

"I want to be a worker" (1 Thess. 1:3)

The Coastal Light

Church of Christ

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**"Seek those things
which are above,
where Christ is."
Colossians 3:1**

"The churches of Christ salute you"

Romans 16:16

Sunday Services

10:00am Bible Class

11:00am Worship

6:00pm Worship

1:30 pm 1st Sunday Evening Service

Wednesday Service

7:00pm Bible Class

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.**

Let us know if we can assist you in any way.

**You are encouraged to take any 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

PRAYER REQUEST

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Steve Lane, Judy Miller, Mary Perry,
Baby Maude Hamshir, Kinlee Hill (2yr
old cancer) Jennifer Jaress

Shut – ins

Remember our shut-ins. Reach out
with a phone call, visit or card to keep
them encouraged.

Clyde Crane, Mary Perry, Judy Smith,
Steve Lane

God's Plan for Saving Man

God Divine Love: John 3:16

God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8

Christ's Blood: Romans 5:9

Inspired word: 1 Corinthians 2:12-13

Sinner's Faith: Acts 16:31

Sinner's repentance: Luke 13:3

Sinner's Confession: Romans 10:10

Sinner's Baptism: Acts 22:16

Christians Love: Matthew 22:37

Christian's Work: James 2:24

Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24

Christians Faithfulness: Revelation 2:10

Today's Sermons:

AM – (Art Wilson)

Card Ministry

Announcements

Sin in the Christian Era

Most Christians have a good understanding of both the Old and New Covenants, but some assume, that they are now free of any responsibility of any future sin. Although we receive forgiveness through the blood of Jesus, our Christian liberty does not include the right to deliberately, or carelessly live a life of sin. Just the opposite, the Christian is to attempt to live a life that resembles Jesus.

The Mosaic Law consisted of 365 negative commands and 248 positive for a total of 613 commands. These may also be divided into three parts—the *moral*, the *social*, and the *ceremonial*. As such, it covered every possible area of the life of Israel. The age in which we live, aka the church age, has often and rightly been called the age of grace. This is not because God's grace has not been manifested in other ages, but because in the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ we have the ultimate expression of God's grace.

The Apostle Paul was speaking to Christians when he said, "*Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming, you used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.*" (Col 3:5-8). Since Jesus died for our sins, we are no longer required to keep the Old Testament laws as a way to go to Heaven, but in general conceptual terms, the things that were sins in the Old Covenant, are still sins. God's people are no longer burdened with the rituals in the "*Old Covenant*" as a way to enter into Heaven, and it is impossible, by their own power, to live good enough to enter.

Entry into Heaven is only through acceptance of Jesus as their savior and obedience to his commandments. "*If you love Me, keep My commandments.*" (John 14:15) Christians obey the commandments out of love, reverence, and respect for their Savior. Our striving to live moral and pure lives is an indication of our love, faith, and devotion to Him. If we openly and intentionally disobey his commandments, then we are denying Jesus. The fact that we "*know*" Jesus does not guarantee our salvation; even the demons know Jesus is the Son of God, but refuse to obey him. There are no less than a dozen times in the New Testament that states that the believer can lose his salvation. Peter, Paul, James, and John repeatedly stated that the church must beware of false teachers "lest they fall". (read: 2 Peter 2, Acts 20:29,

1 Timothy 4:1, Jude 1:3)

... Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall. (Romans 14:13)

In His Great Intercessory Prayer, Jesus had just finished praying for the disciples, and was now praying for those in the future who would believe in Him. "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. (John 17:20-21).

We enter into the New Covenant by believing in and accepting Jesus as our Savior, God then accepts Jesus death as payment for our sins. He then sees us as He does Jesus, perfect, without sin or blemish.