



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM
 7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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From the Shepherd's Pen

Are we “sometimes saved,” “once saved, always saved” or “if saved, barely saved”? Must we be perfect to walk in the light?

Eph. 2:4-10: “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.”

1 John 1:5-10. Our assurance: “if we are walking in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us from all sin.” God’s grace justifies us. It’s not a license to sin. It’s an invitation to grow spiritually. See Romans 6:15-20. Paul asks, “What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!” To sum it up, there are simply “saved” Christians, not sometimes saved, always saved, or barely saved. There is no scale!

Becoming a Christian and walking in the light is a process. When we confess our sin, repent and are baptized, we should begin making changes to help us live as Christ would have us. So long as we are walking in the light,

the blood of Jesus “cleanses” us from “all” sin. As we grow, attempting to live for Christ, we are walking in the light. We will stumble but because we are in the light, we can rise up and continue from where we stumbled.

Forgiveness is a gift from God — The system of law was imperfect. God’s new system of grace covers our failures! Paul said, “I do not nullify the grace

of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.” Gal 2:21.

Suppose one has public sin, confesses publicly and is forgiven by God. Do we forget those as God does? Do we bring them up again in condemnation? Luke 6:37 **“Judge not, and you will not be judged;**

condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven;” We should extend our hand and help our brother rise back up to again walk in the light.

In salvation, we were set free from sin, and became slaves of God. Romans 6:20-23. As Christians, we know that the gift of God, Christ, will wash away our sins. Let’s walk in the light! Let’s help our fellow Christians walk in the light as well!

Wes Deweese

Though we have had a lot of rain and gray days, spring is certainly coming forth. You see the flowers blooming and the trees budding. Various colors are on display.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Ps 104:24 ESV

Enjoy the blessings of God’s creation. He made it all for our benefit. For He made this universe as man’s habitation (Isaiah 45:18). He is the Almighty God, Creator of the heavens, the earth and all that is therein.

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