

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

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Walking with Jesus Christ

In today's article, we're going to start a journey that I hope will help each of us develop a closer walk with Jesus. We will cover topics where we consider our view of God versus who he really is, the problem of cultural Christianity, our relationship to Jesus, our motives, surrender, the struggles of life, how to develop our character, and our relationships with others.

The problems facing the church isn't culture, an ever increasing hostility toward our faith, or even the declining numbers in our buildings. The problem facing the church is that we're not fully prepared to face the struggles because we are not fully surrendered to Jesus.

James 4:6-8 tells us that we are to draw near to the Lord and in response he will draw near to us. But it also tells, adds, that we need to purify our hearts because our attention and focus can be divided easily. It's not that we're bad people or even bad Christians, but that life is hard. Being fully surrendered to Jesus is not a destination that we can achieve, and never have to travel that path again. Being fully surrendered to Jesus is something that ebb's and flows like the tides. One moment it can be high and within hours it has retreated so far that the rocks are exposed to the air. This happens throughout a Christian's life.

As Peter says in 2 Peter 1:12-15, I am not saying that you're not focused or unfaithful to Jesus. I am confident you know these things and are established in them. Yet, I also know how easy it is to forget them. As long as the Lord allows me to be with you and do my work, I consider it my aim to stir you up by way of reminder of these powerful truths.

So, what does it mean to be fully surrendered to Jesus? It doesn't mean that we have to become monks, hiding from the world and focused entirely on the Word and prayer. Instead of being a recluse we become family and group focused setting aside our natural desires to put our survival ahead of everyone else. Instead of being monks who read nothing but Scripture we learn to filter all of life through the teachings of Jesus. Christianity at its finest is lived among those who need to the light of God's word.

Biblical surrender is a thinking surrender, carefully carved out through thoughtful self-examination and submission to Jesus. It is to become so completely preoccupied with Jesus that you hunger and thirst for more of him, to become just like him. Biblical surrender, simply put, is to be conformed to the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29) and fully embrace the freedoms Jesus offers. It is uncomfortable and requires a lot of work, but the reward is basking in the light of the Son and transformation into the image of Christ through the abiding word implanted in our hearts and minds (Rom. 12:2; James 1:21-22).

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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom
Song Leader: Dale
Opening Hymn:
17—Revive Us Again
Opening Prayer: Jerad
Hymn:
98—I Surrender All
Scripture Reading: Ryan
James 4:1-8
Hymn:
297—When My Love To Christ Grows Week
Lord's Supper: Robert
Hymn:
176—Standing On The Promises
Sermon: Tom
Invitation Hymn:
607—All Things Are Ready
Closing Hymn:
55—Take Time To Be Holy
Closing Prayer: Jordan

Mark your calendar!
September 17th
Gospel Meeting
Speaker: Mark Lance
from Louisiana

CALENDAR

July 23—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
July 30—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
Aug. 6—Bible study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark
Aug. 9—(a) Ray & Rebecca
Aug. 13—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
Aug. 14—(a) Robert & Sara
Aug. 20—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark
Check bulletin board for events in the area &
other news

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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Draw Nigh To God

James 4:1-8

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CONSUME	DESIRE	DEVIL
DRAW	DWELL	ENEMY
ENMITY	ENVY	FIGHTS
FLEE	FRIENDSHIP	GRACE
HUMBLE	KILL	LUSTS
MEMBERS	NIGH	OBTAIN
PROUD	RECEIVE	RESIST
SAID	SCRIPTURE	SPIRIT
SUBMIT	UPON	VAIN
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We are in the second chapter of the Book of James on Sunday morning bible study. Here is a verse for you to remember:

James 2:17

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

PRAYER LIST

Mynda's sister-in-law's Father's health. Jacob **Mark** and **Debbie** as they travel. **Mark's** heart and back. Ron's son-in-law **Bob**
Roberta, doing Bible study with Tom, stroke recovery
Bonnie's grandson **Devin** study, **Dakota**
Wanda's migraines; son **Allen**, sisters **Lorraine & Joyce** .
Mary and family. Mary's friend **Aubrey's** pregnancy.
Kathy, is in Holly Hill Rehab facility and has her prosthesis, her sister and friends, send cards.
Linda's health, **Tiffany's** health & stress
Zarna and her family
Juanita, is at Briar Hill rehab room 100, her sister **Betty** and the rest of her family.
Ray and **Barbara** and their family.
Dale's health issues, headaches and his family. His **Mother's** breathing issue.. His friend **Riley** (age 6) with cancer. Brother in Christ **Darrell's** surgery. His **Aunt Rosie's** heart and lungs. Cousin with heart issues. 7 year old girl, **Lucie**, with leukemia.
Ray's new medication and his family.
Rebecca's right knee injuries & illness
Steven digestive tests & illness
Pat and her family
Rylan, 10 year old. Urgent brain surgery recovery
Robert's friend with cancer

James 4:1-8

From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? ² Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. ³ Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. ⁴ Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. ⁵ Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? ⁶ But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.