



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, Matt 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..."

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Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

Office Hours

Call or check website

Schedule of Events

Jan 26th Youth Get Together starting at 6pm, see Joe

Potluck Jan 28th at the Murlocks



Think on These Things

Philippians 4:8

It is easier to believe a lie told a thousand times than the truth told once

Our Family News

Pray for / Emily Hatley, Steve and Abby St.Claire, Danesa, Billie Tabor (Danesa's Mom's closest friend), Jean (Danesa's Mom), Debra Betti, Elisabet, Johnathan Crawford, Bill and Peggy

Today's Scripture

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

Wisdom for Today

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all."

Ecclesiastes 12:13 NKJV

AM Sermon / George Jensen

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"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

The Churchgoer vs Christian

By Joe Murdock

How many times do we hear the phrase "I go to church". Now this might sound good because going to worship God is always better than not. However, there is a problem with this statement. This statement often means I can show up, watch the show and go about my business. Never once considering, is that how the first century Christians viewed assembling together. Hopefully this article will challenge all of us to ask the question am I a churchgoer or am I a Christian.

This attitude of the churchgoer mentality reminds me of the rich young ruler. [Matthew 19:18-22 NKJV](#) "He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' " The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" When you read this at first you might think, wow this young man has his life together. Friends it is very easy to get into the mindset of a checkbox faith but just keep reading and see how reality sets in for this young man. Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions." It seems this man had the churchgoer mentality. That is, as long as I show up, I am good. They might think do I really need to go to class and opening prayer that just extra credit. But as long as I am there for the Lord's Supper then God will be pleased. Imagine if someone you had a close relationship with took only 10 minutes once a week to speak to you. Would you consider that a close relationship, really would you consider that a relationship at all? This attitude has plagued the church but can be corrected.

Since we have seen the poor mindset of the so called "churchgoer" attitude let us now look at the proper attitude, the Christian attitude. The Bible is filled with so many wonderful gems. These gems remind us that God doesn't want a halfhearted relationship nor does He desire the robotic motions. [Joel 2:12-13 NKJV](#) "Now, therefore," says the Lord, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." So rend your heart, and not your garments;

Return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm." Here we can clearly understand there are two types of approaches to God. One is sincere, while the other is robotic. [John 4:23-24 NKJV](#) "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." Those who seek to please God will approach the heavenly throne in spirit and truth. This is the mindset for the Christian. The kind of mindset God desires from those who worship Him.

Finally for our learning let us observe just two biblical examples of the Christians mindset in action. [Acts 4:18-19 NKJV](#) "So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge."

[Acts 16:23-25 NKJV](#) "And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them." Simply beautiful and inspiring! To be able to read about the true Christian faith in action. While there are many more biblical examples we could see, these two show the Christian attitude is much different than the churchgoer attitude. The Christian attitude is seeking to please God in every facet of life while the churchgoer attitude seeks ways to please God when convenient. So as we close out this article what is your attitude towards God.

