

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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Sitting and Waiting

-Bill Brandstatter

We spend a great deal of time sitting and waiting. In the past few months this has happened to me at the doctor's office, at a car dealership, and at a tire store. I also have been put on hold while using the phone. There was music playing but I had to wait. In our age of instant and quick, it is hard to wait.

Often in our spiritual lives, we want instant solutions to complicated problems. In marriages we want instant solutions. Sometimes we may have to wait. Isaiah wrote that "He who waits on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Is. 40:31)

We need to let God do His part. So often in our fast-paced, instant society, we try to rush God. Abraham and Sarah tried this. When God told Abraham that through him all nations of the earth would be blessed, neither he nor Sarah could understand how that could be. Both were near or at 100 years of age. Sarah could not have children; so, they thought God meant some other way. So, Abraham had a child by Sarah's handmaid, Hagar. (Gn. 16:1-4) Later, God enabled Sarah to have a child. (Gen. 21:1-3) If only they had waited.

We should wait on the Lord with patience. David wrote: "I waited patiently for the LORD: and He inclined to me, and heard my cry." (Ps. 40:1) Patience is hard for many people. I am reminded of the preacher who prayed, "Lord, give me patience, and give it to me right now." Sometimes that is how we react to our requests to God.

We should wait on the Lord with courage. David must have known about waiting. He wrote about it again in the 27th Psalm. There he states, "Wait on the LORD, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen you heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD." (Ps. 27:14) Let us wait for the Lord to give us courage. We can be strengthened through the Word of the Lord and prayer. This will help us to be "strong in the Lord and the power of His might." (Eph. 6:10-18)

We should wait on the Lord with great hope. In Ps. 130:5, we read: "I wait for the LORD my soul waits, and in His word I do hope." Without the Word of God, we would not know the hope of salvation, the hope of a good life here, and the hope of a home in heaven. Thank God we have His Word to provide the hope we need in troubled times. Let us be better at waiting on God. We will be blessed and God will be pleased.

- Bill Brandstatter preaches for the Marion Church of Christ in Marion, IL.- Article obtained from www.bulletingold.com

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The Gospel Is for All

Colossians 1:4-5

since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel



2023 Theme:
Children of Light

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Peter and John Before the Council

Acts 4

- I. Peter and John Arrested- v.1-4
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 - B. Many believed the word- v. 4
- II. The Council's Question- v. 5-12
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 - a. Peter quotes Psalm 118:22 in verse 11
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 - A. They commanded Peter and John to cease from preaching - v. 16-18, 21-22
 - B. Peter and John refuse to comply- v. 19-20, Isaiah 20:9
- IV. The Disciples Prayer- v. 23-31
 - A. Peter and John report- v. 23, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
 - B. They all pray for boldness- v. 24-30, 31, James 1:5-6

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Prayer

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Lord's Supper & Contribution

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Sermon: Peter and John Before the Council

Song: 50 Are You Washed in the Blood? (v. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 755 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder (v. 2)

Song: Prayer

Acts 4:1-4

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Acts 4:1-4

- ⁴¹ Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them,
- ² being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
- ³ And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.
- ⁴ However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

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