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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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Are You Glad?

-Joe Slater

was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go unto the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1). David wrote this psalm before the Jerusalem Temple existed. He only recently had brought the Ark of the Covenant into the city, placing it into the Tabernacle (tent) he had prepared for it (either the Tabernacle that had been made after the Exodus or one David made of that design), 2 Samuel 6:17. Referring to the Tabernacle as the "house of the Lord" was entirely appropriate; it was the designated place where God's people came to worship, and Jerusalem was the recognized city where the they observed the three major annual feasts.

Question: Are you glad when it's time to assemble for worship? We understand that it's not the meeting house but the Christians meeting in it that are the "house of God." But Christians do, indeed, meet! The very word "church" means "assembly." So, my question remains: "Are you glad when it's time to assemble for worship?

Psalm 122 (quoted above) is a "song of ascents," one of the songs the



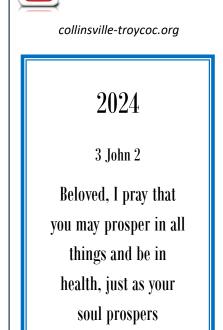
Israelites sang as they ascended to Zion (Jerusalem) for one of the feast days. For Christians, the first day of each week is a feast day. But the focus of our feast isn't satisfying our stomachs with food and drink; it's remembering the body and blood of our Savior by eating unleavened bread and drinking the fruit of the vine in memory of Him. We also celebrate our oneness in Christ as we observe this spir-

itual feast together.

I was greatly edified a short time back when one of our young men, while leading a prayer, mentioned that "we are happy to be here." That certainly was David's attitude as he penned the psalm, and it ought to be ours as well.

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Obey God Rather Than Men

Acts 5:17-34

I. Guard our Motives.

- A. The High Priest and the Sadducees were jealous- v. 17, Matthew 27:18
- B. Jealousy leads to all sorts of sin- James 3:16, 1 Corinthians 13:4, Philippians 1:17, 2:3

II. When God Says Go, Go.

- A. The Apostles were miraculously delivered- v. 19-21
- B. We have been commissioned- Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 10:13-15, 1 Peter 3:15

III. When Man Says Stop, Keep Going.

- A. The apostles were taken back to the council- v. 22-28
- B. The apostles continued to proclaim the truth- v. 29-33, 2 Timothy 4:2, Titus 2:15, Matthew 5:10-12

Acts 5:29-34

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Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 284 I Know That My Redeemer

Liveth

Song: 884 Teach Me Lord to Wait

Prayer

Song: 644 'Tis Set, The Feast Divine

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 55 Beyond This Land of Parting

Song: 717 Victory in Jesus

Scripture Reading: Acts 5:29-32

Sermon

Song: 125 Do You Know My Jesus?

Song: 72 Beyond the Sunset (v. 1, 4)

Song: Prayer

Acts 5:29-34

- ²⁹ But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men.
- The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree.
- Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.
- And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."
- When they heard *this,* they were furious and plotted to kill them.
- Then one in the council stood up, a
 Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while.

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