

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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All Things That Pertain To Life and Godliness

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Have you ever spent Christmas Eve feverishly trying to assemble that last gift? Perhaps you waited until the last moment thinking it wouldn't be a big deal or difficult. It only required some assembly, after all. Then you notice that the instructions are not clearly written, and the diagrams are small and ambiguous as to which side of the frame the screws are supposed to be inserted. Don't you wish that you had all that pertains to how to put this thing together?

God's instructions for us are not like that. They are neither unclear, nor ambiguous. Peter tells us that God, through His magnificent ability and divine power, "has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue" (2 Peter 1:3 NKJV). He has given us all the things that we need in order to know how to live a godly life. He has left nothing to chance. He has given us no reason to wonder what it is that He wants. Through God's written word, the Bible, mankind can have all the information and instruction necessary to live a life that pleases the Lord. We can read and understand what God wants us to know (Ephesians 3:3-5). We can understand the will of the Lord (Ephesians 5:17). We can have the knowledge of Him and His will so that, "you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10).

Of course, many choose to ignore the instructions. Sometimes our pride gets in the way. I know how to put this thing together. Hours later, we begin to look for where we laid those instructions. When all else fails, consult the instructions. However, it would be better to start with the instructions so that we can arrive at the desired end. Our desired end ought to be heaven. Our desired end ought to be having a relationship with our Lord and Savior. We can say, "I don't need the instructions, I know what I am doing," but that path will not lead us to know God as He wants to be known. He has given us all things for living a godly life in His inspired words. Let us look to those basic instructions before leaving earth so that we will get to be where we want to go.

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2024 Theme:

The Gospel Is for All

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Tell Me the Story of Jesus

1 Peter 1:17-21

Jesus was Promised.

- The plan existed before creation- 1 Peter 1:20, Ephesians 1:4
- He was promised since the fall- Genesis 3:15, 12:3, Isaiah 9:6-7

Jesus was Sent.

- He became a man- Philippians 2:3-11, Hebrews 4:15
- He lived a life of service- John 13:3-5, 2 Corinthians 8:9

Jesus Died.

- This was His purpose- Revelation 13:8, Matthew 20:28
- It was for our salvation- 1 Peter 2:24, Revelation 1:5

Jesus Rose.

- This is essential to our salvation- Romans 4:25, 1 Corinthians 15:17
- This gives us hope for our resurrection- 1 Corinthians 15:20,23, John 5:28-29

Jesus Ascended.

- He is now seated at the right hand of God- Acts 1:9, 2:33
- He will reign until all His enemies are defeated- 1 Corinthians 15:24-26

Jesus is Returning.

- We remember these things each week- 1 Corinthians 11:26
- He is returning for those who love Him- Hebrews 9:28, 2 Timothy 4:8

NOTES:

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 663 There Is Sunshine in My Soul (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Prayer

Song: 217 He Love Me

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 500 O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Song: 118 Count Your Blessings (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 755 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Song: 684 This World Is Not My Home

Song: 622 Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Sermon

Song: 667 There Is Power in the Blood (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 783 Will You Not Tell It To-day? (Vs. 1, 3)

Prayer

1 Peter 1:17-21 (NKJV)

- ¹⁷ And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear;
- ¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers,
- ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
- ²⁰ He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you
- ²¹ who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in 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