

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 8, 2015



Jesus Died for the *Ignorant*

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). This brief prayer uttered by Jesus does not imply that all those involved in his crucifixion were forgiven. Rather, it does signify the purpose He was on the cross—that they might have forgiveness. What great love! What tremendous grace!

Considering those surrounding Jesus' crucifixion, it can be deduced that He died for the ignorant. Ignorance is not an insult—it is a fact. I am ignorant about many things in this life; for, I simply do not have sufficient knowledge about those things. Ironically, it was one of the main subjects of Jesus' teaching about which even His disciples were ignorant—His kingdom. He told Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). . . .

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for
all ages & Pew Packers
each Sunday at 12:30

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This fact was still a mystery to Jesus' disciples just prior to his ascension. They asked, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). It was not until after the Holy Spirit revealed it to Peter that he correctly preached that Jesus' kingdom is spiritual (Acts 2:32-36). Further investigation reveals that Jesus' spiritual kingdom is also called the church (Colossians 1:13; Colossians 1:18; Matthew 16:18-19).

Now rewind to the crucifixion event. Why did Judas Iscariot betray Jesus? Why did Peter so valiantly cut off the right ear of Malchus? Why did Peter deny being a disciple of Jesus three different times? Could these all be connected to the fact that Jesus' kingdom is not physical, as Peter, Judas, and the others once conceived? Is it possible that they were entirely ignorant and confused until revelation was given by the Spirit? It is not only possible—I believe such to be reality. Jesus said to His apostles, "The Holy Spirit ... shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26). Furthermore, He said to them, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:12-13). Jesus knew His disciples would remain ignorant of His kingdom teachings until the Spirit revealed to them "all truth" (John 16:13).

Jesus died for the ignorant. He "gave himself a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:6), in order that all may "come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). Sadly, many remain ignorant of Jesus and His kingdom. Even so, many who claim to be followers of Jesus believe and teach that

Jesus' kingdom is yet future. Recent movies, such as *Left Behind* are rooted in this error. Jesus died for the ignorant, so that they might not remain ignorant. Paul wrote, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the **knowledge** of Christ Jesus my Lord ... that I may **know** Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death" (Philippians 3:8-10).

—written by Clifton Angel

Sermon Review

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

1. Feb 20: Young at Heart Banquet — 6 PM
2. Feb 21: Bible Bowl @ Thyatira
4 pm, Genesis 46–48

REMEMBER NOW THY
CREATOR Ecclesiastes 12:1

Jesus is Our Counselor

(Isaiah 9:6; Luke 4:18; Hebrews 4:15)

- I. **Our Complete Counselor** (Isa 9:6)
- II. **Our Compassionate Counselor** (Lk 4:18)
- III. **Our Competent Counselor** (Heb 4:15)

Events Prior to Pentecost

(Acts 1:6–26)

- I. **Jesus Assembled with His Apostles** (6–8)
- II. **Jesus Ascended to His Throne** (9–11)
- III. **Jesus Added to His Apostles** (12–26)

Local Fishers of Men Classes

- Looxahoma, MS — Begins February 9, 2015, 7 PM
Olive Branch, MS — Begins February 10, 2015, 6:30 PM
Nesbit, MS — Begins February 12, 2015, 6 PM

Material is \$65 per person. If you plan to attend, please let Tim Wilkes II know so that he can be sure to have enough material. The course is 12 weeks.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Inez Neyman, recovering at rehab center in Senatobia; **Seth Daniel**, illness has returned; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Helen Bowman**.

NetCasters

Fishers of Men

Far East Missions

Family & Friends

Carla Carlson, admitted to hospital Friday for seizure that caused her to be unresponsive; **Peggy Hunt**, Jared's grandmother, Alzheimer's and not eating well; **Billie Kid**, Rebecca's grandmother, pneumonia; **Patrick & Chantelle Swayne**, they were concerned about a possible miscarriage, but the doctor says so far the baby is healthy; **Trent Childers**; **Tasha Higginbotham**, ongoing health problems, in need of kidney transplant; **Andrew Jones**, friend to Weslyn, battling cancer; **Jimmy Colvett**; **Jason Spencer**; **Joy Angel**; **John Smith**, Grace's brother-in-law, colon cancer; **Elizabeth Baker**; **John & Anita Simpson** and family; **Paul Perkins**, Mischel's father; **Janie Brister**; **Ray Hendrix**, lymphoma; **Carole Livsey**, Clifton's aunt, lymphoma;; **Amanda Cummings**, young mother with cancer; **Danielle Key**, young mother with cancer; **Ava Roten**, **Brett Rutherford**; **Frankie Burfield**, cancer; **Jack Higginbotham**; **James Cooper**, Jan's brother, cancer; **Marie Sims**; **Renee Loya**, Parkinson's, MS, & dystonia; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**, Lynn's grandmother, cancer; **Virginia Johnson**, lung cancer; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**; **Ally Jo Kelly**; **Brad & Sheri Daniel**.

Birthdays

2/2	Joyce Campbell
2/7	Abigail Wilkes
2/8	Leigh Anne Owen
2/12	Terry Bland
2/13	Tim Wilkes II
2/25	Betty Tuggle
2/27	Sherry Gaines

Get Involved!

Host a Monthly Youth Devotional!

Sign-up sheet on table in foyer.

Providence Place Devo — Feb 8 — TODAY

Local Fishers of Men Classes — details inside

Young at Heart Banquet — Feb 20 — 6 PM

More details to come

Bible Bowl — Feb 21 — 4 PM

At Thyatira, Genesis 46-48

Quizzes online @ www.TheBibleDomain.com

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, February 8

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Wiley Tuggle
Announcements	Jared Brown
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Johnny Bayless
	Jeremy Moore
Assist	Geoffrey Dunn
	Jerry Davis
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Tim Wilkes, II
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeremy Moore
	Johnny Bayless
Closing Prayer	Joe Owen

Wednesday, February 11

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Russell Wadsworth