

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) 11:00 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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Unchanging Truth

- Glen Elliott

“People cannot change truth, but truth can change people.” Truth has always been one of life’s most precious commodities. Solomon, the wise king of Israel, advised his son to buy the truth and not sell it (Proverbs 23:23). What is so special about truth? It doesn’t change. It abides forever. It can be relied upon.

In this world, deception is the order of the day. We are well advised to examine everything carefully. The misrepresentation and distortion of truth leads to tragedy. We hear of some losing their life’s savings because they believed a lie. Truth is precious because people can be deceived.

In the spiritual realm, dependence on truth carries eternal significance. The word of God is our only reliable guide to heaven. The psalmist says, “The sum of Your word is truth and every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting” (Psalm 119:160). Sadly, there are many who misrepresent the truth. For this reason, we must test all that we hear by comparing it to the word of God (Acts 17:11). We cannot risk our eternal well-being by blindly accepting the words of men. Instead, our faith must rest on the teaching of our Lord.

Jesus said, “everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin” (John 8:34). The question of slavery had been introduced earlier, when Jesus said: “If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (vv. 31-32). Insisting on the truth and adhering to it is essential because only the truth sets us free from the bondage of sin.

We cannot change the truth. We can exchange it for a lie; but that lie will not set our souls free from sin. We cannot change the truth, but we can let the truth change us as we earnestly seek its teachings and follow its precepts.

- Glen Elliott preaches for the Greenbrier church of Christ in Greenbrier, AR. - Article obtained from www.bulletingold.com

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New Creations

2 Corinthians 5:17

A New Master

- We were once slaves of sin- John 8:34,44, 1 John 3:8, Ephesians 2:1-3
- Now we are servants of Christ- Romans 6:17-18, Luke 9:23, Galatians 2:20

A New Mind

- We were once of a carnal mind- Romans 8:5-8, Ephesians 4:17-19, James 3:14-16
- Now we are of a spiritual mind- 2 Corinthians 10:5-6, Philippians 3:1-11, James 3:17-18

A New Person

- We were once dead- Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:1,12, 1 Peter 3:12, Luke 15:24
- Now we are alive- John 3:3-5, Ephesians 2:4-7,13, Hebrews 9:12

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 247 Here We Are but Straying Pilgrims

Song: 55 Beyond This Land of Parting

Prayer

Song: 482 O Listen to Our Wondrous Story

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 391 Let Me Live Close to Thee

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Sermon

Song: 356 Jesus Is Tenderly Calling (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 810 Jesus Loves Me (Vs. 1)

Prayer

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

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2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (NKJV)

- ¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;
- ¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.
- ¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer.
- ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Why Worship?

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. John 4:23