

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

The Coastal Light

Church of Christ

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"Yet who knows
whether you have come
to the kingdom for such
a time as this?"

Esther 4:14

"The churches of Christ salute you"

Romans 16:16

Sunday Services

10:00am Bible Class

11:00am Worship

6:00pm Worship

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 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**

PRAYER REQUEST

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Steve Lane, Mary Perry, Duane Patton,
Trish Essex, Baby Maude Hamshire,
Sophie Guess, JoAnna Campbell

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 –

Announcements

Fellowship meal today

Elders Corner

in Proverbs 4: 5 - 8 Solomon wrote the following words;

5 Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. 6 Do not

forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you. 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore, get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. 8 Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her. She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you."

In these verses, we find both a command and a promise. To obtain the promise, we must first obey the
command.

The Wisdom spoken of in these verses is not referring to the intelligence and understanding of man. *It is far more valuable and has eternal implications.* What Solomon is alluding to is the "law, testimony and statutes of the Lord". These are the words found written in the Holy Scriptures. They are to be treasured above all things. Our desire for God's Word should be the "paramount passion of our lives".

David, Solomon's Father, had these words to say about their value in *Psalms 19: 10 - 11; 10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned and in keeping them there is great reward.* The wisdom and understanding I am pointing to is "spiritual wisdom" and it is found in Christ and Christ alone. With this wisdom, we can lead happy, productive and fruitful lives. Without it, life does not have true value, meaning and purpose.

David paints the perfect word picture of what our hunger for Christ and his Word should look like when he penned *Psalms 42*. He said the following;

1 As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Nothing in our lives should be of more importance than Christ and His Word. May the great God and Father of our Saviour Jesus Christ create in each of us an insatiable

hunger and thirst for His Son and the words of life written in the Holy Scriptures.

In light of these words of wisdom given to us in God's word I offer to you my brothers and sister in Christ the same commendation the Apostle Paul gave to the church in Rome in *Romans 12: 1 - 2; I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*