

# MARKET STREET

*"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)*



# MESSENGER

## Market Street church of Christ

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### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 p.m.

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## MARKET STREET MESSENGER

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## *Characteristics of Bible Faith*

**Tom Moody**

**"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him"** (Hebrews 11:6).

We know that we are saved by faith, and cannot be saved without faith. Most likely, all who are reading this article believe this; but there is great disagreement and misunderstanding of what constitutes true, saving, Bible faith.

Some feel that having faith means the abandonment of reason: the blind acceptance of that for which there is no reasonable basis. This is why religion is ridiculed by skeptics. They picture believers as superstitious and ignorant. Even some religious people seem to think that faith is to accept that which has no reason or evidence. They will teach that faith is something received miraculously when the Spirit "opens our heart." and that, in fact, one cannot even understand the Bible until the Holy Spirit has come upon him in some mystical way.

Further confusion results in the minds of many because they will hear one preacher say that saving faith consists merely of belief in Jesus Christ, while another says that true faith requires action on the part of the believer.

### **What Is Bible Faith?**

The Bible states: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Notice that according to the Bible definition, faith is not the wish for something, but the assurance of the things hoped for. Faith is the evidence of that which is to come; thus it must have its basis on that which is reasonable and factual rather than on superstition, human feeling, or blind acceptance.

### **What Characterizes True Faith?**

Not only do we have an inspired definition to help us identify what saving faith is, but the Lord in His inspired word also supplied us with a number of marks of characteristics that are illustrative of true, Bible

faith.

1. *Trust* — in Hebrews 11:8-10 we read that Abraham left his home and his father's people and "went out, not knowing whither he went." He did this "by faith." He was not anxious about what the outcome of his sojourn would be because he had faith in God, and trusted God to lead him to a better land and to be with him wherever he went.

Also, in verse 17 of Hebrews 11 we are told that Abraham "by faith...offered up Isaac." Though Isaac was Abraham's son of promise, Abraham did not hesitate to obey the Lord, for he knew that if need be, God could raise Isaac from the dead. (v.19).

2. *Hope* — What caused Abraham to have such unreserved trust in God? One factor was the hope that Abraham had for the promises God had made to him. Again, in Hebrews 11:9-10, "By faith he sojourned in the land of promise...for he looked for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God." Through desire for a better country Abraham was given much of the strength and courage he needed to remain faithful.

3. *Factual Basis* — As already pointed out, true, Bible faith must be based on fact rather than wishful thinking or fickle human feelings or emotions. There are religious people who seem to be very trusting, and are hopeful that they will be saved; but, sadly, they do not have a saving faith because their trust is misplaced and their hope is unfounded. For example, some put trust in their parent's religion despite what the Bible says. Others put trust in promises God has not made. God never promised to save someone by "praying through" at an altar, but many put trust in the idea that God will save by that means. Thousands are hoping for a utopian 1,000 year reign upon earth with Christ as king. Still others are looking for everlasting life on this earth. But the Bible does not promise these things, thus those who trust in these doctrines of men and who have hope for things not promised in God's word do not have their faith established on a factual basis.

4. *Obedience* — This is an essential element of Bible faith. Observe that in the cases listed in Hebrews 11 of these great men and women of faith, they were commended because of what they did by faith. Their faith moved them to obedience. Yet many today preach that obedience is not necessary to a saving faith. Do not be deceived! In order to become a Christian you

must act upon your faith in obedience to God's plan of salvation. "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works" (James2:18).

Do you have enough trust and faith in God's will to obey what he says regardless of what it may be: If so, then you can say you have a saving faith.

Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).

Many do not have the obedient faith it takes to obey these simple commands, but reject them, believing they can be saved by faith alone or grace alone. What about you? Do you have a trusting faith, a faith based on scriptural facts, and obedient faith? Then show your faith in Jesus Christ by turning from your sins and being baptized for remission of sins and entrance into the church of the Lord.

-via *Jackson Drive Admonisher*, Athens, Alabama

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## *Conduct "In The Lord"*

**Rick Liggin**

To the Colossian brethren, Paul writes about the "renewal" or "renovation" that should be taking place in us now that we are Christians (Colossians 3:1-17; esp. 3:11); and according to the apostle, this "renovation" should also have an effect on our families.

Paul begins by addressing wives, urging them to "be subject to your husband as is fitting in the Lord" (Colossians 3:18). Now I am aware of the fact that submission to a husband is "counter-cultural" conduct. Our culture (or society) says, "You are his equal!" And that certainly is true in terms of value: in God's eyes, women and men are of equal value; but God has clearly

given women a role different from men. Our culture says to our women, "Assert yourself! He has no authority over you! You take the lead! You take control!"

But the Lord consistently demands that wives be submissive to their husbands (cf. Ephesians 5:22-24; Titus 2:5; 1 Peter 3:1-6). And this submission, says Paul, is "fitting in the Lord" (Colossians 3:18); literally, it "comes up to" His standards. Now please note well that the text does not say, "fitting to the Lord." This is "in the Lord" conduct.

If we were "in the world," then worldly conduct would be "fitting" for us. But we're not "in the world!" We are "in the Lord," and that means that our conduct (our behavior) must "come up to" His standards – not the world's.

