

The Early Church And Prayer

1. What time was considered the 'hour of prayer' in the temple?
 The third hour The sixth hour
 The ninth hour The twelfth hour
2. In Romans, Paul wrote: "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is..."
 that they may come to an understanding of the truth.
 that they might be saved.
 that they might see the Messiah
 that they may walk in truth.
3. The apostle James wrote: "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him ..."
 drink wine. sing psalms.
 dance to the Lord. be merry no more.
4. The apostle James wrote: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be..."
 healed. prosperous.
 found faultless. saved.
5. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Which apostle was present at the stoning?
 Silas Timothy
 Barnabas Paul

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"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." I Timothy 4:12.



WEST SIDE WINDOW

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WORSHIP FOR JUNE 1

MORNING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Mike Haviland
Opening Prayer: Rick Cox
Scripture Reading: Jim Hoover
(1 Peter 2:21-25)
Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
Sermon Topic: "Life Choices"
Announcements: Brian Huffman
Closing Prayer: Mark Stewart

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side: Jay Kellow & Gary
Reynolds
East Side: Jim Smith & Larry
Terrell

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
Opening Prayer: Jerry Hoyt
Scripture Reading: Todd Stults
(Genesis 13:7-13)
Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
Sermon Topic: "I Make My Own
Decisions"
Communion Table: Volker
Jaromin
Closing Prayer: Howard Goodman

GREETERS FOR JUNE

East Door: Jane Clark & Bryce
Bayer
Front Door + Ushers: Ira Cham-
bers & Gunnar Taylor

COMMUNION FOR JUNE

Prep: Lowell & Charlene Huffman
Clean-up: Kathy Murphy, Tena
Taylor, Tyann Huffman

PULPIT PREVIEW FOR JUNE 8, 2008

AM: "God, I Really Messed Up
This Time"
(II Samuel 11:1-5)
PM: "No One Can Serve Two
Masters"
(Matthew 6:19-24)

WITNESSES OF CHRIST

By Chad Ramsey, Tupelo, MS

The question of whether or not Jesus is the Son of God is so significant that every individual must examine it. You see, if Jesus truly is the Son of God, then all men must submit their lives to Him. On the other hand, if Jesus was not who He claimed to be, then His teachings and example must be ignored. So who was Jesus, and how do we determine the answer to this important question?

It is common for individuals who are seeking to determine the truthfulness or falsity of a claim to consider all of the evidence prior to making a decision. But in the case of Jesus, there is more evidence than we have the space to consider in this article. Though we could consider the virgin birth, the empty tomb, and the testimony of non-believers, we will focus on four witnesses that Jesus actually mentioned on his own behalf.

The Witnesses of John

After Jesus healed a lame man at the pool of Bethesda, the Jews accused Him of violating the Sabbath Law and persecuted Him accordingly (John 5:16). In response, Jesus stated: "My Father has been working until now and I have been working" (John 5:17). The implication, of course, was that He is the Son of God and thus did not violate the Sabbath. But because of this statement, "the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God" (John 5:18).

Following this exchange, Jesus went on to defend His position as the Son of God. But interestingly, He did not merely rely upon His own testimony. Instead, He appealed to the testimony of others. Notice what He said:

If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light (John 5:31-35).

From this, we notice that Jesus appeals to the testimony of John the Baptist. John, of course, was sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Since John's work was described by the prophets (See Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6), the Jews could have identified him and thus looked for the one whom he proclaimed. Notably, John identified himself as the forerunner of the Christ (John 1:19-23), and he identified Jesus as the Messiah by saying, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

The Witness of God

Jesus did not stop by mentioning the miracles that He performed. He went on to describe how the Father likewise served as a witness of His deity. He continued, "And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe" (John 5:37-38). While God did speak from the heavens and confirm the identity of Jesus (see Matthew 3:17; Matthew 17:5; John 12:28), the Jews to whom Jesus gave His defense had neither heard God's voice nor seen that Jesus was the representative of the

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SERVICES:

Sunday Bible Study — 9:30 am
Worship — 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study — 7:00 pm

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DEACONS:

Don Allison, Bible Corresp. and Seminar
Bill Gaw, Building & Grounds
Jerry Hoyt, Youth
Lowell Huffman, Benevolence
Volker Jaromin, Building & Grounds
Danny Odle, Building & Grounds
Dwayne Odle, Missions and Upon The Rock
Gary Reynolds, Fellowship
Todd Stults, Education and Asst. Finance
Jim Witty, Finance

MISSION WORKS:

Cochran, Georgia
Willie Smith
South Central Church of Christ
Robert Ray
Tanzania, Africa
Christopher Mwakabanje plus two preaching school students
Memphis School Of Preaching
David Birdsall
Brandyn Graves
Florida School Of Preaching
Brian Howard
Northwest Pacific Islands
Joey Treat

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Holly Chambers
Elaine Cockrill, Janet's sister
Jessica Conner
Shirley Dickerson, Jessica's grandmother
Shirley Durnal's family
Sandy Crawford, the wife of Kendall's friend
Steve Gasaway
Roger Gaw
Donald Gerkey, Wilma's brother
Jim Greiwe, Elisa's granddaughter's uncle
Malcolm Harrell
Loreena Hoyt
Nora Huffman & Paul Henderson, friends of Genny

