

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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How God Saves Man?

David A. Cox

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1-2)

The prophet Isaiah gives the plight of man; that man is guilty of sin and separated from God. However, God is "not willing that any should perish" (2 Peter 3:9). God sent His son to earth to "save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Let us look now at what the Bible teaches about the salvation of man.

Man is saved by the grace of God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). Man is undeserving of having such a gift, but God so loved us that He provided a way to save man. As we read in Romans 5:8, "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Man is saved by the blood of Christ. "Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption" (Hebrews 9:12). John writes, "And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood" (Revelation 1:5). Christ was the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He willingly gave His life and shed His blood so that we can be cleansed from our sins (John 10:17, 18; 1 John 1:9).

Man is saved by the preaching of the gospel. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16). "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you have received, and in which you stand, by which also you are saved..." (1 Corinthians 15:1-2).

Man is saved by faith. Christ speaking says, "...for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). The importance of faith is expressed in Hebrews, "But without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). No one can doubt the essentiality of faith if one is to be pleasing to God.

Man is saved by works. "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). This does not mean that man can work to merit his salvation. Still, there are works of obedience that man must do. Upon hearing the teaching of the word of God taught and believing it, man is to repent of his sins. Repentance is commanded for salvation, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). After the change of heart comes, then man is to confess his faith. We see confession in Acts 8:37 at the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch. Again, as Paul instructs the Romans about the need for confession, "For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10). Baptism is also commanded for man to be forgiven of his sins. We see this in Peter's statement in Acts 2 and in Peter's first epistle when he states "that baptism doth also now save us" (3:21). After obeying the gospel, those in Christ are to live faithful lives in service to Him. Therefore, man is not saved by works of merit that he might boast, but works are necessary to show our faith is alive (James 2:24-26).

May we see our need for salvation. May we understand what God has done to save man and remember, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Sunday Mornings

on WVNN 770AM – 92.5 FM

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

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A Marvelous Faith

David Osteen

There is faith, that as we observe individuals, we can classify. Some we may classify as having a "dead faith" while others a "living faith" (James 2:26). We may say one is a "hero of faith" (Hebrews 11) or note a demonstration of "great" faith (Matthew 15:28). But to observe a marvelous faith is one of the most special and rare moments we can enjoy. This is a faith that because of its grandiose nature and sanctified character, simply leaves one *marveling*! We are blessed to observe that faith, as we read Luke 7:1-10 and/or Matthew 8:5-13.

The setting is Jesus Christ in His ministry of preaching the gospel and confirming the word through many signs and wonders. In Capernaum, a Centurion tells Jesus that his servant is paralyzed, sick, and close to death, and seeks Jesus' mercy to heal the servant. It may not seem that different from other records of miracles in the scripture; for Jesus was accustomed to healing the lame, sick, blind, demon possessed...and even the dead. But this story is unique; not because of the miracle, but because of the man requesting it.

First, what makes this a true case of marvelous faith is the humility involved. We read in Luke's account that the Centurion did not actually approach Jesus personally, but sent messengers on his behalf. Why? Because he was great and powerful or wealthy? Because he wanted to show off his stature? The servants (Jewish Elders) who approached Jesus, tried to assure Jesus that this man was worthy of Jesus' love and mercy. But that was not the reason he sent the Jewish elders. In fact, it was quite the opposite – because the Centurion did NOT feel worthy to even have Jesus under his roof! (Luke 7:6) This man, a Centurion, a Gentile, had humility far surpassing that of the Jewish elders. This powerful man demanded nothing of Jesus, expected nothing of Jesus, but wholly prostrated himself before the grace of Jesus. What a marvelous faith!

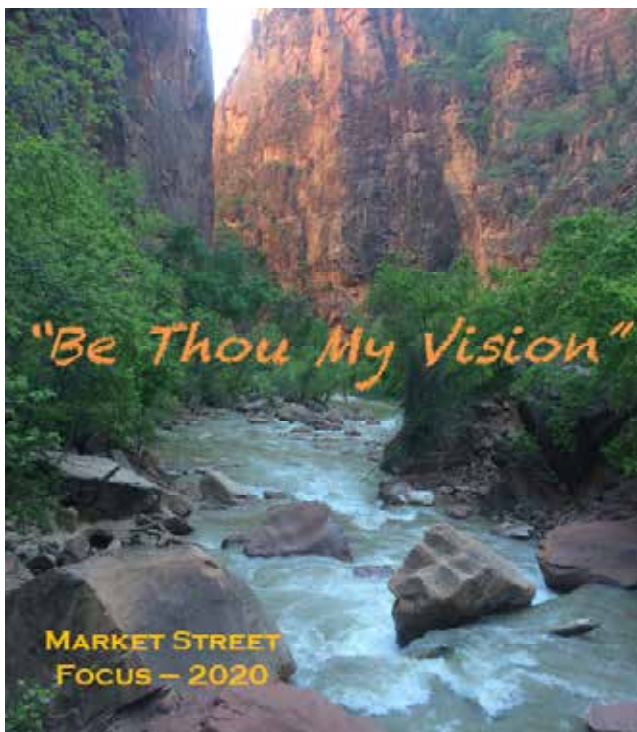
Second, what makes this a case of marvelous faith is its holiness. To be holy means to be "sanctified" or "set apart." This truly was the case in regard to the Centurion's concept and application of authority. Authority is a subject that is never far from a real gospel preacher's tongue. A true and living faith is born on the concept

and proper understanding of authority and dies in its absence. The masses are characterized by their rejection of God's authority, yet again we witness that this Gentile had a grasp of the concept far beyond the "scholars" of his day as well as ours, "...but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it" (Luke 7:7-8). What a marvelous faith!

