

## Welcome

The Chardon church of Christ welcomes you to every service and to a full investigation of what we teach, in the light of the Scriptures.

The church of Christ occupies a unique place in the religious world. It is no part of Judaism, Catholicism, or Protestant Denominationalism. It is as distinct from these religions as they are from each other. Its plea for a return to the Bible has made it appealing to those who long for spirituality and simplicity of the church as revealed in the Bible.

We preach the same gospel and teach the same plan of salvation based upon the grace of God as taught by the apostles. Rom. 1:16.

This plan includes: **Faith** in Christ; Mk.16:16; **Repentance** of sins; Acts 2:38; **Confession** of faith in Christ; Matt. 10:32; **Baptism**; (This baptism is a burial in water of a penitent believer to wash away his sins.) Eph. 4:5.

Our worship is according to the New Testament pattern. Jn. 4:23-24. Services consist of: **Singing** without the use of man-made instruments of music; Eph. 5:19; **Praying** to God; Acts

2:42. Observing the **Lord's Supper** each first day of the week; Acts 2:42; **Giving** by members of the congregation; I Cor. 16:1-2; **Teaching** of God's Word; Acts 2:42.

## Calendar

Aug. 6—Bible Study 10 a.m.—Dale

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

Aug. 6—Business Meeting

Aug. 9—Bible Study 7 pm—Tom

Aug. 9—a. Ray & Rebecca

Aug. 11—Area Sing—East Sparta

Aug 13—Bible Study 10 am—Dale

Aug.13—Worship 11 am & 6 pm  
Speaker: Mark

Aug. 13—Potluck

Aug. 14—a. Robert & Sara

Aug. 16—Bible Study 7 pm—Tom

Aug. 18—Area Sing—Streetsboro

### Answer to the Puzzle:

Hidden Phrase: Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

*Our true selves are usually revealed  
in our seemingly trivial acts.*

## Church of Christ

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### Schedule of Services:

Worship Services

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

and 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

# Chardon Church of Christ

Church Bulletin

Sunday

August 6, 2017

## Who Am I?

In answering the above question many are confused. Some think that we are merely a product of evolution. Others might think that our purpose in life is primarily to enjoy ourselves. Yet the Bible teaches that the individual is a creation of God. God wants to be first in the lives of everyone. We are not here to just enjoy recreation, and the other creature comforts. We are here to glorify God. Consider the evidence.

Paul states: "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist." (Col 1:16, 1:17 (NKJV) The apostle from Tarsus is referring to Christ. Notice he states: "all things were created through Him and for Him." The reason we are here is for Christ. Does our life reflect that? Is Christ first in all that we do. Paul adds to this by commanding: "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." (Col 3:17) Before doing something do we look to Jesus to see what He would think of that activity, event, or function?

God is in charge of the world. To those on Mars Hill, Paul stated: "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings." (Acts 17:24-26) (NKJV)

Unfortunately, there is a desire in our world to put ourselves or others in first place. Many are trying to make God in their own image. Some, in order to justify sin say, "But God is just and loving, He will understand." Such may result from a misunderstanding of God. God is good, but also severe. (Rom. 11:22) God is jealous and wants to be first in our lives. (Ex. 20:5) I have observed people who knew what God wanted them to do, but refused to do it. (Rom. 1:28)

Who am I? I am a creation of God. I should glorify Him in all I do. Paul tells the church at Corinth this very idea: "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Cor. 6:19, 20) Paul also told them that His writings were the commands of God (1 Cor.14:37). Are we following these commandments as we should? Have we done anything lately to glorify God? Are we just enjoying life day by day without ever mentioning God to anyone else? Are we "doing our own thing" and expecting to go to heaven?

These are some things to think about when we consider who we are. The world should not tell us. The influences of worldly people or ideas should not determine the answer to the question. We should follow God, glorify Him, and heaven will one day be our home.

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