

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Worship Service	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.
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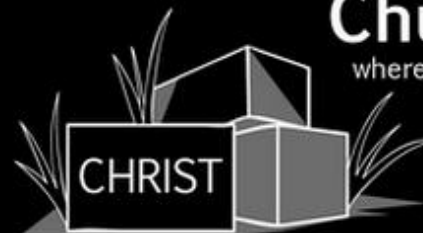
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THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY, MAKES CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS ONLY. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE NOT JOINED A DENOMINATION.

StoneRidge Church of Christ

where CHRIST is the chief cornerstone
1 Peter 2:7



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Hebrew 6:4-6

“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they have crucified to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.”

At first glance, the passage seems to be more difficult than it actually is. The Hebrew writer is not simply talking about one who has sinned and is out of duty with the Lord, and is forsaking the assembling of himself with other saints; but he is talking about one who has “fallen away.”

Once A Believer

The person under consideration is one who was once a believer in the Lord. He was a person who was enlightened, a person who tasted of the heavenly gift, and one who had tasted the good word of God and the powers of the world to come. He was, in fact, a Christian. If a person sins is it impossible to bring him to repentance? That’s not what it says nor teaches.

Extent Of Unbelief

The key to understanding tis passage is found in the writer’s explanation of HOW FAR this person had “fallen away.” He had not just fallen, or sinned and been in the frame of mind that one could talk to him about returning to the →

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the Lord; that one could reason with him about the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. He has now turned aside to the extent that he would *crucify the Lord and put him to an open shame*. This is the reason the person cannot be renewed to repentance. How can you renew one to repentance when he has denied the only person who can save him and the blood that can cleanse him? You cannot - - - and this is what the Hebrew writer says.

God's Plan For Your Salvation.

He sent His son to die for you. That's how much He wants you to be saved. Christ died for a lot of people but most of them will reject him and be lost (Matt 7:13,14). Before you can ever be saved you must first humble yourself and be willing to obey the Lord's instructions. That's the least you can do considering what Christ did for you.

You must then examine the evidence for Christ and what he did. The Bible contains eyewitness accounts of those who were there. That record has been preserved for almost 2000 years.

Finding it to be so, you must believe with a faith that is willing to openly confess that Jesus is the son of God (Acts 8:37; Matt 10:32).

You must then, in godly sorrow, repent of all your sins because you want to be forgiven of everyone of them (Acts 3:19).

And then, in further humility, submit to being baptized to be forgiven of those sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). This will put you into Christ (Rom 6:3-5). You will be raised to walk in *newness of life*! You'll be a **Christian** and a **Christian** only!

Why not do it today? *Db*

The Bible never suffers from neglect, but those who neglect the Bible do.

The Bible has survived the ignorance of its friends and the hatred of its enemies.

News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. **Alvis Brown** (preacher at Weiner) had surgery this week and is improving....**Leon Morgan** is continuing to take therapy at Encompass and is showing much improvement. **Lila Lands** is also at Encompass and improving and hopes to go home soon!...**Marshal Lands** is continuing to stay with Steve and Kristi Lands....**Beth Cossey** is shut-in at home but would love to have visits and calls... Continue to remember **Lynissa Davis** and her friend **Sharon Mans** who have been dealing with some health challenges lately... **Donald Crisler** continues his treatment for cancer...Remember our shut-ins: **Madonna Vines** is confined at home. **Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village...**Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing Home (hospice care)...**Joyce Riley** is at St. Elizabeth's Place...**Charles Bradsher** at Craighead County Nursing Home... **Beverly Allen** confined at home. Continue to remember all of these in your prayers.

IDENTIFIED. We welcome **Chris** and **Rita Cassidy** as new members at StoneRidge and are glad to have them. Get to know them! Here's their info:

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CONGRATS GRADUATES! One got omitted from last Sunday's bulletin. **Kodi Lands Herndon** received her masters degree last week from Arkansas State University. We're proud of her and ALL of our graduates!!



It is not always best to say what you think. Sometimes it is better to keep silent!