Third, and this is what truly makes me marvel and I can't stress it enough, is that Jesus marveled at this man's faith, "...Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, 'I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith'" (Luke 7:9). Nowhere else in scripture have I been able to find where God, creator of the heavens and earth, marveled at anyone's faith as described here. This Centurion was honored by Christ, not only in fulfilling the centurion's wish to save his servant from death, but also as being memorialized in scripture as a man who possessed a faith that caused Christ to marvel!

This nameless Centurion is a precious treasure of exemplary faith. A faith God demands of us, *"But My righteous one shall live by faith"* (Hebrews 10:28). May you make yours one that is marvelous!

~via *O'Conner Road church of Christ*; San Antonio, Texas



News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Larry Tucker	Theresa Tucker
Steve Usery	Elizabeth Usery
Garrett Mixon	David Barnett
Jewel Dean Kennemer	JoAnn Gilbert
Jimmy Johnson	Doris Lovell
Ann Bush	Greg Clark
Malcom Gordon	Fredia Lowman
Haley Gill	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Donna Wright	Loretta Warner
Vicki Stringer	Freddie Mae Elmore
Nikki Ogles	Anita Wheeler
Lona Jackson	Judy Vaughn
Jeanette Weir	Janice Cagle
Cornelia Pepper	Ella Melvin
Wayne Wooldridge	Carrie Warner
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Charles Burns
David Collier	Phillip Harwell
Una King Currier	Lloyd Adams
Gene Carpenter	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Allison Usery, Athens-Limestone Hospital
Deanie Britton, Athens-Limestone Hospital
Bill Faulkner, UAB Hospital - B'ham

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Elease Barksdale, rm. 22A
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Connie Brock, rm. 62
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	

Limestone Health Facility:

Bettye Harrison, rm. 59	Bobbie Adcock, rm. 121
Frances Bowers, rm. 67	Alice Roberson, rm. 49
Deanie Britton, rm.	

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Marci Bassett, Limestone Manor
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
 Barbara Carter, Traditions
 Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
 Irene Inman, at home
 Stan Stanford, at home
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
 Alan Thornton, Limestone Lodge
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Delmer Carter is waiting to hear from doctors about his surgery for an aneurysm ... **Ronnie Locke** is scheduled to have knee surgery on Tuesday in Decatur ... **Bonita Dollar** had surgery on Friday to removed a cancer on her hand... **Dale Adcock** continues her treatments... **Donna Wright** has two small spots on her lung. She will be seeing a doctor in January. ... **Leigh Ann McGlocklin** had a biospy done on Tuesday and waiting to see the doctor... **Wade Williams**, **David Barnett's son-in-law**, is undergoing treatments for lymphoma... **Kevyn Currier's mother, Una King Currier**, is now home from her rehabilitation.

OUT OF TOWN: **The Adams:** *Landon & Lynsey* are out of town this week... **The Stiles:** *Chuck and Benita* are in Vicksburg, Mississippi... **Christian Usery** is working in Birmingham now.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: **Stephen and Jane Lynn** have expressed their desire to be a part of the work here at Market Street. We are glad to have them with us and want to extend a warm welcome to them.

CALL MESSAGES FROM MARKET STREET:

From time to time the church at Market Street uses an automated calling system to inform the members of the information that needs to be disseminated quickly. The phone number of the church for these calls is 256-297-2307. If you receive a call from this number, it will be the Market Street church message system. The message system is voice activated, so this will require you to say something and then the message should follow. There may be a slight delay in the start up of the message.

PARKING LOT: The work on the parking lots continues. This week they began working on the storm drains on the east and west lot.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of December 6th:

Sunday: Bible Classes 101
Morning Worship 117
Evening Worship 71
Wednesday: Bible Classes 54



Remember Our Study Period

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, December 13th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Marty Adams
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer..... Tommy Coblentz
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Marcus Morris
Assisting Terry Andrews
Serving Kenneth Adams..... Matthew Usery
..... Harold Davis Roger Hammonds
Closing Prayer Larry Tucker

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Marty Adams
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer..... Dan Reed
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper Marcus Morris
Closing Prayer Bob Broadus

Other Assignments for the week of December 13th:

Ushers..... Danny Johnson/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System..... Larry Holt

Wednesday, December 16th:

Song Leader Joel Hamm
Bible Reading Hunter Cox
..... (James 5:13-20)
Prayer..... Marcus Morris
Invitation Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer Danny Holt

Sunday, December 20th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Larry Holt
Prayer..... Marty R. Adams
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Hunter Cox
Assisting Tommy Coblentz
Serving Roger Hammonds .. Keenon Currier
..... Kenneth Adams..... Charles Vaughn
Closing Prayer Tomy Burns

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Tony Thomas
Prayer..... Nathaniel Adams
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper Hunter Cox
Closing Prayer Clayton Hamm

Other Assignments for the week of December 20th:

Ushers..... Danny Holt/Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System..... Landon Adams