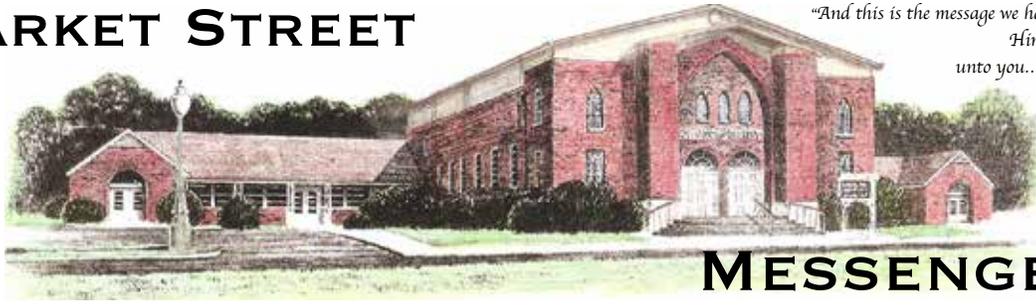


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“And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you...” (1 John 1:5)

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Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

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Bible Classes..... 6:30 p.m.

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What Shall I Do With Jesus?

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“Pilate said, to them, ‘What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?’ They said, ‘Let Him be crucified’” — (Matthew 27:22).

In Matthew 27, Jesus is standing on trial before Pilate. Jesus was betrayed by Judas and was arrested by the Roman soldiers. Jesus is now found in the hands of Pilate to determine His fate. Pilate has not asked to be in this position, but as the fate of Jesus is in Pilate’s hands, he winds up with his own fate in his hands. Pilate offers the crowd to release either Jesus or Barabbas, a notorious insurrectionist; the crowd asks for Barabbas to be released. Pilate considering the dilemma he is in, asks a most personal and pressing question: “What shall I do with Jesus?” This question Pilate asks is a question of utmost importance. Let’s consider the importance of this question.

Why Should We Be Concerned About What We Do With Jesus?
The importance of the question is seen in the ramifications of the answer to the question.

• *Our Acceptance or Rejection before God.* – To accept Jesus Christ is to receive the acceptance of God. To reject Jesus Christ is to reject the Father. Jesus came to earth to save man from his sins. God will not accept us if we do not accept Jesus and His sacrifice for our sins. Our acceptance by God is not for the righteousness we possess but based on our surrendering our lives to Christ and receiving the forgiveness offered.

• *Becoming Children of God or Children of the Devil.* – John 1:12 says, “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God...” John declares that our reception of Jesus allows us to be children of God. As we accept Jesus, we will submit our lives to do what He has taught us. We will then become children of God as we believe in Jesus and are baptized into Christ and become children of God. (Galatians 3:26-27). However, to fail to obey Jesus and practice righteousness so we are not children of God but children of the devil (1 John 3:19).

Ultimately, we see that what we do with Jesus determines the joy, peace, and eternal home in heaven.

Undoubtedly, the importance of what we do with Jesus cannot be overstated.

What We Must Do With Christ. Like Pilate, we must do something with Jesus. Pilate tried to get away from his responsibility to make a decision about the innocent man that was brought to him. He could not do it, and we cannot do it either. We cannot just try to ignore Jesus; to ignore Him is to reject Him. There is no middle ground. Jesus said, “He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad” (Matthew 12:30). We must take our stand with Jesus. We must let Jesus rule in our hearts. We must confess Jesus; if we do not, we deny Him (Matthew 10:32-33).

Let us recognize the importance of accepting Christ and doing His will. Let us be busy living a life that reflects the image of one following after and striving to please Christ. One day we will all face Christ in judgment and will give an answer for what we did with Jesus.



Through the Veil

Stacey E. Durham

The tabernacle of Israel was the place where priests offered all of Israel’s sacrifices as required by the Law of Moses. Inside the tabernacle was the Holy of Holies, which was enclosed by a veil or curtain (Hebrews 9:1-5). No one was allowed to enter through the veil except for the high priest, and he could only enter once a year with the blood of a bull and a goat to make atonement for himself and the people (Hebrews 9:6-7). This arrangement was later transferred to the temple in Jerusalem when it replaced the tabernacle.

