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Beginning Our 65th Year Dec. 4, 2022

Goals For 2023
 Theme
 "Courageous Christians in 2023!"
 Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40:
 Sunday AM: 50
 Sunday PM: 40: Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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James Hahn
is preaching today

We are now in week #4 of our Daily Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Lynn & Mark Maudlin,
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward,
 Macon Ward, Greg Ward,
 Novema Dunn, Debby Spears
 (Roseann's sis) Sharon
 Thompson, Kay Thompson
 Gene Ward & Beth McFarland
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

THIS MONTH:
Examples of Courage:CHRIST
 Matt. 26:42, Rev. 19:11-26

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
Hebrews 9:11-15

Scripture Reading
 AM: Hebrews 5:7-9
 PM: Romans 5:1-9

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 6
 Invites last month: 19
 Visitors YTD: 0

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Our Theme for 2023...
"Courageous Christians!"
 1 Cor. 16:13
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Learning Obedience

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

VISITORS
 Please fill out a visitor's card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.



TEXT: Hebrews 5:7-9, Matt. 26:36-44

- I. Learn**
- A. Acquiring knowledge of something previously unknown or ability to do something not done before
 - 1 This was not the way Jesus "learned"
 - 2."to learn by use and practice, to acquire the habit of, be accustomed to" (Vine)
- II. What Did Jesus Learn?**
- A. Obedience Is Not:
 - 1. Doing own will: Many accept truth as long as it is what they want to believe
 - 2. Doing what is enjoyable
 - 3. Always fair: Luke 23:40,41
- III. What Did Jesus Learn?**
- A. Obedience:
 - 1. May mean being alone: Matthew 26:56, 58, 64-75
 - 2.Demands self-denial: Matthew 26:39, 42
- IV. Jesus Learned Obedience**
- A. Expects same of Us: Hebrews 5:9
- V. What Must I Do To Be Saved?**
- A. Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17)
 - B. Believe Jesus is Christ (Acts 8:37)
 - C. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3)
 - D. Confess your faith (Matthew 10:32)
 - E. Baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
 - F. Walk by faith in newness of life (Romans 6:4)

James Hahn

Justified By Faith

Text: Romans 5:1

MESSAGE OF BOOK OF ROMANS

Does not contradict James 2:24

Romans 1:5

Romans 16:26

Key Verse of Romans: Romans 2:11

Sin condemned in ALL, Salvation available to ALL, Available to ALL on same conditions

Mankind Is Lost In Sin (ch. 1-3)

How does a just God justify sinners?: Romans 3:26

Law Is Not The Answer: Romans 3:20

God's Plan Is One of Grace: Grace Offered Upon Condition of Whole-hearted Faith

This Grace Extended Universally

Problems We Have: Thinking F,R,C,B every time we hear the word "gospel", "gospel" always means "good news"

Ready to fight "faith only" every time we hear the word "faith"

"Faith only" rooted in Calvinism

Thinking "law of Moses" when we see word "law" (See Romans 3:19-21)

Thinking "Holy Spirit" each time we see the word "spirit"

Law and Faith Contrasted: Justification by "Law", Trust in SELF, Must keep perfectly

Justification by "Faith" : Trust in CHRIST, Means doing what He says: Luke 6:46, Romans 1:16, 17

God's Plan of Salvation

Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17)

Believe Jesus is Christ (Acts 8:37)

Repent of your sins (Acts 17:30)

Confess faith in Christ (Matthew 10:32)

Baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38)

Faithful unto death (Revelation 2:10)

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Seeking God Requires Courage, Commitment and Confession

In the Parable of the Sower (Lk. 8:4–15), Jesus said that different people would respond to the gospel in different ways. Many will initially hear and obey the truth, but not all of these will endure the hardships of being a disciple and keep the faith throughout their lives. Some will become unfaithful and fall away. Those who "have no root," for example, may "believe for a while," but in time of testing and temptation they will fall away (v.13). Still others are "choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life." Jesus said that in the case of these individuals "their fruit does not mature" (v.14). So lifelong faithfulness, and not just initial obedience, is what the Lord is looking for.

The truth of the matter is, it takes a certain quality of character to serve God faithfully, and not everyone will choose to have that type of character. The call of the gospel separates those who have a "root" in themselves from those who don't. Knowing this ought to stimulate some serious thought concerning our own hearts. Do we personally have what it takes? Are we willing to be like those who have the strong inner character the gospel calls for? **Seeking God requires courage, commitment, and confession.** If we're not willing to pay that kind of price, then Christianity is not for us.

The fact that we may not "have what it takes" doesn't mean that we're born one way or the other by "predestination." To the contrary, personal character is a matter of choice, and the choice is our own. Our "heart" is determined by the many free-will decisions we make every day. Some of these are big and others are little, but together, these choices add up to the thing that we call "character" — and if our character is not what it should be, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

Because our character comes from our choices, we can change from one "heart" to another. In fact, this is precisely what is involved in being "converted" to Christ. Such a "conversion" is not optional. Jesus said that we must change: "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 18:3). Whatever we've been in the past, are we willing to demonstrate courage today? Are we willing to make a genuine commitment to God? And will our lives be characterized by a faithful confession of our commitment as long as we live? If so, then we have the makings of true discipleship!

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