

# COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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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## The Correspondent

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### Addition and Subtraction

- Renn Ferguson

Thomas Jefferson was the third President of the United States and the primary author of the Declaration of Independence. He was also an avid coffee drinker. In his writings he estimated that about a pound of coffee was consumed daily on his plantation in Charlottesville, Virginia. He even called coffee the “favorite beverage of the civilized world”. His love for our country and for coffee, however, are where our similarities end.



Thomas Jefferson had very interesting religious views. Though he believed in God and even read the Bible he did not believe that Jesus was deity. Nor did he believe in the miracles Jesus is said to have performed including the resurrection. He simply believed that the morals of Jesus were superior to other systems of faith.

This led him to creating his own Bible for his own personal use. It focused solely on Jesus and His moral teachings. He removed all the accounts of miracles and anything he deemed to be exaggerated or fanciful. His edition of the New Testament was only 84 pages long.

These things were possibly the result of the age in which Jefferson lived. The 17th-19th centuries are called the Enlightenment Era. The Enlightenment Era was a period in which religion and other traditional ideas were severely challenged by intellectuals, scientists, philosophers, atheists and agnostics.

The sad thing is, Thomas Jefferson is not the first or only person do something like this. Satan has been changing the word of God from the beginning (Genesis 3:1-5). God gives us various warnings against such actions (Deuteronomy 12:32, Proverbs 30:5-6, Revelation 22:18-19).

The wonderful thing is that God has given us enough evidence that, unlike Thomas Jefferson, we can have confidence in what the scriptures revealed about Jesus. Including His deity, the miracles He performed, and His resurrection (John 20:29, Hebrews 11:1, 1 Peter 1:8). Let us not be persuaded to abandon these fundamental teachings.

#### Connections



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

## Imitating Jesus' Kindness

- Intentionality (Matthew 20:28, 1 Timothy 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:15)
- Physical needs (Matthew 8:1-4, 14-17, 10:42, 25:35-36)
- Spiritual needs (Luke 5:31-32, Romans 1:16, Galatians 6:1-2)
- Emotional needs (John 11:17-36, Romans 12:15, 1 Corinthians 12:26)
- Gentleness (Matthew 11:28-30, 2 Timothy 2:24-26, 1 Peter 3:15)
- Sincerity (Mark 7:6-7, Philippians 2:14, Luke 6:34-35)

## Worship Service

### Announcements

Song: 682 To God Be the Glory

Song: 622 Tell Me the Story of Jesus

### Prayer

Song: 645 The Old Rugged Cross (Vs. 1-3, chorus at end)

### Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 757 Where No One Stands Alone (At end, repeat "Take my hand...")

Song: 824 I'll Fly Away

**Scripture Reading:** Colossians 3:12-14

### Sermon

Song: 215 Hear Me When I Call

Song: 755 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder (Vs. 3)

### Prayer

## Colossians 3:12-14

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COMPLAINT  
THESE  
BOND  
PERFECTION  
ANOTHER  
FORGAVE  
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ALL  
ONE  
KINDNESS  
BEARING  
AGAINST  
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HOLY  
ABOVE  
GOD  
TENDER  
ELECT  
MERCIES  
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CHRIST  
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- <sup>12</sup> Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering;
- <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.
- <sup>14</sup> But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

### 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*