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The Hand of the Lord Was With Them

"And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord." Acts 11:21

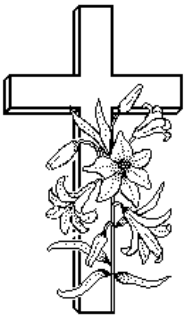
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The scriptures indicate that believers in the early church suffered persecution as they stood-up for the truth (**John 17:17**). Persecution in verse 19 means the body of Christ, the church, was unjustly attacked directly by those who did not believe that Jesus was both Lord and Christ (**Acts 2:36**). When people don't know the truth, the worse in their nature is unleashed on the innocent. Believers lost their possessions (property and goods), in some instances and in others (like Stephen); they lost their lives for the cause of Christ.

In spite of their persecution, Luke says, " . . . The hand of the Lord was with them" as they endured the challenges to their faith in God. Luke further suggests that while God's influence and power is upon believers, His blessings will surely be upon them as well. Never does God leave us alone to face our trials and tribulations; He is always there to minister to our every need (**Matt. 28:20; Phil. 4:19**). The brute force of persecution no doubt had varying affects on believers. Persecution can frighten people and cause them to abandon the faith. It can also humble us, inspire us to resist unfaithfulness, and to do God's will in spite of our difficulties. The Christians who suffered persecution at this time decided to become examples of committed and convicted Christians for the cause of Christ. Without their example, perhaps we would not have the opportunity to become Christians ourselves. Thus, their persecution did not hinder them from doing God's will instead they spread the word of God all the more.

When God's hand is upon believers (blessing) there are two evident spiritual concepts that are active in the life of the church. First, the principles of discipleship will reflect the willingness of believers to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ (**Matt. 28:18-20, 24; Luke 14: 26, 27, 33**). Secondly, the providence of God will be at work to demonstrate His uninterrupted care for our faithfulness to the cause of Christ (**1 Pet. 5:6, 7**). Clearly, our calling as Christians is to go into the entire world and to bring the goodness of God to the lives of the lost. While we serve God in this way, He will never allow the forces of darkness to prevent the truth from reaching sincere seekers, nor will He allow believers to be overwhelmed in their service to Him.

Ultimately, when God's hand is upon believers, we are bearing fruit for the kingdom, and God is meeting all our needs (**John 15:1 -11**).

Schedule of Weekly Services:

Sunday

Bible Study 10:30 am
Worship 11:30 am

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Baptized Into Christ** – on September 15th, Tenekia Smith was added to the Body of Christ. Please let us all welcome and congratulate her. Please add her contact information to your directory. Address: 6151 LeHarve Dri. Apt. 167, Indpls., IN 46220. Phone # 317-608-8186.
- † **Family Development Class** – All are welcomed to please join us for fellowship meal and family development class following worship service **Today**.\.
- † **Family Game Night** – all members & visitors are encouraged to join us on Friday, **September 28th** and every 4th Friday at 7pm for games, food & fun at the Taylor's.
- † **Ladies Inspiration Day** – hosted by Eagle Creek Church of Christ. Saturday, **September 29th** beginning at 9:00am. Please see bulletin board for more information.
- † **Fall Gospel Meeting** – Guest speaker, Tyrone Allen from Maryland, hosted by Eagle Creek Church of Christ, **Oct. 13th -17th**. Please see bulletin board for more information,
- † **Congregational Cleaning** - Beginning at 10am on Saturday, **Oct. 20th** and every 3rd Saturday of each month. All members are asked to help clean the inside and outside of the building.
- † **Hoops for P.E.A.C.E.** – Hosted by Police Department East District, **October 27th**. All youth and adults are encouraged to participate individually or by getting a team of 5 together. All are welcomed to come out and support and cheer everyone on. For more info, please see Sis. Shockley.

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.

With Christian Love, Dr. C.K. Stewart, I, Minister