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Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship.... 10:30 A.M.
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Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

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Jerusalem, A Type of the Church (Part 2)

Garland Elkins

Jerusalem was a place of divine blessings, and a city of great privileges where there was the presence of priests and teachers. It was of Jerusalem that God said:

For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy. There will I make the horn of David to bud; I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed. His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish (Ps. 132:13-18, KJV).

God blesses all men with sunshine and rain, but there are special blessings for those who are faithful members of His kingdom, the church: "praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47, KJV). "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3, KJV). "That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel" (Eph. 3:6, KJV).

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins (Col. 1:13, 14, KJV).

For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe (1 Tim. 4:10, KJV).

But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect. And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel (Heb. 12:22-24, KJV).

But if a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name (1 Pet. 4:16, ASV).

In the church, Christians have the privilege of praying to God through Christ.

And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full (John 16:23, 24, KJV).

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Jerusalem, A Type of the Church (continued from page 1)

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him (Col. 3:17, KJV).

A CITY UNIQUE

The Lord built one church. In Ephesians 4:4-6 Paul states, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." In verse four he plainly says, "There is one body." If the "one God" is an exclusive God and the "one Lord" an exclusive Lord, then the "one body" is an exclusive body. Paul declared, "But now they are many members, but one body" and "the body is the church" (Col. 1:18), then there must be "but one church" (1 Cor. 12:20). That one church is the Lord's church, the church of the New Testament, the church of Christ.

Paul in Ephesians 1:22-23 said that God "gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body." He also said, "He is the head of the body, the church" (Col. 1:18). In one of these passages, Paul says that "the church" is "his body," and in the other passage, he says, "...the body, the church." So, it is scriptural to speak of the church as the body and the body as the church, since reference is made to the one and same institution.

Further, to add proof to proof, Christ promised to build but one church when He said: "Upon this rock I will build my church" (Mat. 16:18). In the language of Paul, we are told that he died for but one church. "Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for it" (Eph. 5:25). The words "the church" mean but one. The pronoun "it" can refer to but one. The conclusion is Christ loved one church; he died for one church; he built but one church. Therefore, he is the owner of but one church. This one church is the exclusive church of the New Testament.

Salvation is in the Lord's church. The Bible teaches that the true church is the family of God, the body of Christ, the kingdom of God (1 Tim. 3:15; Col. 1:13-18). No person is offered salvation outside of the family of God, for we read in Acts 2:47 that "the Lord added to them day by day those that were saved."

Through the cross, Christ reconciles men unto God "in one body" (Eph. 2:13-16), and that "one body" is the church (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 12:20).

One cannot be saved outside of the Lord's church because it is impossible to be saved apart from the blood of Christ (Heb. 9:22; Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:23, 25). To contend that the Lord's church is nonessential

since it was purchased with the blood of Christ, is to take the position that the blood of Christ is nonessential! If one can be saved outside of Christ's church, then one is forced to the position that Christ's death was useless. Any doctrine which minimizes and belittles the death of Christ is a false doctrine. Therefore, the doctrine that salvation can be enjoyed outside of the Lord's church and apart from the blood is a false doctrine.

One cannot be saved out of the kingdom of God (John 3:5; Col. 1:13; Heb. 12:28). The Bible teaches that the church and the kingdom are the same institution. The disciples were to partake of the Lord's Supper in his kingdom, as we learn from Luke 22:18-19, but we learn that they did this in the church (1 Cor. 1:1-2; 11:18-34); therefore, the church and the kingdom are one and the same institution. If a person could be saved outside of the church, that would mean he could be saved outside of the kingdom of God, i.e., he could be saved without submitting to God, but since there are but two kingdoms on earth, i.e., the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan, it follows that if a man can be saved outside of the church he can be saved in the kingdom of Satan. That would deny plain Bible teaching.

The New Testament teaches that the church of Christ is the family of God (1 Tim. 3:15). If a man can be saved outside of the family, the church of God, that would be equivalent to one being saved in the devil's family. There are only two families on earth. **Question:** Where is salvation? In the Lord's family, the church, or in the devil's family? Remember, there are only two families on earth. Another question: Does God have any children outside of his family? Can a man be saved while yet in the family of Satan? These questions must be dealt with by every honest person when they are reaching a conclusion as to the necessity of membership in the Lord's church.

