

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Billy Box

Opening Prayer: Ralph Burleson

On the Table: Head - Charles Berryhill  
Servers - Josh Berryhill  
Gary Addison  
Greg Lowery

Closing Prayer: Leonard Key

Preparing the Lord's Supper Vertie Mae York

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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# Do You Believe In Hell?



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**The Unattractive Christ**

By Frank Chesser

In describing Jesus, the prophet declared, "He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him" (Isa. 53:2). Jesus has never appealed to the masses. Instead, "He is despised and rejected of men" (Isa. 53:3). He came out of despised Nazareth (John 1:46) and has been held in contempt ever since.

**His doctrine is unattractive.** There was a multitude in the bread line (John 6:26), but they quickly vanished like darkness before light when Jesus got to the meat of the matter. "This is an hard saying" (John 6:60), they declared, and thus, "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him" (John 6:66).

The doctrine of Christ is too stringent and demanding for most people. They want freedom for overt expression of fleshly desire. They want no restraints on their conduct and no demands on their life. Their propensity for carnal indulgence creates a loathing for divine principles which seek to check their course of life.

**His kingdom is unattractive.** The Jews were anticipating a physical kingdom and king whose sword would crush the Roman yoke and reinstate the glory of Solomon's era. How disappointed they were to hear Jesus say, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). Premillennialism is Judaism in new dress. The Jews were determined to force a physical scepter into the hand of Christ and man today is still trying to finish what they started. The kingdom of Christ is spiritual. It is the church of the living God, the only ark of safety for souls adrift on a sea of sin.

**His way of life is unattractive.** Without holiness, "No man shall see God" (Heb. 12:14). The masses have no desire for holiness. They would be happy to go to Heaven if God would allow them to do as they pleased along the way. The world is in love with itself. The flesh is king. Man is determined to sit at the Devil's table and feast on the delicacies of sin. But "What will ye do in the end thereof?" (Jer. 5:31).

POWER, February 2016

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Danny Berryhill: having trouble with his lungs, please pray that he can receive help with this problem

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Jack Waldon: {Linda's Brother-In-Law} he is under hospice care, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Billy Lee: {Carolyn's Brother} diagnosed with renal failure, please keep him in your prayers

Connie Autrey: recent scans show that the cancer is shrinking, please continue to pray that the treatments will continue to work in defeating her cancer

Doug Roberts: is in the nursing home in Hamilton recovering from a recent stroke, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Sue Berryhill: is in the nursing home at Guin undergoing rehab, please pray that the rehab will go well

Bobby Sanderson: is in rehab at the nursing home in Winfield and he is improving, please pray that improvement continues and that he will have a complete recovery.

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

This means that unlike the Christian who strives to live faithfully and falls short realizes his failure and repents, there is no forgiveness for the one who abandons God entirely. If a Christian goes back to a life of sin then they turn their back on God. The reality is that God cannot forgive someone who will not accept His Son’s sacrifice and meet His conditions. If after having partaken in the blessings and forgiveness as a Christian, one turns his back on God, the blood of Jesus can no longer cover him.

The difference between a Christian who has fallen short and one who has fallen away is that one can be forgiven and one cannot. Are you willfully walking away from God?

POWER, August 2015

**Upcoming Events**

Today	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meal	
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Bowl {Carbon Hill}	2:00 pm
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tri-County Singing	2:00 pm

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Angie Ganey Gardner: she has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be treatable

Deborah Pollard: is currently taking cancer treatments, please pray that these treatments will be successful in defeating her cancer

**Fear Him Who Is Able To Destroy  
Both Soul And Body In Hell**  
By Victor M. Eskew

Jill is a three year old who constantly talks back to her mother. Drake is a twelve year old who is sent to the principal’s office at least once a week because he disregards the class rules. Charles is a sixteen year old who already has a record with the police because he refused to comply with a police officer’s orders when pulled over for speeding. Sue is twenty-seven and about to lose her third job because she refuses to get to work on time.

These situations could be multiplied many times over in our society. Each case represents a lack of respect for authority. From an early age, children must be taught to fear, that is, respect and reverence, those who are in charge. If this is not done, the child will grow up constantly disregarding boundaries and ignoring rules. When authority figures confront them, they will have to deal with a disrespectful, belligerent individual. In adulthood, the rebel will continue to experience problems. His lack of fear for authority will cause many difficulties in his daily affairs of life.

When a person fails to fear human authority, it usually carries over into the person’s spiritual life as well. The person does not fear God. He has no regard for God’s laws that are found in the pages of the Bible. He will laugh and scoff at anyone who tries to point him in the direction of obedience to the will of God.

Those who have no fear of God are in for a big surprise on the Last Day. They will find out that God is not an abstract concept. They will learn He is not a mythical being. They will find out that He is a real being. They will learn that He is the Governor of the Universe. They will learn that it is with Him they have to do. At that time, it will be too late. Their ungodly actions will cause God to pronounce the sentence of eternal condemnation upon them. They will hear the words: “Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.”

Dear reader, all men must learn to fear God. This fear involves a healthy respect for who God is and what He can do. This fear manifests itself in submission to God. When a man fears God, the commandments of God found in Holy Scripture become a vital part of the person's life.

A healthy respect for God can be developed when one looks at the ultimate consequence of rebelling against God, the destruction of body and soul in hell. The Bible reveals the horrible realities of this place.

**Outer darkness:** “And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness” (Matt. 25:30).

**Weeping and gnashing of teeth:** “...there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matt. 25:30).

**Fellowship with evil, especially the devil and his angels:** “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matt. 25:41).

**Everlasting punishment:** “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment” (Matt. 25:46).

**Torment:** “And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame” (Luke 16:24).

**The sting of memory:** “But Abraham said, Son remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou are tormented” (Luke 16:25).

**Indignation, wrath, tribulation, and anguish:** “But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil; of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile” (Rom. 2:8-9).

**Separation from God:** “And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power” (II Thess. 1:7-9).

These are some of curses of the place called hell. If contemplated by honest and rational thought, it is not a place to which one longs to go. Dear reader, don't go to this place. Heed the words of our Lord Jesus Christ that are recorded in Matthew 10:28. He says: “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

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### The Reality of Apostasy

By Marcus Teske

There is a difference between the Christian that has fallen short and the Christian that has fallen away into sin. A Christian that has fallen short of God's commands is one who is overcome by the deceitfulness of sin (Heb. 3:13). The very nature of sin is deceptive and from time to time it has overtaken Christians who are striving to please God in moments of weakness or ignorance. These sins, so long as a Christian strives to repent and live faithfully, are covered by the blood of Jesus according to 1 John 1:7. However, there are sins that the blood of Jesus will not cover.

The Christian that falls away from God is not like the Christian that falls short. The Christian that falls away from God is one who gives up on God, His commandments, and His covenant. The term for this course of action is apostasy. The Hebrew writer wrote about the apostate Christian in Hebrews 6:4-6 which states, “For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.”