Perhaps the most important fact to know about the tabernacle and the temple is stated in Hebrews 9:8-9: “The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the

first tabernacle is still standing, which is a symbol for the present time...”

As long as the “first tabernacle” or the temple was operating, the Holy Spirit was indicating that there was no known way to enter the “holy place.” In the context of the ninth and tenth chapters of the book of Hebrews, this means that there was no way for anyone to enter heaven at that time.

This all changed when Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice and entered the true tabernacle of heaven. Consider Hebrews 9:11-12:

“But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

Jesus, who was a high priest of a higher order (Heb. 5:9-10), entered a tabernacle of a higher order. This tabernacle was heaven according to Hebrews 9:24:

“For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us...”

Because Jesus offered His own body and blood as a sacrifice, we now can enter into the holy place of heaven. This was impossible before, but the Holy Spirit has now indicated that the way into the holy place has now been disclosed. Jesus is the way (John 14:6), and His flesh is the veil through which we may enter according to Hebrews 10:19-22:

“Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

When Jesus died on the cross, the veil of the temple was miraculously torn in two from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51), which was a further indication from the Holy Spirit that the way into heaven has now been opened through Jesus.

Now that Jesus has opened the way to heaven, let us prepare to enter. Before the high priest could enter the Holy of Holies, he had to wash himself and put

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: We rejoice that *Penny & Claudia Bates* have expressed their desire to be members of the Market Street church... Also, *Para Stewart* and *Haven Townsend* have let it be known that they desire to be members of the Market Street church. We are glad to have *Penny, Claudia, Para, and Haven* with us at Market Street. We look forward to working together with them. Let us all extend to them a warm welcome to the work here.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Eastside church* in Russellville is beginning a meeting today, and it will continue through Friday. *Tom Holley* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Needmore church* in Haleyville is beginning a meeting today, and it will continue through Tuesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Kent Persall*.

POT-LUCK NEXT WEEK: Remember, as announced last Sunday, we will have a Pot-luck lunch next Sunday as our meeting begins. It will be after our morning services at the First National Bank in Athens at the corner of Highway 72 and Lindsay Lane.

AWAY FROM US: Some of our people are away from home. Keep them in your prayers.

Kenneth Adams is in Auburn for school.

Keenon Currier is stationed in Monterey, California.

Addison Holt is in Birmingham for school.

Christian Usery is in Birmingham for work.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of April 2nd:

Sunday: Bible Classes 124
 Morning Worship 143
 Evening Worship 115
 Wednesday: Bible Classes 84



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Jeff May, Speaking

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, April 9th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
 Song LeaderTommy Burns
 Prayer.....Stephen Lynn
 Preaching.....David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding.....Larry Tucker
 Assisting.....Jerry Baker
 ServingDanny Johnson.....Landon Adams
Griffin Holt.....Ronnie Locke
 Closing Prayer.....Dan Reed

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
 Song LeaderTony Thomas
 Prayer.....Terry Andrews
 Preaching.....David Cox
 Lord's SupperLarry Tucker
 Closing PrayerRoger Hammonds
 Other Assignments for the week of April 9th:
 UsherHayden Pierce/Keith Hinkle
 Work Sound System.....Russ Wulfekuhl

Wednesday, April 12th:

Song LeaderBob Broadus
 Bible Reading.....Dan Reed
(Acts 8:14-25)
 Prayer.....Albert Haraway
 Invitation.....Clayton Hamm
 Closing Prayer.....Danny Holt

Sunday, April 16th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Marcus Morris
 Song LeaderAlbert Haraway
 Prayer.....Tony Thomas
 Preaching.....Jeff May
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding.....Tommy Coblentz
 Assisting.....Harold Ash
 ServingHeath DollarDanny Johnson
Ronnie LockeHarold Davis
 Closing Prayer.....Hayden Pierce

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Marcus Morris
 Song LeaderJoel Hamm
 Prayer.....Nathaniel Adams
 Preaching.....Jeff May
 Lord's SupperTommy Coblentz
 Closing PrayerChristian Usery
 Other Assignments for the week of April 16th:
 UsherMarvin Putman/Nathaniel Adams
 Work Sound System.....Larry Holt