

# COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM  
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM  
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth  
1 Thessalonians 1:8

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### Cities That You Did Not Build

-Renn Ferguson

The book of Deuteronomy is typically described as a retelling of the Law. The word Deuteronomy means “second law.” While there is obviously overlap between Deuteronomy, Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers, we should never overlook any inspired book. There are still many wonderful lessons and admonitions we can apply to our lives today.

One such example is found in Deuteronomy 6. Notice verses 10-12, “And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, 11 and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, 12 then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.” (ESV)

The land of Canaan is one that was often described as flowing with milk and honey. This is figurative language, of course, to describe the wealth and prosperity of the land. God would give this land to the Jews. They had no need to develop it. No need to till or plow it. No need to sow or plant. No need to dig for water. The land was totally prepared for the people. They just needed to take it.

What can we take from this? When reading this passage, I was reminded of the fact that the land of Canaan is often used as a type of heaven (Hebrews 3:7-4:13). Which leads us to the words of Christ in John 14:2-3 “In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.” Haven is a place that has been prepared for the people of God. The only thing we need to do is “take” it. This is not by military might but by humble submission to God.

One day we will inhabit that wonderful city that we could never build.

**2024 Theme:**  
*The Gospel Is for All*

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**June 22-28, 2024**

## Set Your Heart to Learn

### Ezra 7:10

I. Humility.

- A. Those who think they have all the answers are doomed to fail- Proverbs 14:12, 18:12
- B. Humility allows us to receive instruction- Proverbs 1:7, 12:15, 19:20
- C. Humility recognizes the need to grow- 1 Peter 2:2, Hebrews 5:11-14, Revelation 3:16-17

II. Diligence.

- A. Focus- Proverbs 4:25, Colossians 3:1-2, Hebrews 2:1
- B. Effort- 2 Peter 1:5,10,15, 2 Timothy 2:15
- C. Time- Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Psalm 119:20

## Worship Service

### Announcements

Song: 949 I Will Enter His Gates (2x)

Song: 345 It Is Well with My Soul (v. 1, 2, 4)

### Prayer

Song: 310 In Gethsemane Alone  
(Chorus at end)

### Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 829 Mansion Over the Hilltop

Song: 602 Sweet By and By

**Scripture Reading:** Ezra 7:10

### Sermon

Song: 436 Nearer, Still Nearer (v. 2, 3, 4)

Song: 627 The Gloryland Way (v. 3)

### Prayer

## Ezra 7:10

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## Ezra 7:10

<sup>10</sup> For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD, and to do *it*, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.

**What must I do to be saved?**

Hear: Romans 10:17. Believe: Mark 16:16. Repent: Acts 2:38.

Confess: Romans 10:9-10. Be Baptized: Acts 2:38. Live Faithfully: Revelation 2:10