

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

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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About the Toe...

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Last Sunday, we looked at avoiding the ditches of legalism and liberalism. We noticed a few things that are characteristic of each extreme. To end the lesson, we discussed how we ought not speak for God. While we are called to preach the gospel, which includes the condemnation of sin (Acts 3:19, 17:30), we must be careful to not overstep our bounds. As Paul wrote about church discipline he said, “for what have I to do with judging outsiders? It is not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside” (1 Corinthians 5:12-13a). The judging here is the sense of sentencing someone or “punishing” them. There is a sense in which we are to do that to fellow Christians (church discipline), but we have no such right to do that to non-Christians, we can only call them to repentance. This demonstrates the fact that there is a degree to which we must judge but some measures of judgment (eternal sentencing) are left solely to God.

As a thought experiment, we discussed the person whose toe comes up out of the water while being baptized. What is God going to do with such a person? What if that person was totally ignorant of that fact for the rest of their lives, what will He do? In truth, we do not know. But my opinion is that in such cases we should err on the side of grace. However, I am not the judge. But what if that person is aware that they were not totally immersed? Should we just chalk it up to grace and not concern ourselves with it? Or should we baptize them again? It is my judgment that in such a case one should be baptized again and be totally immersed.

But wait! Isn't that legalistic? Perhaps, though I am not convinced it is. Would not the opposite position at the very least run the risk of presuming upon God's grace? This is why these matters are so challenging. However, I do not think God will fault us for doing exactly what He commands us to do. Many purport that if one is baptized again they are inherently trusting in themselves and not in God to save them. I would disagree. In my experience, those who are baptized again often do so out of a great love and respect for God. They understand that God is a precise God. Moses was commanded to build the tabernacle according to the pattern God gave him (Exodus 25:40, Acts 7:44). Suppose one of the craftsmen made a blunder. Would it be legalistic to have him correct his mistake? I think not. God has commanded us to do something specific – be baptized. He commands that we do it for a specific purpose – the remission of sins. *Continues on page 2*

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Men's Breakfast

November 8, Bob Evans
Collinsville 8:00 AM



Thanksgiving Boxes

November 22



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

THE NEW SELF

Colossians 3:1-4

- A New Focus- v. 1, Matthew 6:33, 13:22, James 4:13-17, 2 Corinthians 4:18, Acts 2:33
- A New Life- v. 3, Romans 6:1-2, 1 John 2:15-17, James 4:4, Galatians 2:20, Philippians 1:21
- A New Hope- v. 4, 1 John 5:12, Acts 1:9-11, John 11:25-26, 1 John 3:2, Philippians 3:20-21, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

About...

Paul calls baptism a standard or pattern (Romans 6:17). I do not think that one who is rebaptized according to the precise pattern given to us is inherently being legalistic.

We must remember that there is a difference between obeying God and being legalistic.

Worship Service**Announcements**

Song: Song: 738 We Will Glorify the King of Kings

Prayer

Song: 495 O the Depth and the Riches

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 298 I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord

Song: 261 I Am Thine, O Lord (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 717 Victory in Jesus

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Sermon

Song: 207 Hark! The Gentle Voice

Song: 197 Have Thine Own Way, Lord (Vs. 1, 3)

Prayer**Colossians 3:1-4**

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Colossians 3:1-4 (NKJV)

- ¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
- ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
- ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- ⁴ When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

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