

Bible Verse of the Week

“Fear not, for I *am* with you; Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

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Lord’s Supper Reflection – Help Me Believe in the Power of the Cross

The Fourth Statement on the Cross

“Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” ... Immediately one of them ran ... and offered it to Him to drink. The rest said, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him.” Matthew 27:45-49

Offering Meditation

God intended us to Work and to give. Our treasury here helps those in need. Your gift then helps those in need.

“Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.” Eph 4:28

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Phyllis Caldwell - eyesight
- *Larry Bey - dealing with Parkinson's
- *Family and friends of Dale Monhollen (friend of John & Laura McGiffin) grieving his passing.
- *Ann Mullen (friend of John & Laura McGiffin) - recently diagnosed with stage 1 cancer
- *Rick Cooper (friend of Laura McGiffin) - is in hospice care
- *Isaiah Rohr - broke his thumb and is in a cast
- *Asher Haguewood (family of the Bang's) - newborn, still at the hospital, needs to “pass” a few more tests and eat well to leave the hospital

- *Sandy & Bill Gunkle (Chris Miller’s aunt & uncle) have Covid
- *Francis Hill (Amber’s husband) - having issues with his blood sugar levels
- *Greg Wilcox (Kemp’s neighbor) - had another surgery for injuries when he fell from a roof
- *Crew Miller (Chris & Lisa Miller’s 4 yr old grandson) - has an bad ear infection, needs surgery to avoid losing his hearing, but has heart issues & can’t do surgery until he has an Echo on the 20th.

How can we be praying for YOU?

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, October 3		Wednesday, October 6	
Bible Classes	20	Attendance	20
AM Attendance	23	Contribution	\$1,466.50
PM Attendance			

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



October 10, 2021

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

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We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting, you are our honored guests and we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card and let us get to know you.

How Important is Your Righteousness?
By Brad Harrub

Humans have a propensity towards "works righteousness." We may not want to believe it, but deep down, most of us think we are playing a major role in our salvation. I think many Christians acknowledge the role Jesus Christ plays in our salvation, but the reality is we scour the Scripture to find things "to do" and then work real hard believing we play an important role.

Often, our works righteousness attitude is grown out of fear or pride. For those who live their lives in fear, every time something bad happens they believe it is because of something they did (or didn't do well enough). They honestly believe their own actions brought about the "bad" thing. Friends, that would mean that for every day that they experienced something "good" they would honestly believe they earned/deserved it. That is not how God works and it is not God's plan for man's salvation.

Likewise, there are many who have the attitude, "Thank you, Jesus, for dying on the cross. Now, look at all this stuff I've done to add to your sacrifice." A lot of this arrogance is fed by the church and is supported by the humanistic/narcissistic egotism that is prevalent today.

Here's what I intend to teach my children regarding works righteousness.

At your very best, you will be nothing but a filthy rag compared to God. I don't say that to hurt your feelings. I tell you that so that you can always keep the proper perspective of who God is and who you are. (You know we have not been parents who pamper and build false self-esteem.)

Allow me to back up what I said with Scripture: "But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away" (Isaiah 64:6). God is telling you that at your very best you are nothing but a nasty pile of rags. Paul wrote, "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10). A few verses later he added, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). In other words, you ain't all that.

There are many people who will be uncomfortable with what we are teaching you, because they honestly believe they can—by their own hands—add to what Jesus did on the cross. But the reality is salvation is only through Jesus Christ (see Acts 4:12; John 14:6). You are unable to add to His sacrifice and grace.

Many people comprehend this intellectually, but their gut still tells them they must check off so many boxes in order to be a godly Christian and go to heaven. Listen to what Paul wrote to Titus, "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5-7).

To think that we add to Christ's sinless sacrifice is to cheapen it. It brings Him down and elevates us. Paul admonished, "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" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

So, does that mean we should just live our life however we want, and not try to do good? If you are asking that question then you are missing the point. When you truly comprehend how wretched you are, and what Jesus did for you, it should stir a desire in you to do good and follow after Him. It's not that we are trying to work our way to heaven. It is that we are trying to pattern our lives after our Savior.

It is my prayer that as you deepen your faith that you will be on guard against this works righteousness attitude. Humble yourself, and remember who you are—and remember Who He is. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...

Please call John or email him at jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com with any prayer requests or announcements you may have for the congregation.

Things you should know about!

Communion is available as you come in the building, please take only what is needed for today. Hold on to the emblems until the proper time.

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### Happy Birthday!!!

Addy Bang 10/21      Dianna Bang 10/27  
Peyton Cruze 10/31

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This year's Door Knocking Campaign has been postponed, please watch for the new date. Be praying in advance for open doors.

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October Men's Meeting will be on Saturday, October 16 @ 9am

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Plan to join us on October 31st after morning services for a Chili Cookoff and Halloween fun!

We'll vote on the best chili, have a runway show for the kids in their costumes and games to play. Please bring one bag of candy per family and your best chili and/or a potluck dish.

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### Serving today and next Sunday:

| Sunday AM Rotation     | October 10, 2021 | October 17, 2021 |
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| Announcements          | John McGiffin    |                  |
| Song Leading           | Bryan Allen      |                  |
| Opening Prayer         | Curt Thompson    |                  |
| Lord's Supper Comments | Ed Kirchner      |                  |
| Scripture Reading      | Aiden Rohr       |                  |
| Sermon                 | John McGiffin    |                  |
| Closing Prayer         | Chris McGiffin   |                  |