

CAPITAL CITY



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Showing Outsiders the Sincerity and Purity of Our Faith in God

Part II

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“And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Acts 2:44, 45

Previously, we attempted to highlight the quality of Christianity, evident among too many within our fellowships. Suggesting that the church today is producing a type of Christian that looks increasingly loose, and unlike believers we are accustomed to reading about in the word of God. At this point, I hope it’s not too late to state that I’m not focused on being critical. However, I do want to start a serious conversation that I hope will encourage us all to evaluate the type of Christian we are. It appears to me (in this post-modern Christian age) that we are becoming increasingly comfortable with co-mingling the ideas of the world that reflect high-mindedness and the lack of humility with our attempt to please God together. I know there is freedom in Christ, but does that mean we are at liberty to treat people the way the world does?

I have observed Christians including ministers, dismiss difficult people as if they really didn’t matter to them or God. Some Christians also seem to believe that they don’t have to treat others with a heart that is tempered in Christ-likeness. Responses like these appear subtle, yet over time they breed a superiority-inferiority complex in the church that Jesus built. I believe that these unchecked behaviors of people who are not challenged to correct their worldly idiosyncrasies are unconsciously instilling a polarizing atmosphere in God’s house.

If people in the church begin to treat others like “us and them”, only because of spiritual immaturity, the effect eventually strains and stains the atmosphere of the church. It will also kill any momentum of growth and enthusiasm that exist. Satan is a divider not a unifier. His influence sows confusion and discouragement in the body, while leaders don’t pay close attention to the quality of spirituality in the fellowship. Right about now you should have some questions if you believe that this conversation exhibits context in the church. If you believe this mentality is present on any given occasion you also believe that it needs to be addressed.

Because of space, I need to jump forward in this conversation. Allow me to merge the perceived problem with the solution without going into further detail. The first century church, though not perfect did identify with biblical criteria that guided its progress into the Will of God. **Acts 2:41-47** describes the frame of mind that is expected by God among Christians. The purpose for communal sharing and compassion for those in need is foundational for spiritual maturity. When we connect with people, and when new people are added to the church they become family. God expects us to love, support, and encourage their journey from our heart. When new people experience the love of God at the hands of sincere and pure believers, souls are saved and God is glorified. Distance and division among people in the church is one indication that the secular world is in our midst. In order to encourage an accepting space of welcome that will inspire commitment to Christ and love for the church, means no more them, and no more us, we are one in Christ.

With much Christian love,
C. K. Stewart I, Minister

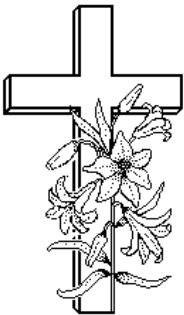
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Schedule of Weekly Services:

Sunday

Bible Study 10:30 am
Worship 11:30 am

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Youth Activity** – all youth and parents are encouraged to join us for lunch and our monthly nursing home visit to sing songs. **December 9th** following worship service and every 2nd Sunday of the month.
- † **Toy Drive** – Put a smile on a child’s face this holiday season, by donating to our Toy Drive. Spread the word. Donate a brand new un-wrapped toy or a gift card to purchase toys for ages up to 12 years old. Toy Give Away will be held on **Saturday, December 15th from 10am – 12 noon**. Please see Sis. Woods for more information.
- † **Congregational Cleaning** - Following Toy give away on Saturday, **December 15th** and every 3rd Saturday of each month. All members are asked to help clean the inside and outside of the building.
- † **Ladies’ Prayer Class** –all ladies are encouraged to join us for a time of prayer and fellowship following worship service, **December 16th** and every 3rd Sunday of the month. Place to be announced.
- † **New Year’s Eve Celebration** – Please join us for an end of the year celebration and fellowship, here at the church building, **starting at 6pm**. Please see food sign-up sheet in foyer next week for items to bring.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements	C.K. Stewart, I	<u>Usher</u>
Songs	C. Taylor	C. Wilkins
Scripture Reading	D. Bigelow	
Opening Prayer	C.K. Stewart, I	<u>Assistants</u>
Sermon	C.K. Stewart, I	D. Clark
Invitation Prayer		& C. Wilkins
Communion & Collection	D. Bigelow Sr.	
Welcome Visitors	C.K. Stewart, I	<u>Greeter</u>
Benediction	N. Mathis	L. Woods
Cup Collection	Marcus & Timothy	
Mission Collection	Caleb	

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. Hear the Gospel.....Rom. 10:13-14 & 17
2. Have Faith in Christ.....Eph. 1:13; Heb. 11:6
3. Repent of Past Sins.....Luke 13:3, 24:47, Acts 17:30
4. Confess Jesus Christ.....Rom. 10:9; Acts 8:35-39
5. Be Buried in Baptism.....Acts 2:38; Rom 6:1-6
6. Be Faithful Until Death.....Rev. 2:10

Thank you for visiting the Capital City Church of Christ, where we are striving to worship as the Bible commands. The Church of Christ is God-oriented, Christ-centered, soul-conscious, color blind, and heaven bound. We are ever moving, ever trusting, ever loving and ever serving the interest of our King.

Come **worship** with us willingly as we **evangelize** everyone by making **disciples** who will mature through **ministry** and **fellowship** fraternally. Our minister is available for Bible study and counseling by appointment.
