

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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Is Bible Study Important?

- Dan C. Bailey

There are about seven billion souls in the world today. Most do not read the Bible, study the Bible, or obey the Bible. The Book is of little or of no significance to them. However, the Christian loves the Bible, believes that the Bible is the revelation of God's Word, and believes that the Bible is true. Since the Christian believes that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, the Christian is interested in understanding the Bible. How could one be a Christian and not love the Word of God? How could one be a Christian, and not have a great desire to understand the only inspired Book that we have from our heavenly Father? No doubt, there are those who become children of God and who for a while live as Christians live, and then they abandon God and His Word for the world.

We read in II Timothy 4:10, "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia." We read about others who did the same thing, that is, they forsook God and the Christian life. "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame" (Hebrews 6:4-6).

However, the true Christian who lives like Christ wants him to live, is interested in understanding the Bible. Our classes on Sunday, or the first day of the week, are designed to instruct us, exhort us, warn us, correct us, and edify us in the Word of the living God. Why wouldn't a Christian be interested in attending the Bible studies on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening, as well as our worship on Sunday evening? Do we study the Bible so much during the week that it is not profitable to engage in it at these times? The truth is, we all need to study the Word of God more carefully. The sermons and the classes help us to walk by faith, please God, and thereby live the Christian life. If you are able to attend our Bible studies, why not come and grow spiritually. We are commanded, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen" (II Peter 3:18).

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December 14



2024 Theme:

The Gospel Is for All

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Behold the Lamb of God

John 1:29-34

Meekness

- His meekness declared- Isaiah 53:7, Acts 8:32, Matthew 11:28-30
- His meekness demonstrated- Matthew 26:53, 62-63, John 19:9-10, 1 Peter 2:23

Purity

- The purity of Old Testament sacrifices- Exodus 12:5, Leviticus 22:19-20, Deuteronomy 17:1
- The purity of Jesus- Hebrews 4:15, 1 Peter 2:22, 1 John 3:5

Sacrifice

- The imperfection of the Old Testament sacrifices- Hebrews 10:1-4
- The perfection of the sacrifice of Jesus- John 1:29, Hebrews 7:27, 10:10-14

Worthiness

- Worthy of praise- John 1:30, Revelation 5:9-10
- Worthy of dedication- John 1:35-37, Luke 14:33, John 21:18-19

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 532 Praise Him! Praise Him!
(Vs. 1, 3)

Prayer

Song: 784 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth? (Vs. 1, 3)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 708 Walking in Sunlight (Vs. 1, 3)

Song: 213 He Gave Me a Song (Vs. 1, 3)

Scripture Reading: John 1:29-34

Sermon

Song: 50 Are You Washed in the Blood? (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 404 Looking to Thee (Vs. 1)

Prayer

John 1:29-34

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John 1:29-34 (NKJV)

- ²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
- ³⁰ This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'
- ³¹ I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."
- ³² And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.
- ³³ I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'
- ³⁴ And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

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