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# Truth & Right

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*“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.” Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)*

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*We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.*

**TIMES OF SERVICES**  
**SUNDAY**  
Bible Classes\* 10:00 AM  
AM Worship 10:45 AM  
PM Worship 6:30 PM  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Classes\* 7:00 PM  
(\* Bible Classes for All Ages)

## Today's Sermons:

*AM—Disappointments  
New Christians Face  
PM—Who Is A Christian?*

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## What Kind of Church Was It?

A lady approached a businessman and asked for a donation on a church building. “Yes, I will give \$100,” replied the man, “if you will erect a sign saying, ‘This is a church of Christ.’” “Oh, no! We couldn’t do that because it is not a church of Christ,” answered the woman. “Very well,” replied the man, “I will still give you \$100 if you will put up a sign saying, ‘This is not a church of Christ.’” “Oh, no sir. You know we could not do that because it is a church of Christ.”

## Wonder what kind of church it was?

This illustrates the confusion that exists when people think in denominational terms. People reject the Lord’s name for men’s and then still claim to be His. “Church of Christ” is not a denominational title, but a description of Christ. Incidentally, see what some churches who call themselves “of Christ” are practicing and teaching and we are still led to wonder: what kind of church is it?



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## Meeting Minimums

By Alan Cornett

via-Southwest church of Christ Bulletin—5-13-2001

When I was in college—especially in classes I didn't care much about—I was often interested in the minimum score for an "A." If the minimum in a particular class for that "A" was a 90, then usually an 89.5 average was sufficient (most teachers would round up!). The work that it took to get a class average of 89.5 was rewarded with the same "A" that the student who averaged 100% received. My mind was on meeting minimums. I was asking myself, what's the least I can get by with?

Thinking that way is a common mistake and an easy habit to get into. It stifles true success and ultimately will lead to failure in our pursuits. The real danger, however, is when we import that thinking into our life of service to God. How few times each day can I pray? How often do I really have to attend services? What's the least I can give and God not get mad at me?

Of course, such an attitude will never produce service pleasing to God. This mindset is based on the idea that somehow we can do enough to deserve salvation in the first place. Paul tells us plainly, *"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."* (Ephesians 2:7-8 NASB) God removes the notion of "earning" salvation. Man demonstrated through the Law of Moses that he would always fail if he tried to earn salvation. (Galatians 3:21-22; cf. Romans 4:4-5)

So, with a brilliant stroke God destroys forever the idea of meeting minimums! We can never reach that elusive minimum *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* (Romans 3:23) But God decided to offer men salvation through His Son anyway.

That's what grace is.

Misunderstanding what all this really means, our "meeting minimums" mentality might answer, "I can really take it easy in my service to God, then. I don't have to do anything!" Paul was ready with an answer: *"Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?"* (Romans 6:2-3) With our baptism we died to sin, Paul instructs us. (Romans 6:4-6) Now, we are to *"walk in newness of life."* (Romans 6:4)

God expects our total devotion. God says *"reasonable service"* (KJV) is *"to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice."* (Romans 12:1) Jesus tells us simply, *"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."* (John 14:15) I tell people sometimes, do everything you can in your service to God, and then pray He'll save you anyway. And He has promised He will; God is *"faithful and just"* (1 John 1:9). The point is, we aren't good enough, God knows we won't be—but He expects us to give it our best shot anyway.

If we are trying to get to heaven by meeting minimums we show we misunderstand what God expects of us. We demonstrate we really don't love Jesus and we really don't have the faith that saves. And God will never be satisfied with that attitude.

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can in your service  
to God, and then  
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anyway*

## Getting Away With It

By Jim R. Everett

via-Gospel Observer—8-15-2004

Our courts are backlogged with cases that need to be tried. If cases come before a judge, the delay of prosecution often allows the criminal to escape punishment. And, if he is punished, he may well receive a diminished sentence. All of which means that criminals

and sinners are more inclined toward their pernicious ways, because they have a good chance of escaping prosecution, judgment and punishment.

God's delay in bringing the final destruction of the world caused scoffers in the first century to say, *"Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation"* (2 Peter 3:4). They meant to imply that since each day the sun rises and sets as it always has and the world goes on, then the Lord is not going to return in judgment. Their assumed conclusion was, "If the Lord has not come, he will not come," which means that they will not have to give account for their evil ways. Peter uses three arguments against their false conclusion.

**Argument number one** -- *"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the word that then was, being overflowed with water, perished"* (2 Peter 3:6). Things have not always continued as they were. God destroyed the world once and now the earth and heavens are kept by the same word in store against judgment that shall be by fire this time.

**Argument number two** -- *"...one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day"* (v. 8). This is not a formula intended for prognosticators and speculators to set their end-time dates but means that time is of no significance to the Lord -- man is a creature of time and regimented by the ticking clock but God is not.

**Argument number three** -- *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance"* (v. 9). Some considered his slackness and delayed judgment a sign that his promise would not be kept. Rather, his delay indicates his longsuffering and his desire that all should have sufficient time to repent. Because he promised it, it shall surely come to pass in his own good time (Hebrews 6:10-20).

Disciples can also adopt this distorted perception. Jesus said, *"But and if that servant say in his heart, My Lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; the Lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him asunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers"* (Luke 12:45-46). This one is not a scoffer, but a servant and yet he too interprets the delay of returning as a sign of "getting away with it." Neither shall he escape condemnation -- his portion shall be appointed with the unbelievers.

Scoffers scoff because life goes on but they are willfully ignorant of the evidence that there will be a retribution for their evil deeds. Some servants act unbecoming to their master's desires in belief that a delayed return means there will be no recompense for their disobedience or that they will change someday. Unconvinced by God's promises in revelation, time may well be the only thing that will convince some of the folly of such a philosophy. But then it will be too late -- *"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"* (Hebrews 2:3a).



The person who rows the boat usually does not have enough time to rock it.



If you don't get everything you want, think of the things you don't get that you don't want.



In fishing for men there is no closed season.



It takes a strong constitution to withstand repeated attacks of prosperity.



usually the chains of a habit are too small to be felt until they are too strong to break.



When you are facing the sun,  
your shadow will fall behind you.





## Those Serving This Week

### Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Sr.
<b>Announcements</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Scripture</b>	Ezekiel 28:1-14
<b>Reader</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Prayer</b>	Matt Ferrell
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Harold Marshall
Fruit of the Vine	Tim Henderson
Serve	Blake Headen
Serve	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Ed Roberts

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

### Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Scripture</b>	Ezekiel 28:14-26
<b>Reader</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Communion</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Ken Prager

### Wednesday

<b>Announcements</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Class Prayer</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Invitation</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Earl Miller

## *News N Notes*

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

#### **Recovering:**

- Ann Rudolph
- Mary Jane Myers
- Joyce Coen
- Marie Roberts

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- Albert Miller, Earl Miller and Marie Robert's brother, as he recovers from heart surgery.
- Alfred Myers has been diagnosed with a leaky valve in his heart, they are waiting until Spring to see if it improves
- Mary Jane Myer's daughter-in-law has cancer in her neck .
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry
- Frank Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's brother is currently taking radiation treatments for prostate cancer
- Rick Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's nephew
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Lucille Harless, Dave Harless' mother
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother, is at home
- Tim Henderson's grandmother, Ovie Henderson, is in rehab following a hip replacement
- Blake Swanson, Dorothy Lancaster's grandson
- Bud and Merl Frey
- Tammy Garrison, Zeda Goddard's daughter
- Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Cary and Grace Lancaster

#### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

##### **Nursing Home:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

##### **At Home:**

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Pauline Midcap

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.