

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 10:30 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth
1 Thessalonians 1:8*

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For His Name Sake

-Renn Ferguson

If someone were to ask you why your sins were forgiven, what would you say? Would you talk about your faith, repentance, confession, baptism, and faithfulness? These are all things that we typically talk about when discussing salvation. However, they do not fully answer the question.

Do not get me wrong, all of those things are necessary for our salvation. If we do not have faith, we cannot please God (Hebrews 11:6). If we are not baptized our sins are not washed away (Acts 22:16). So, all of these things (and others) are absolutely necessary in order for us to be saved. Certainly, we are forgiven because we have submitted to the commands of God but there is a part of the answer that regrettably gets overlooked.

John gives us the answer in 1 John 1:12 where he writes, "I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake." For whose name's sake had they been forgiven? The answer is obvious, Jesus Christ. Yes, we are forgiven because we submit to and obey the gospel. Yes, we are saved because we were baptized, but why does baptism save us? It is because of what Christ has done for us. Though the scriptures demand faith, repentance, confession, baptism, and faithfulness they also always point back to the savior. Repentance and remission of sins was preached in His name (Acts 2:38). Paul stated that it is through His blood we have redemption (Ephesians 1:7). John also wrote that it is the blood that frees us from our sins (Revelation 1:5). The scriptures are always guiding our mind back to Christ.

We need to remember that we are not saved by our own works but by God's grace and mercy (Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5). The simple act of being baptized is not the sole reason we are saved. Without the blood of Christ that baptism would be useless. We need to guard ourselves from believing that we have earned our salvation because we followed "the steps". While those things are non-negotiable, they still do not place God in our debt. After all, we are following His plan. We need to realize that our salvation from beginning to end is totally dependent upon our Lord.

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**Holiday
Luncheon
December 17**



2023 Theme:
Children of Light

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While We Wait

Acts 1:12-16

I. Be Confident.

- A. The disciples return to Jerusalem- v. 12, Numbers 35:5, Luke 24:47, Acts 1:4,8
- B. While we wait have confidence in the promises of God- Hebrews 13:5-6, Romans 8:28, 6:17-20

II. Be Devoted.

- A. The disciples devoted themselves to prayer- v. 13-14, John 7:1-5, John 19:26-27
- B. While we wait devote ourselves to God- 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, Hebrews 4:16, Titus 3:8

III. Be Reliant.

- A. The disciples prayed for God's will- Acts 1:15-20, 21-22, 23-26
- B. While we wait allow God to guide us- Proverbs 3:5, Psalm 119:105, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 1 Peter 1:24-25

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 619 Take Time to Be Holy (v. 1, 2, 4)

Prayer

Song: 784 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Song: 694 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way (v. 1, 2, 5)

Song: 684 This World Is Not My Home

Song: 717 Victory in Jesus

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:12-14

Sermon: While We Wait

Song: 29 All to Jesus I Surrender

Song: 720 Watch and Pray (v. 1)

Prayer

Acts 1:12-14

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BARTHOLOMEW
JOURNEY
MARY
MATTHEW
JUDAS
PHILIP
ALPHEUS
WOMEN
UPPER
BROTHERS
JESUS
JERUSALEM
PRAYER
PETER
ROOM
SIMON
ANDREW
THOMAS
ZEALOT
JAMES
OLIVET
SABBATH
JOHN

Acts 1:12-14

- ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey.
- ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas *the son* of James.
- ¹⁴ These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

What must I do to be saved?

Hear: Romans 10:17. Believe: Mark 16:16. Repent: Acts 2:38.

Confess: Romans 10:9-10. Be Baptized: Acts 2:38. Live Faithfully: Revelation 2:10