

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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One Lawgiver and Judge

- Renn Ferguson

James wrote in James 4:12, "There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?" While there are some specifics to be taken from this context we will focus on a general principle seen in this verse. God is the only lawgiver and judge.

God is the only one that posses the authority to legislate any law or commandment. As we see in numerous passages, He has given this authority to His son (Matthew 28:18-20, Ephesians 1:22-23). This is important for us to remember. Far too often men begin to make their own laws- either demanding something that God has not demanded or allowing something that God does not allow. Both extremes are warned against (Matthew 15:9, 23:4,



23), we must remember we do not get to decide what God desires.

Additionally, God is the only one to whom we must give an account (Romans 14:12). He is the only judge. He has revealed to us many of His judgments. He warns us against certain practices while expecting others (Galatians 5:19-23). We certainly have a responsibility to share that with others (Acts 2:40). However, we must be careful to not put ourself in the place of God making judgments or pronouncing condemnation where we ought not. There are some things that are hard to understand. Even still, there are some things that are debatable. Paul addresses this in Romans 14:1. Sometimes when we approach a topic we can see it going either way. The evidence for or against it is almost equally compelling. In these situations we must be especially care to not pronounce judgment where God has not.

Ultimately, there is one lawgiver and judge. We will all stand before Him. No matter which side we may fall on with certain issues let us not judge another's servant (Romans 14:4). God will judge rightly. Let us trust in His grace and follow His word the best of our ability. Leave the rest to Him.

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Due to our AMC evangelism involvement, our schedule for worship, Bible class, and third hour activities are as follows.

Effective August 11

Worship	9:30 - 10:40
Bible Class	11:00 - 11:45
AMC/L2L	11:50 - 12:30

2024 Theme:
The Gospel Is for All

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Which Law?

Hebrews 8:6-12

- I. The New Covenant Promised.
 - A. There is a contrast made between the Old and New Testament- Hebrews 1:1-2, John 1:17
 - B. God promised a new covenant- Hebrews 8:6-12, Jeremiah 31:31-34
 - C. There was a fault in the old covenant- Hebrews 8:7, 10:4, Galatians 2:16, 3:11
- II. The New Covenant Inaugurated.
 - A. He became the mediator by His death- Hebrews 9:15-17, Galatians 3:11-13, 23-25
 - B. We are no longer accountable to the law of Moses- Ephesians 2:15, Romans 7:4-6, Galatians 3:23-25
- III. What about...
 - A. The Ten Commandments? Matthew 6:33, 1 Corinthians 10:1-22, Ephesians 6:1-4, 1 Corinthians 6:6-9, Revelation 21:8, Colossians 3:5
 - B. The Sabbath? Exodus 16:23, 31:16-17, Deuteronomy 5:3

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 297 I Want To Be A Worker

Prayer

Song: 299 I Stand Amazed (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 755 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder (vs. 1, 3)

Song: 825 I Love My Savior Too

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 8:6-13

Sermon

Song: 382 Knee at the Cross

Song: 800 Zion's Call (vs. 3)

Prayer

Hebrews 8:6-13

- ⁶ But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.
- ⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.
- ⁸ For finding fault with them, He says, "Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, When I will effect a new covenant With the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;
- ⁹ Not like the covenant which I made with their fathers On the day when I took them by the hand To lead them out of the land of Egypt; For they did not continue in My covenant, And I did not care for them, says the Lord.
- ¹⁰ "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, And I will write them on their hearts. And I will be their God, And they shall be My people.
- ¹¹ "And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, And everyone his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' For all will know Me, From the least to the greatest of them.
- ¹² "For I will be merciful to their iniquities, And I will remember their sins no more."
- ¹³ When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

Notes:

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23