

# Good News From Chardon

## Church of Christ

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### The Ruined Loincloth

In Jeremiah 13 there is a strange and yet, intriguing story about a loincloth. The Lord instructs the prophet to buy a new loincloth, put it on, and wear it without washing it in water. After some time, the Lord tells him to bury it in the rocks near the Euphrates River. Again, after some time has passed, he is told to dig up that old loincloth. Once Jeremiah digs it up, he describes it as "good for nothing." After all that time buried in the dirt it was spoiled and now unfit for its intended purpose.

In a time when money was tight and new clothing hard to acquire the Lord's instructions for Jeremiah seem odd at best. It seems like such a waste of time, money, and energy to buy this new loincloth and just bury it. When I spend money on something I want it to last. I want it to be a smart purchase, and just as importantly, I want to know it was a good deal. Why buy something if you're not going to value it, use it, and take care of it?

The Lord often used object lessons like this to teach the prophet who in turn had to teach the people what God is saying by such demonstrations. Ezekiel was told to write on two sticks (Ezek. 37:15-28). Isaiah was told to walk around naked for 3 years (Isa. 20:1-6). Hosea was told to marry a prostitute and give his kids weird names. Even Ezekiel was told to lay on his left side for 390 days (Ezek. 4).

The lesson of the loincloth was a hard lesson for Israel. They had been bought for a purpose, brought close by the Lord, and through pride & sin had become good for nothing. Being close to the Lord had come with blessings but they had become proud and thought nothing could touch them and that is going to change. The Lord is going to spoil their pride by allowing them to be conquered by Babylon, who came from the Euphrates River area.

In their defeat they would learn the lesson of the loincloth. With sin and rebellion comes defeat. Faithfulness to the Lord always equals success but unfaithfulness will always defeat us. What about us? How will we learn this lesson? Will it take total defeat, or will we learn to trust in the Lord?

We too have been bought (1 Cor. 6:19-20: Acts 20:28) for a price. Where are we focusing our lives? Was His purchase and actions for nothing? Instead of a life wrapped up in our own desires lets cling to the Lord and His purpose for us. Then we will be good for something; a people for his own possession, a people who will follow and praise him.

- Jeff Arnette preaches for the Central Haywood church of Christ, Clyde, NC.

### Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark  
Song Leader: Dale  
Opening Hymn:  
**17—Revive Us Again**  
Opening Prayer: Robert  
Hymn:  
**90—Into Our Hands**  
Scripture Reading: Ryan  
Acts 20:25-31  
Hymn:  
**301—He Loved Me So**  
Lord's Supper: Tom & Dale  
Hymn:  
**176—Standing On The Promises**  
Sermon: Mark  
Invitation Hymn:  
**605—Just As I Am**  
Closing Hymn:  
**655—God Be With You**  
Closing Prayer: Ray

**ATTENTION**  
**THE GOSPEL MEETING ON**  
**MAY 21-25 HAS BEEN POSTPONED**  
**Please pray for our speaker**  
**Mark Lance who will be undergoing**  
**back surgery**

### CALENDAR

Apr. 9—Bible study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Tom  
Apr. 14—(b) Sara  
Apr. 14—(a) Brendan & Lisa  
Apr. 16—(b) Eric  
Apr. 16—Bible study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Mark  
Apr. 23—Bible study 10 am. Worship 11 am  
Speaker Tom  
Apr. 27—(b) Sandy  
Apr. 27—(a) Tim & Tami

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

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### Elders Exhorted

Acts 20:25-31

#### WORD LIST

AMONG	AWAY	BLOOD
CEASE	CHURCH	COUNSEL
DECLARE	DRAW	FACE
FLOCK	GOD	HEED
HOLY	INNOCENT	KINGDOM-
NIGHT	OVERSEERS	PREACHING
PURCHASED	RISE	SAVAGE
SHEPHERD	SHUNNED	SPARING
SPEAKING	SPIRIT	TEARS
TESTIFY	THINGS	WATCH
WHOLE	WOLVES	

S G S P H J S E H W K Y K N O  
A N P R H X S C O I F A C I C  
V I E E S I T L N N Y W O G Q  
A R A A R A V G I L N A L H A  
G A K C W E D A O D O G F T T  
E P I H S O Y H M I F T D N O  
S S N I M P F W W O E R E H V  
D H G N Y V I T A A N C C C E  
E E U G Z K T L R R O G L R R  
S C E N W Y S S T N D I A U S  
V I A H N L E S N U O C R H E  
U I O F H E T I C E A S E C E  
O L H K S K D S P I R I T V R  
E D R E H P E H S G N I H T S  
B L O O D P U R C H A S E D J

### PRAYER LIST

- **Mynda's** sister-in-laws Father's health. Her friend **Kim's** brain surgery recovery is going well
- **Mark** and **Debbie** as they travel
- **Roberta**, doing Bible study with Tom, stroke recovery
- **Bonnie's** daughters: **Renee's** hand surgery recovery & grandson **Devin** study
- **Wanda's** migraines; son **Allen**, sisters **Lorraine & Joyce**
- **Mary** and her family. **Carl's** gout and hip recovery, **Kathy**, is in Holly Hill Rehab facility, her sister and friends. Please send cards.
- **Linda's** health. Her friend Tina's health & family
- **Zarna** and her family
- **Juanita**, fell last week and broke her leg and is at Briar Hill Rehab, 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** medical treatments. 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** and his family. **Rebecca's** right knee injuries
- **Pat** and her family
- **Jessie**, Doug's friend, health
- **Sara's** father, **Jeff's** surgery and successful recovery

Acts 20:25-31

<sup>25</sup>“And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I *am* innocent of the blood of all *men*. <sup>27</sup>For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. <sup>29</sup>For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup>Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. <sup>31</sup>Therefore watch and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.” —*Isaiah 40:31*