

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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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Looking to Jesus

- Jared Green

The Letter to the Hebrews was written to a group of Jewish Christians who were struggling in their faith. Dealing with oppression from those around them, some of these Christians were considering leaving their faith in Jesus and returning to the familiar, more comfortable religion of Judaism. Using evidence from the whole of Scripture, the letter's author makes the case that Jesus is superior. Jesus is supreme over the angels (chapter 1), he is the founder of salvation (chapter 2), he is greater than Moses (chapter 3), he is the great high priest (chapters 4-9), and his once for all sacrifice offers true forgiveness (chapter 10).

Following the in-depth, doctrinal evidence concerning the superiority of Jesus, the author makes a plea for faithfulness that begins by pointing to the faith of Old Testament spiritual heroes such as Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, and more. Following this list of faithful men and women, the author makes what is, in my opinion, the letter's greatest appeal to faithfulness.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1-2).

As the author argues, there is no better example of faithfulness amid trial than that of Jesus Christ. When faced with the most shameful, humiliating, and painful death imaginable, Jesus endured the cross. He was able to endure "for the joy that was set before him," and because he endured, he is now "seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Jesus endured because of the hope and joy of the future, and because of his faithful endurance, we have been offered salvation. Amidst life's trials, may we always look to Jesus as our supreme example. As the author goes on to say, "Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted" (Hebrews 12:3). God loves you, and so do I.

- Jared Green preaches at the Calvert City Church of Christ in Calvert City, KY.

- Article obtained from www.bulletingold.com

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POT-O-BLESSINGS

Luncheon

February 9



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

Imitating Jesus' Patience

With The World

- He was met with constant rejection-

With His Disciples

- His disciples repeatedly failed to understand His teachings - Matthew 16:11, Mark 4:13, 9:32
- We must be patient with people as they grow- 1 Thessalonians 5:14, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5

With His Family

- His brothers did not believe in Him- John 7:1-5
- We are often most impatient with those we love the most

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 100 Come, Thou Almighty King

Prayer

Song: 764 When We Meet in Sweet Communion

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 499 O to Be Like Thee!

Song: 761 Where He Leads, I'll Follow

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-3

Sermon

Song: 763 Why Keep Jesus Waiting?

Song: 599 Stepping in the Light (Vs. 1)

Prayer

Ephesians 4:1-3

H	O	E	N	D	E	A	V	O	R	I	N	G	W
G	L	O	R	D	B	N	W	O	R	T	H	Y	N
N	S	S	E	N	I	L	W	O	L	H	U	T	W
I	S	R	E	N	O	S	I	R	P	E	L	E	O
R	U	O	S	P	I	R	I	T	S	R	K	L	O
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O	W	N	Y	S	S	E	N	E	L	T	N	E	G
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LORD
THEREFORE
LOVE
BESEECH
PEACE
ENDEAVORING
WALK
BEARING
LONGSUFFERING
WITH
UNITY
YOU
CALLING
BOND
KEEP
SPIRIT
ANOTHER
GENTLENESS
PRISONER
WORTHY
LOWLINESS

- 1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,
- 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,
- 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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