Pat Kidd
Ruth Miessen, Delores' aunt
Gail Parker
Trevor Qualkenbush

Nora Lee Robbins, Gail Parker's mother
Shawna Schock
Peggy Smith
Angie Timmons-Maria's supervisor's daughter
Everett & Ann Witty
Lynn, Jason, & Hayley Wunder

Away in the Military

Andy Nelson - Iraq
Brian Noonkester - Queter
Derrick Parrish
Andrew York - Iraq

Shut-Ins

Juanita Broderick - The Woodlands
Twyla Monroe - The Woodlands
Mary Norris - Elmcroft

NEWS AND NOTES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 1—Senior Banquet for Kasandra and Hannah following evening service today. Bring your favorite finger foods.

June 3—The men will meet at IHOP for breakfast at 8 AM. All men are encouraged to join in this fellowship.

June 3 & 5—Ladies' Exercise Class at 9 AM every Tuesday and Thursday.

June 3— Mike's class on "Archaeology and the Bible" at 10 AM.

June 8-13—Gospel Meeting at Summit City church of Christ in Fort Wayne. Guest speaker will be Kevin Berry of Texas. See bulletin board for details.

June 14—Elders and deacons will meet at 9 AM.

June 14—The widows and widowers trip to the Chocolate Moose in Farmland. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

June 20-21— Area Wide Youth Super Saturday at Camp Windigo. If you have any questions, call Dennis at 348-5145. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

July 6-11—Camp Indogan! Applications are on table next to bulletin board.

MEDICINES FOR CHUUK

Lowell and Dwayne are collecting medicines to send to Chuuk. Items such as aspirin, Band-aids, salves, etc in small containers should be placed in the box located near the bulletin board.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	90
Sunday Worship am	137
Sunday Worship pm	88
Wednesday Bible Study	89

WITNESSES OF CHRIST (CONTINUED) By Chad Ramsey

Father upon the earth. Though they could have known about the Father by looking at Christ (see John 14:9), the Jews did not receive His testimony because they rejected Jesus.

The Witness of the Scriptures

The final witness mentioned by Jesus upon this occasion was that of the Scriptures. He continued, "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life" (John 5:39-40). In essence, the Jews claimed to be students of the Scriptures, but Jesus noted that if they had believed the scriptures, they

would have believed that He was the one described therein. Of course, numerous prophecies about Jesus are found within the Old testament—Deuteronomy 18:15; Psalm 22:16-18; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 53, etc. If the Jews had truly searched the Scriptures as they claimed to do, they would have found that them Scriptures provided testimony for Jesus.

Conclusion

The truth of the matter is that Jesus truly is the Son of God. Thankfully, this fact can be established by the witnesses cited by Jesus —John, the miracles, the Father, and the Scriptures.

RELATIONSHIPS: MY GOD AND I By Tim Childs, Baldwyn, MS

How often do you think about your relationship with God? Have you given it much thought recently? Do you realize Satan wants us to live each day as though there is no God? Can we become so busy with such important things that we forget His presence and our real dependence on Him? Is it possible for you and me to become quite similar to those spoken of in Scripture who did not like to retain the knowledge of God in their minds (Rom. 1:28)?

What do you think about the current state of your relationship with God? Are you and I in the great number of those in our society who would rather not think about that? Does that make us feel a bit uncomfortable? Or, do you have a healthy, thriving relation-

ship with Him? Is God well-pleased?

Have you given thought to what changes God may want you to make to produce a stronger, more satisfying relationship with Him? Have you thought about examining the life of Jesus to determine what it was, specifically, that enabled him to have such a close-knit, tight relationship with our heavenly Father? Do you suppose Jesus can give us insight into building a stronger, more meaningful relationship with the Father in heaven (John 17:20-21)?

What relationship do you experience with another or others that is more significant than the relationship you and I are able to develop with our Creator, Savior, Redeemer, and Friend?

KEN UPCHURCH WRITES...

There is a special bond between mission works, missionaries and those who choose to support people that many times they will not know personally. It binds people together that are interested in souls for souls' sake and no other reason. It is a bond that allows those who can go to partner with those who for one reason or another are not able to go and to these we owe so much, and the lost are saved because of their willingness to give, and pray and encourage.

We could never in this one lifetime tell you thank you in a way that would make you understand the wings that you give God's word by helping mission

works, missionaries, and teaching the lost of this world. We simply stand in awe of you and are completely filled up with thanksgiving and gratefulness. You are wonderful people.

May God continue to bless you and bless this great work of TZ 2000. We want to be worthy of the blessings God has given to it through your patience, generosity and kindness. We have always been after one more soul for the Master and we know that you are as well. Thank you.

Just Ken

THANKS...

Dear West Side Brethren,

It was so good to see you all on Sunday. It's always good to go home.

Thank you all so much for the financial help you have given us to help with Seth's adoption fees. You have consistently been there for us over the years since we started attending West Side, and words can-

not express our gratitude. We appreciate your support, encouragement, and prayers too.

Also we received the Babies R' Us gift card in the mail today. You are so generous!

We love you all and hope to see you soon.

The Gors Family