The Lord's church is different in terms of entrance. Surely no one would doubt the right of Christ to make the terms of admission into the church, since the church belongs to him and all authority is given to him. Hence, our interest should be: What does he require? He is the door, and we must enter in harmony with his will.

(from *Shadows of Good Things*, 2010)

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LORD'S TABLE

PRESIDE: Harold Mangrum Irwin Thomas
ASSIST: Jack Braddock Bob Gitter
 Phil Houston Evan Manning
 Wayne Sanders Philip Tomlin

PRAYERS

A.M. OPENING: Lawayne House
A.M. CLOSING: Robert Jeter
P.M. OPENING: Jerry Manning
P.M. CLOSING: John Manning

If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Cedric Huff or Paul Connell.

RECORD, WEEK of November 6, 2016

BIBLE STUDY: 220
 A.M. WORSHIP: 285
 P.M. WORSHIP: 205
 CONTRIBUTION: \$15,100

OUR SICK

Allan Hart, HealthSouth Rehab on Union, room 216A.
Carol Stover, sister of Helen Sharp, recovering from at surgery at Helen's home.
ILL AT HOME: Marylon Green.

HOMEBOUND

Bessie Berry	Albert & Ruth House
Ann Castleman	Clarine Justice
Virginia Ditto	Ryan McCullar
Hazel Eskew	Helen Palazola
Tommy & Nell Herndon	Jerry & Betty Robbins
Anita Hopper	James Terry

KIRBY PINES Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45 a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, November 27.

LEGACY ESTATES worship service each Sunday afternoon 3:00 p.m. conducted by Forest Hill.

MSOP Students are conducting four campaigns for Christ this week in various locations. Please keep them in your prayers.

OUR FOOD PANTRY is in need of replenishing. Some needed items are: soup, chili, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, dried peas, pasta, spaghetti sauce, and rice.

INFORMATION LINE: 901-531-8849

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Forest Hill Church of Christ,
 Each spring and fall we send out a request for help to fill our pantries. Thank you for your loyal support. The children have basic needs and your caring behind the gift is truly a blessing. Your contribution of food and supplies will provide healthy meals to the children in our care. We need more people like you that help make a difference.
 Sincerely,
 Tennessee Children's Home

HEARTS & HANDS

TEAM "F" (Steve Allmond) will meet Sunday, November 13 after the morning service in the fellowship hall for a covered dish luncheon.
TEAM "A" (Paul Connell) will receive assignments the week of November 13.
 There will be no assignments the week of November 20.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' and MEN'S CLASSES meet each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
MONEY MANAGEMENT (9 Week Course) each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the education building.
ST. JUDE TOY DRIVE The Young Adults will be collecting new, unwrapped toys during the month of November. There is a list of needed items (and items not accepted by St. Jude) in the foyer. You may bring donated toys to the church office or see Jackson & Kathryn Greer. Also, checks can be made payable to Forest Hill with memo "St. Jude."
LADIES DAY at Forest Hill Saturday, November 12. Speaker: Lori Boyd of Murfreesboro, TN. Join us for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Our program will conclude by noon.
CHILDREN'S CLOTHES CLOSET can always use donations of gently worn children's clothing: Newborn clothes through size 12. Please see Marsha Belief for more information.

Last week's solution:
And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God and escheweth evil? Job 1:8

CORNERSTONE
 Replace each letter with a different letter to reveal the scripture.
 WTWOD, MYJ BODTAUL UZ YJWKJD OC QOBJ IDMU
 MNJWCINJ YOA OD W ZOJQA; MYJ RYOPY RYJD W LWD
 YWY ZUIDA, YJ YOAJMY, WDA ZUN EUG MYJNJUZ
 TUJMY WDA CJQQJMY WQQ MYWM YJ YWY, WDA
 VIGJMY MYWM ZOJQA. WTWOD, MYJ BODTAUL UZ
 YJWKJD OC QOBJ IDMU W LJNPYWDM LWD, CJBODT
 TUUAQG XJWNQC RYU, RYJD YJ YWA ZUIDA UDJ XJWNQ
 UZ TNJWM XNOPI, RJDM WDA CUQA WQQ MYWM YJ
 YWA, WDA VUITYM OM.
 D = N Solution next week B = K

Forest Hill Church of Christ
LADIES DAY
November 12, 2016

Join us for breakfast
at 8:30 in the
fellowship hall.

Our program will
conclude by 12:00 noon.
Please bring a friend!



Speaker: Lori Boyd
of Murfreesboro, TN

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