



January 28, 2018

Church of Christ
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Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Mark
Song Leader: Mark
Opening Song: 1B
I'd Rather Have
Jesus
Opening Prayer:
Myron
Hymn: 122
There Stands a Rock
Scripture Reading:
Ray
2 Corinthians 5:1-8
Hymn: 300
Must Jesus Bear The
Cross Alone
Lord's Supper:
Tom & Ron
Hymn: 248
I Know That My
Redeemer Lives
Sermon: Mark
Invitation Hymn: 607
All Things Are Ready
Closing Hymn: 230
Let The Beauty of
Jesus Be Seen In Me
Closing Prayer: Dale



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Issue 4

How Do You Get to Heaven?

By Alan Smith

A teacher asked the children in her Sunday School class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into heaven?"

"NO!" the children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into heaven?"

Again, the answer was, "NO!"

"Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my wife, would that get me into heaven?" she asked them again.

Again, they all answered, "NO!"

"Well, then how can I get into heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD!"

Ah, the refreshing quality of children to be able to acknowledge the obvious! Here is a child who makes an observation so evident that we often overlook it in our attempt to be deep thinkers. But what he said is true: "In order to get to heaven, you gotta be dead!" So why do we fear death so much? As Christians, we ought to be able to see death as a door to the place where we most want to be -- the presence of God. If we truly see it that way, there is no fear, only anticipation.

Imagine a couple who has been planning to move to another country. Many of their family members have already moved over there. They spend months and months studying the culture, learning the language, anxiously awaiting the day when they are able to make the move as well. The day comes when they step on the plane. Do they dread the plane trip? No, it's the one thing that will carry them to where they most want to be. Will there be sadness? Certainly, because there will be friends that they will leave behind. But nothing can outweigh their excitement of what lies ahead. It's what they have spent their lives preparing for.

Death is only something to fear if it means leaving behind all of the things that we love most. If our love for material things is greater than our love for God, then death is a terrible thing to experience and it is nothing to look forward to. But if our life has been spent developing a relationship with our heavenly Father, then death is the opportunity to go home.

"We know that our body—the tent we live in here on earth—will be destroyed. But when that happens, God will have a house for us. It will not be a house made by human hands; instead, it will be a home in heaven that will last forever. But now we groan in this tent. We want God to give us our heavenly home, because it will clothe us so we will not be naked. While we live in this body, we have burdens, and we groan. We do not want to be naked, but we want to be clothed with our heavenly home. Then this body that dies will be fully covered with life. This is what God made us for, and He has given us the Spirit to be a guarantee for this new life. So we always have courage. We know that while we live in this body, we are away from the Lord." (2 Cor. 5:1-6)

Have a great day!

Alan Smith, minister for the Cruciform Church of Christ
in Spring Lake, North Carolina

PRAYER LIST

*It was good to see Robert with us last week although he is still having problems with his neck.

*Rebecca is in West Virginia with her parents.

*Dale's mother is home and doing well.

*Pat and Ron were able to be with us last week.

*Dale, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.

*It's nice to have Myron and Carole back with us.

*Tom & Nina's son-i-law, Chris, is looking for work.

*Juanita, her sons, Dale and Ron and her daughter Debbie.

*Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.

*Ruth and her brother George.

*Our Congregation

*Our Nation & Our Veterans.

CALENDAR

Jan. 28—Bible Study 10 am, Dale

Jan. 28—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Mark

Jan. 31—b. Logan

Feb. 4—Bible Study 10 am, Dale

Feb. 4—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Mark

Feb. 8—b. Mason

Feb. 11—Bible Study 10 am, Dale

Feb. 11—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Mark

Feb. 17—a. David & Dorene

Feb. 18—Bible Study 10 am, Dale

Feb. 18—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Answer to Puzzle
So we are always content, knowing that
while we are at home in the body we are
absent from the Lord.

Assurance

Scripture Reference: 2 Corinthians 5:1-8

ABSENT	BECAUSE	BEING	BUILDING
BURDENED	CLOTHED	CONFIDENT	DESTROYED
EARNESTLY	EARTHLY	ETERNAL	
FAITH	FOUND	FURTHER	GIVEN
GROAN	GUARANTEE	HABITATION	HAVING
HEAVEN	HOUSE	INDEED	MORTALITY
NAKED	PLEASED	PREPARED	PRESENT
RATHER	SHALL	SIGHT	SPIRIT
SWALLOWED	THING	WHICH	

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Hidden Phrase: _____

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If your faith will not take you to worship, what makes you think it will take you to heaven?

SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm

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