



Arlington Church of Christ

*"The churches of Christ greet you."
Romans 16:16*

Reasons for being a Disciple

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Sunday Bible Classes.....9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.*

Sunday Worship.....5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Class.....7:00 p.m.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How long was it completely dark in Egypt during the 'plague of darkness'?

In Mark 8:34, we find Jesus calling those who would be his disciples and making a difficult demand of them:

"Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." If we are to be disciples, followers of Jesus, we must be willing to deny our own inclinations and follow His instructions. Jesus even compared it to 'taking up our cross' or crucifixion - we are to consider ourselves 'dead' to our own desires and controlled instead by His commands. That seems very demanding to us and it also sounded that way to the crowds who heard him.

But then Jesus gives three reasons why they (and we) should do so. In verse 35, He says " For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it." People do not want to die but to live - eternally. Jesus says that being his disciple is the only way to do that. If we try to defeat death on our own, we will fail. Without Jesus there is no hope, but to suffer and die as a disciple is to gain eternal life - Rev 2:10 "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life."

In verses 36-37, Jesus then said "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?" Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" Even if you somehow could own the whole world, it could not be exchanged for your soul. The only thing that can pay the price necessary to forgive you and give you eternal life is the blood of Jesus. It doesn't matter what we have in this life, how important others think you are, or what they may say about you - the only ones who have access to the blood of Jesus and his forgiveness are those who obey Him - John 15:13-14 "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command."

In verses 38, Jesus said "If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." The third reason to be a disciple of Jesus is that there is a coming judgment. At the judgment, what determines where we will spend eternity is whether we were faithful disciples of Jesus or an unbeliever - Mark 16:16 "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, whoever does not believe will be condemned." The disciples are those who are not ashamed, afraid, or hesitant to confess their faith in Jesus - who have been immersed for the forgiveness of their sins - these are the ones who will be spared condemnation when judgment comes.

Becoming a disciple of Jesus, being a better one, will save your soul, gain the blessing of eternal life, and gives confidence in judgment. Don't put off responding to the call of Jesus.

PRAYER LIST

BIRTHDAYS

*See the caring cards list in the lobby



*"The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."
James 5:16*

- 4/26 Steve Williams
- 4/29 Terri Bauer
- 5/4 Bruce Maddox
- 5/6 Barb Colvin
- 5/14 Bev Hood
- 5/30 Bijan Ariapad

*"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."
Matt 18:20*

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/23 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship
- 5/7 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
- 5/12 Ladies' Class on 2nd Fridays (see Cathy for location)

- 5/14 Isaac & Felicia Rice
- 5/20 Manuel & Herminia Montesclaros
- 5/22 Steve & Christy Williams

MEN TO SERVE

4/23

4/30

SCRIPTURE READING

Sermon AM/PM	Joe McCollum	Guest Speaker			
Announcements	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	April 23	2Sam. 7-9	Luke 19:1-28
Song Leader AM	Jeff McCollum	Jeff McCollum	April 24	2Sam. 10-12	Luke 19:29-48
Song Leader PM	John Bauer	John Bauer	April 25	2Sam. 13-14	Luke 20:1-26
Opening Prayer AM	Jeff McCollum	Joe McCollum	April 26	2Sam. 15, 16	Luke 20:27-47
Opening Prayer PM	John Bauer	Ron Hartman	April 27	2Sam. 17, 18	Luke 21:1-19
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	April 28	2Sam. 19, 20	Luke 21:20-38
Assistant #1	Matt Williams	Mike Menard	April 29	2Sam. 21, 22	Luke 22:1-30
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman			
Closing Prayer PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum			
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum	John & Terri Bauer			
(Wed.) Devotional	(4/26) Mike Menard	(5/3) Jeff McCollum			
(Wed.) Song Leader	(4/26) John Bauer	(5/3) Mike Menard			

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April 26	2Sam. 15, 16	Luke 20:27-47
April 27	2Sam. 17, 18	Luke 21:1-19
April 28	2Sam. 19, 20	Luke 21:20-38
April 29	2Sam. 21, 22	Luke 22:1-30

*"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"
Luke 11:28*

PANTRY NEEDS

TRIVIA ANSWER

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| Over the counter medicines/aspirin | Canned meats– fish, chicken & SPAM |
| Laundry detergent | Canned Veggies– greens, potatoes, etc. |
| Face soap & Shampoo | (not corn, green beans, or peas) |
| Toilet Tissue & Paper Towels | Fruit Juice– apple, grape, pineapple, etc. |
| Boxed Potatoes | Peanut butter and Jelly |
| Small- Flour and Sugar | Breakfast Cereal |

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