen in how we respond to various situations. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Christians are positively distinctive from the world (1 Pet 3:15).

3. God Knows. God sees all. “The eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil and good” (Prov 15:3). God “looks upon the heart” (1 Sam 16:7). He cannot be mocked or fooled (Gal 6:7-9). Nobody can play games with God and win! A city set upon a hill cannot be hidden. You are noticed! The closer we get to Jesus, the light of the world, the brighter our light will shine! The Christian has the most important influence in the world, for he or she has the power of the gospel in their own life, which can change the lives of people around them lost in darkness.

~Roger Shouse via FOCUS, 2007

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
Cheryl (Surgery Recovery)
Robert
Doans' Grandson, Wilson
Chris & Family
Nora & Her Family & Family
Those Battling Cancer

Daily Bible Reading

Sep 3: Ps 140-142; 1Cor 14:1-20

Sep 4: Ps 143-145; 1Cor 14:21-40

Sep 5: Ps 146-147; 1Cor 15:1-28

Sep 6: Ps 148-150; 1Cor 15:29-58

Sep 7: Prov 1-2; 1Cor 16

Sep 8: Prov 3-5; 2Cor 1

Sep 9: Prov 6-7; 2Cor 2

Sep 10: Prov 8-9; 2Cor 3



Prayer Leaders

Sunday September 3, 2023

Bible Study: John

Worship: Dave

Afternoon: Larry

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Dan D

Prepare Communion

Jeanette

Clean Building

Wrights

Preaching Sept 10, 2023

AM – Ethan

PM – Ethan

Assignments

Sunday September 10, 2023

Reading: Mike

Announcements: Roger

Table: Travis

Serve: Jeff

Darrell

Steve

Dave

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Invitation: Larry

Anniversaries

September: 3 – Dan & Lovetta

Birthdays

September:15 – Emory W