

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) 11:00 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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Who Is Your Master?

- Renn Ferguson

No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” Matthew 6:24 (ESV)

Our society is so focused on our freedoms that sometimes we fail to remember that we are all servants. I do not mean that in the earthly sense of the word but spiritual. Sometimes it seems that we fall into a similar mindset as the first century Jews in John 8:33 when they say, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” They misunderstood what Jesus was saying. He was not talking about physical bondage or slavery but spiritual (v. 31-32). The truth of the matter is, we all serve someone. This is the very point Jesus is making in Matthew 6:24.

The only two options are sin or righteousness. Throughout scripture we see two opposing forces, Satan, and God. While Satan is not as powerful as God, God has allowed him to work in this world setting up the traps and snares of sin (Eph. 6:11, 2 Cor. 2:11). This presents men with a choice. Will we follow God or Satan? Ultimately these are the only two masters one can choose to serve. Again, as Jesus pointed out, it is either one or the other.

The question then arises how do we know which one we are serving? None of us are perfect right? Does that mean each time we sin we become a servant to Satan again and we are constantly changing masters? No. Read 1 John 3:8, “Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.” The key word in this verse is “practice”. There is a vast difference between committing a sin and practicing a sin. One is a momentary lapse in judgment, or a mistake made in weakness that is then repented of. The other is a habitual action that is not repented of. Paul makes a similar point in Romans 6:16.

When you look at your life, are you presenting yourself as an instrument of righteousness or sin? We all must serve someone. Who are you serving?

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Potluck
Luncheon
12:00 PM



2024 Theme:
The Gospel Is for All

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The Lord Looks on the Heart

1 Samuel 16:7

- I. A Sincere Heart- Matthew 6:1-18, 15:8
- II. A Humble Heart- 2 Samuel 12:1-15, Romans 12:3, Philippians 2:3
- III. A Serving Heart- John 13:13-15, Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 4:10
- IV. A Heart for Growth- Psalm 119:97, Matthew 5:6, 1 Peter 2:2
- V. A Thankful Heart- 1 Chronicles 16:7-8, 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, 1 Timothy 6:8
- VI. A Joyful Heart- Malachi 1:13, Psalm 122:1, Galatians 5:22
- VII. A Forgiving Heart- Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 18:35
- VIII. A Loving Heart- Mark 12:30-31, 1 Peter 1:22

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 100 Come, Thou Almighty King

Prayer

Song: 764 When We Meet in Sweet Communion

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 67 Bring Christ Your Broken Life

Song: 335 Into the Heart of Jesus

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 16:7

Sermon

Song: 337 Is Thy Heart Right with God?

Song: 1 A beautiful Life (Vs. 1)

Prayer

1 Samuel 16:7

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1 Samuel 16:7 (NKJV)

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For *the LORD does not see as man sees*; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

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