

**Passion for God.....Compassion for People
May 6, 2012**

Clay City Church of Christ

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Please be Reminded:

Men’s Business Meeting is TODAY, immediately following morning worship. The meeting takes place in the all-purpose room. Plan to attend and be a part of the decision making process of the congregation.

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday of each month beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for May will be Brother Mack Rice. Please join us for around a half hour of song, prayer, and sermon. Your attendance may brighten the day for a resident.

Church Singing is this Wednesday night at 7:00PM. This is an opportunity to praise God together in song. You may also request that a particular song be sung. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

WSKV Radio 104.9FM.....8:30 a.m. each Sunday Morning

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Anna Vires and Family, Correne Hatton, Joe and Debbie Slone, Sharon and Donald Olinger, unspoken requests, the elderly in the church, all those on the church prayer list.
.....*the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16*

“Because of His special God-given role, Christ is the center of the Christian religion and everything about Christianity is important because of its relationship to Christ. Apart from Christ the Lord’s Supper would mean nothing. Baptism would have no significance whatever. The important work of evangelism would be an empty exercise. In short, the church would be unimportant. It is because of our deep conviction that Jesus is the Christ, the divine Son of God, that all aspects of His church become significant. It is Christ’s church, not ours. It was He who came to the earth and sacrificed His life that we might have salvation in His church. Christ’s life and death made the church possible.” Batsell Barrett Baxter

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Worship Services:

Sunday Morning Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Sunday A.M.: The Danger of Delay..... M.C. Rice
Sunday P.M.: When the Saved Get to Heaven..... Daniel Newell

Why do you wait, dear sinner, the harvest is passing away.

Your Savior is longing to bless you, there’s danger and death in delay

Why not? Why not? Why not come to Him now?



Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Prayer List.....	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	Charles Rice
A.M. Prayer before Worship.....	Alvin Goldey
A.M. Closing Prayer	Joe Slone
P. M. Opening Prayer	Charles Rice
P.M. Closing Prayer.....	Dan Newell Jr.

Board Change for May:

Communion:

Reading	Charles Rice
Serving	Jody McCoy, Greg Brewer
Collection	Shane Burgher, Dan Newell Jr
Communion to Sick	Mack Rice, Walter Rice
Prepare Communion	Sue Rice
Van Driver	Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside	Jody McCoy, Charles Rice

Blessed Bible, how I love it,

How it doth my bosom cheer!

What hath earth like this to covet?

Oh, what stores of wealth are here?

Man was lost and doomed to sorrow;

Not one ray of light or bliss

Could he from earth's treasures borrow,

Till his way was cheered by this

Yes, sweet Bible, I will hide thee;

Hide thee richly in this heart.

Thou through all my life shall guide me,

And in death we will not part

Part in death, no, never, never;

Through death's dark veil I'll lean on thee

Then in worlds above forever

Sweeter still thy truths shall be

This and That

It is wonderful to be a Christian and know that your right relationship with God is made possible through Jesus. To be a member of His church and to have an eternal hope is the greatest. However there are trials and tribulations that test our faith and may cause us to question our security in Christ. Is it possible to apostatize? Can one live in a manner as to “lose his salvation”? This is a very real question with eternal implications. Let's try to answer this question.

As long as one lives according to the Bible he is secure. Jesus said in John 8:31-32, “If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32. And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” This means that as long as we allow the Bible to guide us in our thoughts and actions we are secure in Jesus. A disciple is a learner and follower of Jesus. As we go to church services and read and study His word it teaches us the right way to live. By living under its influence we are a constant disciple of Jesus.

When one ceases to conform to the will of God, he ceases to be a disciple of Jesus. If we choose a sinful lifestyle over the Christian, we sin willfully. The Hebrew author wrote, “For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27. But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries”, Chapter ten, verses 26 and 27. If the sacrifice has been removed then the penalty remains.

Paul prophesied that “the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;”, 1 Timothy 4:1. Some will depart from the faith. In order to depart from the faith one must have been in the faith. Therefore it is possible for one to so sin as to be separated from God.

After presenting a catalogue of fruitful acts a Christian must perform, Peter said one must “give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:”, 2 Peter 1:10. So here is a prescription for right living. If we live according to the teaching of the Bible we will be secure and have an eternal home waiting for us at this life's end. Think about it.

Daniel Newell