

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

**Functions of the Body**

AM Sermon: Joe Murdock

OUR FAMILY NEWS

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**Today's Scripture:** "And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." Acts 11:26 (KJV 1900)

**Wisdom for Today:** "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever." Psalm 23:6 (KJV 1900)

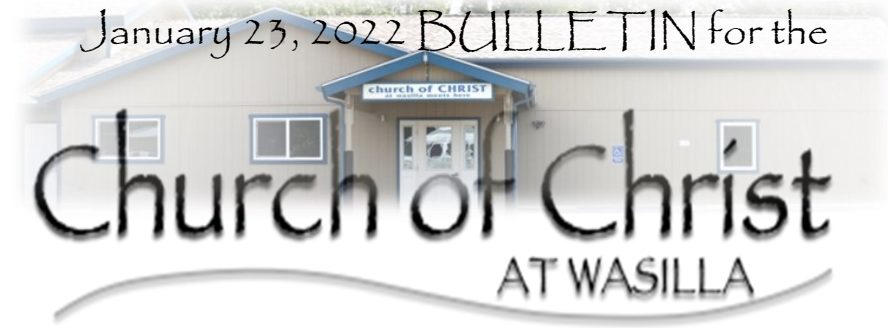
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Attendance Last Sunday -

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear.....Romans 10:17  
 Believe.....Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6  
 Repent.....Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10  
 Confess.....Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33  
 Be Baptized.....Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16  
 Remain Faithful.....Matt 24:13; Rev 2:10; James 1:12

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

**MEETING TIMES**

Sunday:  
 Bible Classes: 10AM  
 AM Worship: 11AM  
 PM Worship: 5PM

Wednesday:  
 Bible Study: 7PM

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## “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us

### Roles

By: Joe Murdock

It was asked a little while ago that we take the steps as a congregation to understand the roles within the church. So I have taken that responsibility and believe it to be a good idea to understand what the Bible teaches on this subject. We know that God is a God of order. It is clearly seen in His design of the creation, establishing the family, in the nation of Israel so on and so forth. God is not the author of confusion so that must mean He is the author of order.

When David thought it was a better to have cattle move the ark of the covenant a life was lost. But consider what David says the next time the ark was to be moved into Jerusalem. 1 Chronicles 15:12-13 NKJV “He said to them, “You are the heads of the fathers’ houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of the Lord God of Israel to the place I have prepared for it. For because you did not do it the first time, the Lord our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the **proper order.**” (emp added) David recognized that going against God’s order was only going to lead to sin. Thanks be to God that He did not leave us empty handed because we have His word.

God does not work with deception or trickery to get His message across but is the Light to reveal disorder. So this must mean then that within the church there are clearly defined roles as to how the body is to function and operate. Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV “**For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**” God had established a pattern beforehand so that we should walk in them. It is crucial to our understanding of scripture that we realize all who are in the body of Christ are Christians. Before anything else that is who we are. That means before elders, deacons, preachers, evangelist and so on. Friends let me repeat this very important fact of the Bible that is before we are ANYTHING else we are Christians.

Now you might be asking why is that so important to realize. Well, simply put because that is how God designed it. Acts 2:46-47 NKJV “**So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.**” These individuals who were saved, were added to the church. Well what is the church, Ephesians 1:22-23 NKJV “**And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.**” The church is the body of Christ and were all the saved are. Those who are saved bear the name Christ and

## go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

therefore are called Christians.

You might be asking why do they bear the name Christ because the Word which saves us teaches that. Ephesians 5:30-31 NKJV “**For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.**” Those who are in the body of Christ are the bride and awaiting the groom to return.

So what does this mean? Why go through the trouble of understanding that first we are Christians? Well, because it seems so easy to put other roles found in the

body of Christ first. To put the elder first or the preacher first goes against the biblical teaching of the body.

This is something prevalent in the denominational world, were they put the pastor above the members. Or what about the catholic religion that puts the pope



above the members. You see when we try to redefine the biblical order of the body we sin. We sin because we go beyond what the scriptures teach. 1 Timothy 3:14-15 NKJV “**These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.**” Paul told Timothy that there is a way the church must conduct itself and to go against what the Bible teaches regarding the conduct of church is to error. So when we consider roles within the blood bought church let us first consider, are we as Christians doing our part as Christians. If not, why not. Please study this carefully and think about your conduct as a Christian.

### Schedule of Events

There will be a Men’s Meeting Sunday February 6, 2022. All the men are encouraged to attend.