

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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Justice Prevails!

-Joe Slater

The Lone Ranger – Perry Mason – Superman. When you watched those old black-and-white TV shows, you knew all along that by the time the credits rolled the bad guys would be defeated, the good guys would be vindicated, and justice would prevail. No matter how hopeless it looked, the Lone Ranger and Tonto would arrest the bandits, Perry Mason would prove his client innocent, and Superman would confound the crooks.

Real life doesn't quite match a thirty-minute drama, or even a sixty-minute one, does it? Innocent people get railroaded! Criminals remain free! Might makes right! Whatever shall we do about life's inequities?



First, make certain you aren't the perpetrator of evil. "Let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busy-body in other people's matters" (1 Peter 4:15).

Second, when you suffer despite being innocent, take it patiently as a way to glorify God. That goes double if being a Christian is the cause of the abuse (1 Peter 4:16). Jesus suffered infinitely more than you ever will, and He was 100% innocent. You shouldn't

expect to be treated better than He was.

Finally, rest assured that justice really will prevail in the final analysis. It will take longer than thirty or sixty minutes. In fact, it may not happen in your lifetime! But, as the old song says, "There's a great day coming by and by." We might prefer to see all the accounts settled now. Since God's wisdom eclipses ours, however, we will do well to "run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:10).

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Leadership Seminar
4/27/24 9:00 AM

2024 Theme:
The Gospel Is for All

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The Ephesian Elders in Miletus

Acts 20:13-38

I. Do Not Shrink- v. 18-27

- A. A consistent life- v. 18, 1 Corinthians 11:1
- B. A humble life- v. 19, Philippians 2:3-5, 1 Corinthians 15:32
- C. A life spent declaring the gospel- v. 20-27, Philippians 1:21, Galatians 2:20, Ezekiel 3:16-21

II. Pay Careful Attention- v. 28-32

- A. To yourselves- v. 28, Matthew 7:1-5
- B. To the flock- v. 28, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:14
- C. Care for the church- v. 28, 1 Peter 1:18-19
- D. There will be wolves- v. 29-31, Romans 16:17-18

III. Help the Weak- v. 33-35

- A. Paul did not preach for wealth- v. 33-34, 1 Thessalonians 2:5
- B. Elders must not use their position for gain- v. 35, 1 Timothy 5:17-18, 3:3
- C. All must work hard to help- v. 35, Ephesians 4:28, Galatians 6:10

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 282 I Know That My Redeemer Lives (v. 1, 4)

Prayer

Song: 784 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth? (v. 1, 2)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 400 Living by Faith (v. 1, 3)

Song: 499 O to Be Like Thee! (v. 1, 2, 4)

Scripture Reading: Acts 20:26-30

Sermon

Song: 520 Only a Step

Song: 872 I Am Crucified with Christ

Prayer

Acts 20:13-38

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BLOOD
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TAKE
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THEREFORE
DEPARTURE
RISE
TESTIFY
COUNSEL
DRAW
HOLY
GOD
PURCHASED
MEN
INNOCENT
WHOLE
SAVAGE
DECLARE
AWAY
HEED
SPARING
PERVERSE
DISCIPLES
OVERSEERS

Acts 20:26-30

- ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I *am* innocent of the blood of all *men*.
- ²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.
- ²⁸ Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.
- ²⁹ For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.
- ³⁰ Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

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