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The Gospel of John

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The gospel of John records many Jewish conversations in which the people were divided about who Jesus was: demon possessed; a Samaritan; a deceiver; insane; a sinner; a good man; the Prophet; and the Christ. Many people are still divided today about Jesus 2,000 years later. It comes down to a matter of choice: do you want to do evil or good? Will you come to the light (truth) or remain in darkness (sin)?

The inspired apostle John testifies and records that He is: the Word; God; Creator; Eternal; full of grace and truth; the Lamb of God; the only begotten Son; the Son of God; the Son of Man; the Judge; and the King of the Jews. Jesus testified that He is Deity in these "I am" statements: the Living Bread (spiritual life); the Light of the World (guide); Door of the Sheep (protector); the Resurrection and the Life (eternal life); the Good Shepherd (sacrifice); the Way, the Truth, and the Life (source); and the True Vine (bear fruit). The miracles testify to His claim to be the Son of God: changing the water into wine; healing the royal official's son; healing the paralytic; feeding the 5,000; walking on the water; healing the blind man; raising Lazarus from the dead; and His own resurrection after 3 days in the tomb.

But do we have to see a miracle to believe in Jesus today? Thomas wasn't there on the 1st day of the week when Jesus demonstrated that He was alive to the rest of the apostles. He wasn't going to believe the apostles' testimony unless he saw it for himself. The next Lord's day, Jesus showed Thomas the evidence and he said, "My Lord and My God". Jesus said, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed". Why were these miracles written down? "That you might believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and believing have life in his name". So you don't have to see the miracles to believe. They were written down for you. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? Have you examined the evidence for yourself?

Woodmont church of Christ

Sunday Morning

Bible Classes for all ages at 9:30
Worship Assembly at 10:30

Sunday Afternoon

Worship Assembly at 5:00

Wednesday Evening

Bible Classes for all ages at 7:30

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Welcome visitors!

You are our honored guest. Please take a moment to complete a visitor's card and let us know if there is anything we can do for you in a spiritual way. We would love to study the Bible further with you or talk about the church here at Woodmont if you are new to the area or would like to become a member.

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But believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God alone is not enough for you to be saved. Jesus said, "if you love Me, you will keep My commandments" (14:15); "You must be born again (of water and the Spirit) if you are to enter the kingdom of God" (3:3, 5 be baptized in water); "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves" (6:53 Partake of His words). Jesus was the good shepherd who voluntarily laid down his life for the sheep (you and me) so that we might have the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Our response should be to love Him, obey Him, serve Him, and we will have fellowship with Him now and forever in heaven. We will all rise from the dead to be judged by our deeds in the body by His words. Are you ready for that day to come?

Are you partaking of the words of Jesus for spiritual life; allowing His light to guide you in this dark world of sin; letting Him protect you from the wolves by listening & following His word instead of strangers (false teachers); believing & living in His words of eternal life; obeying His words of truth instead of the lies of the devil; and bearing fruit for Jesus by abiding in the vine (His words) instead of being barren and cast into the fire to be burned?

Yes the world will hate you, will persecute you, and you will have tribulation, but Jesus overcame the world so that in Him you can have peace. In a world of uncertainty and doubt never forget these lessons from the book of John.

Noteworthy News

-**Gayle Webster** checked out of rehab this week but wound up having to be admitted back into Harris Southwest this afternoon.

-**Keith & Katy Jones** are finished with their 14 day quarantine.

-**June Moore** has lost her vision in the left eye and continues to need platelets. There is hope that she can regain the vision, but she won't be able to have anything done until after elective surgeries begin again.

-**Dennis Scroggins** will begin an oral chemotherapy soon after receiving word that his cancer has returned.

-Recovering from surgeries: **Bruce Tilley, Joy Narmore, Gary & Gayle Webster, Julie Perkins**

-Several facilities are in lockdown. This affects the **Moore's & Evelyn Anderson**.

Remember **Julie Perkins, Tom & Shirley Thompson, Andrew & Jennifer Locklair, David & Robert Jones, Brett's mom, Katy Jones, Barbara Johnson, Dottie Burns, June Moore, Stan Cox, Kevin & Cassie Williams, Dennis Scroggins, Gaylon Brown, Bruce Tilley, Bonnie Gary, Marie Bolton, Ron Daley, Jan King, Lonell Plyler, Melissa Simpson, Jan Gay, Dora Frisbee, Jenny Hardwick, Donna Lewis, Jackie Branch, Paul Simpson, Melodie Smith, Chip Foster, Terry Jordan, Auree Noll.**



Prayer Requests

Sick/Shut-In:

- Ada Scott
- Bill and June Moore
- Jan Gay
- Gary & Gayle Webster
- Dennis Scroggins
- Katy Jones
- Kevin Williams, Sr.
- Joy Narmore

Our Elders

- Bruce Tilley
- Brett Narmore

Our Deacons

- Jeff Gary
- Gary Webster
- Kyle Austin

Calendar

Men We Support

- Dennis Scroggins