

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may . . . glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

The Coastal Light

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Evangelize

"Go therefore and, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mt. 28:19-20
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"The churches of Christ salute you"

Romans 16:16

Sunday Services

10:00 am Class

11:00 am Worship

Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m.

In respect of the worship service, please turn off or place your cell phone on silent during worship.

THANK YOU



Welcome Visitors

You are our honored guest.
Thank you for coming to visit with us.

Please complete a Visitor's Card and put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men and please sign the register in the foyer so we can have a permanent record.

You are encouraged to take any DVDs or tracts you find in the foyer and enjoy some Visitors Bread in the basket beside the door as you exit.

Past sermons can be found on our website at:
www.churchofchriststm.org.

If you have any questions about anything you have heard or seen, please feel free to ask.

PRAYER REQUEST

FRIENDS & FAMILY

- Ray Maples – Passed away from Covid. Close friend of Arts.
- Ernie Staten – Robin Cooper's uncle passed away.
- Ernie Cooper –having Cataract surgery soon.

Suffering For Christ

By Ron Boatwright

One who is living a faithful Christian life will face opposition for his faith in various ways. Paul says, "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12). The things we suffer are temporary while we live here on the earth, but we have a great eternal reward reserved in Heaven for us. Jesus says, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matthew 5:10-12).

The persecution we face today is not being crucified or stoned to death, but is verbal and being shunned. Jesus says, "Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven" (Luke 6:22-23). In today's world it is becoming less and less popular to be a Christian. Even some of the persecution will come from our own brethren, as it did in Paul's day (Galatians 2:4). "If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but your part He is glorified" (1 Peter 4:14).

The reproach that we may endure for being a Christian glorifies our Lord. "Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter" (1 Peter 4:16). "But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled" (1 Peter 3:14). There are a number of examples in the Bible of people being persecuted for righteousness sake and taking it patiently and even rejoicing. "And when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name" (Acts 5:40-41). Would we rejoice if we were beaten and threatened?

Peter says, "But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God" (1 Peter 2:20). When Christians in the first century were being persecuted, they went everywhere preaching and teaching the good news. Persecution didn't stop them. "At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria....Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:1, 4). If we were persecuted like this today, would we stop being a Christian? If being a Christian were a crime today, would there be enough evidence to convict us?

We should count it a joy that we can suffer for the cause of Christ because we are "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him" (Romans 8:17).

Today's Sermon
AM: In Times Like
These, We Need To
PM: Questions &
Answers

Art Wilson

Announcements

- Team B is in charge of the card ministry this week. Cards are available in the fellowship hall.
- Live streaming of the 10AM & 11 AM Sunday morning service and Wednesday's 7 PM bible study can be watched on the St Mary's church of Christ Facebook page.
- Continue to pray for the inmates at the Woodbine jail during this time. All of their bible studies and baptisms are postponed due to Covid-19.
- Please continue to give the names of family or friends that live in the area that we can encourage through our card ministry.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear the Word

Romans 10:17

Believe the Word

Hebrews 11:6

Repent of Your Sins

Luke 13: 3, 5

Confess Jesus Christ as the Son of the Living God

Mathew 10:32

Be Baptized for the Remission of Your Sins

Acts 2:38

Remain Faithful unto Death

Revelation 2:10