

# 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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### Purifying for Love

-Renn Ferguson

Something that amazes me about the bible is the fact that, at times, there are many ways to look at certain passages. There are numerous lessons to be learned from a single verse. Each person often has their own view or a slightly different take on the meaning or application of a verse. Don't get me wrong, I am not saying that we can all have our own interpretation about everything. However, with some passages there is room for a difference of opinion.

For example, in 1 Peter 1:22 we read, "Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart." I typically taken that to mean that love is the result of our true obedience to the gospel. That basic point is represented in a number of passages (Galatians 5:22). If we are following God sincerely then love of the brethren will be the result. In fact, it will also be a litmus test to see if we are faithful to God (1 John 2:9-11, 4:20-21).

Yet, there is another way to view this passage in 1 Peter. I had never considered this until it was presented during a lecture at this year's Memphis School of Preaching lectureship. The speaker made the point that the word "for" in 1 Peter 1:22 is the Greek work eis. The same word used in Acts 2:38 to which we appeal for the purpose of baptism. This word indicates a reason or intent for a given thing. With that in mind reread 1 Peter 1:22. It could be that Peter is making the point that some were drawn to obey the gospel because of the brotherly love shown by Christians. How incredible is that?! This view likewise has biblical merit to it. The purpose of us showing love is prove to the world that we are Jesus' disciples (John 13:34-35). By so doing we draw the world to Christ (Matthew 5:13-16).

The love that we show to one another can be a powerful tool in bringing people to Christ. Let us endeavor to love one another sincerely, earnestly, and from a pure heart.

**2024 Theme:**  
*The Gospel Is for All*

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**Night with Paul**

**5/18/24 5:00 PM**

## Paul Before Felix

### Acts 24:1-27

- I. The Accusations- v. 1-9
  - A. Flattery- v. 1-3, Psalm 5:9
  - B. The first accusation- v. 4-5, John 1:46
  - C. The second accusation- v. 6, Acts 21:28
- II. The Defense- v. 10-21
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  - D. Paul's innocence- v. 17-21
- III. The Opportunity- v. 24-27
  - A. Drusilla- v. 24, Acts 12:1-2, Matthew 4:1-12, Matthew 2:16-18
  - B. Righteousness- v. 25, 1 John 3:4, Galatians 5:19-22, Acts 17:30
  - C. Self-control- v. 25, Proverbs 25:28, Matthew 16:24, 2 Peter 2:14
  - D. The coming judgment- Hebrews 9:27, 10:31, 2 Corinthians 5:10

## Worship Service

### Announcements

Song:

Song:

### Prayer

Song:

### Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song:

Song:

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 24:24-27

### Sermon

Song:

Song:

### Prayer

## Acts 24:24-27

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ANSWERED  
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HOPED  
SELF-CONTROL  
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FESTUS  
DRUSILLA  
FAVOR  
CONVERSED  
RELEASE  
JESUS  
WIFE  
BOUND  
FAITH  
YEARS  
MIGHT

## Acts 24:24-27

- 24 But some days later Felix arrived with Drusilla, his wife who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul and heard him *speak* about faith in Christ Jesus.
- 25 But as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you."
- 26 At the same time too, he was hoping that money would be given him by Paul; therefore he also used to send for him quite often and converse with him.
- 27 But after two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus, and wishing to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul imprisoned.

**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