This brings me to the real subject of this article. Because we "have been raised up with Christ" (Colossians 3:1) and are now "in the Lord," our conduct, even at home, must no longer reflect worldly standards, but rather the standards of our Lord. As Christians, we've been called out of the world, and are now "in the Lord"— and our conduct must reflect this change in relationship. Our conduct, even in the home, must "come up to" the standards of the Lord, rather than just the standards of the world. Christ calls on us to live in a "counter-cultural" way. He calls on us to live in a way that is "fitting" to Him.

We see this same point made when Paul says to young folks: "Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing in the Lord" (Colossians 3:20 — check your marginal note for this more correct literal translation). Conduct that is acceptable or "well-pleasing in the Lord" may not be acceptable or well-pleasing "in the world." Young folks in the world may rebel against their parents, but a young person "in the Lord" whose life is being renovated after the image of Christ obeys his parents and submits to their authority.

The point is that we are "in the Lord!" We are not "in the world" – not anymore! And because this is so, our behavior must "come up to" the Lord's standards; it must be "fitting" to Him — everywhere — and in every relationship...even at home!

If we really want to build better families, we must start living in a counter-cultural way — even at home. And this must be true, not just of wives and children,

but of all of us--husbands included. Our conduct must reflect the fact that we are "in the Lord" — and not in the world! Is your conduct "in the Lord"?

~via *Think On These Things*; Cortland, Illinois.

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## Radio Program

### Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

770AM – 92.5 FM

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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514 West Market Street  
Athens, Alabama

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## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Gladys Johnson  
Marvin Wales  
David Gardner  
Martha Rice  
Jeff Waddell  
Barbara Ogles  
Joe Collier  
Matt Poff  
Paige Phillips  
Robbie Shoulders

Rachel Grubbs  
Earl Davis  
Mary Ruth Gardner  
Jim Currier  
Una King Currier  
Wanda Taylor  
Sarah Collier  
Phillip Harwell  
Don Bowling  
Randy Graviett

### *In The Hospital:*

*Rhett Bailey*; St. Jude's Hosp. Memphis, Tenn.

### *Athens Convalescent Center:*

Betty Bates, rm. 17

### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Janet Berryhill, rm. 65     Annie Mae Bragg, rm. 57  
Mary Smith, rm. 85     Rosella Pugh, rm. 74  
J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E

### *Limestone Manor:*

Albert Norton, rm. 96

**Shut-In:**

Reba Adams, at home  
Lola Colwell, at home  
Polly Davis, River City Care, Decatur, rm. 74

**MILITARY SERVICE:** Remember all those that are serving on foreign soil in the military for our country. Those who are among us or have connections to the Market Street church are:

- Andrew Deen; Japan
- Whitney Deen; Japan
- Matthew Cox; Iraq

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Jerry McGlocklin and Hazel Toone** and all the family in the passing of Hazel's daughter-in-law and Jerry's sister-in-law, **Elna Toone**, this past Thursday morning. Her funeral was Saturday morning at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home.

**CONFESSION:** **Gayle Lanier** came forward last Sunday asking for prayers for her lack of faithfulness in her service to the Lord. We appreciate Gayle's good heart and her desire to please God. May the Lord bless her and may we all encourage her as she will encourage us.

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP:** **Stefan Fudge and Barbara Fudge** have expressed their desire to be a part of the Market Street church. We want to extend to **Stefan and Barbara** a warm welcome. We look forward to working together with them.

**NURSERIES AVAILABLE:** There are two nurseries available for those who will need them. One is in the west wing and the other is in the east wing.

**WORK GROUPS:** Tonight will be the night for work group four to meet. If you are in group four, remember to meet with your group this evening.

**NURSING HOME SINGING:** Remember the singing at the Athens Convalescent on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

**THE RECORD:** *For the Week of June 19th*

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 132  
Morning Worship ..... 168  
Evening Worship..... 114

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 107

**Remember Our Study Periods**

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, June 26th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Dwaine Allffrey  
Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge  
Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Terry Andrews  
Assisting ..... Marion Mithcell  
Serving ..... Marcus Morris ..... David Terry  
..... Hunter Cox ..... Keenon Carrier  
Closing Prayer ..... Benton Ball

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Dwaine Allffrey  
Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge  
Prayer ..... Wayne Vaughn  
Preaching ..... Warren Glass  
Lord's Supper ..... Terry Andrews  
Closing Prayer ..... Marty Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 26th:

Usher ..... Russ Wulfekuhl  
Work Sound System ..... Marty Adams

**Wednesday, June 29th:**

Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Bible Reading ..... (Isaiah 25:1-12)  
..... Jonathan Keenon  
Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell  
Invitation ..... David Cox  
Closing Prayer ..... Tyler Cox

**Sunday, July 3rd:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Marty Adams  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Terry Andrews  
Assisting ..... Marion Mithcell  
Serving ..... Marcus Morris ..... David Terry  
..... Hunter Cox ..... Keenon Carrier  
Closing Prayer ..... Benton Ball

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Marty Adams  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Landon Adams  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Marion Mithcell  
Closing Prayer ..... Jonathan Keenon

Other Assignments for Sunday, July 3rd:

Usher ..... Ronnie Locke  
Work Sound System ..... Danny Johnson