

SPRING 2019

TIDINGS

CHRIST'S SANCTIFIED HOLY CHURCH



...How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.

I Kings 18: 21

God created mankind for knowledge of His Divine Creator, who reveals Himself, to mankind...

In nature: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork; There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard." Psalm 19:1-3

In conscience: When our Divine Creator created us, He placed in the core of our being, an innate characteristic, found universally in mankind, a conscience, which prods mankind to do right and to refrain from wrong. The conscience is one's inner moral compass attempting to direct the individual to God to be reconciled to God. The conscience serves to either accuse or excuse us. "Their conscience also bearing witness and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another." Romans 2:15 The very existence of the conscience calls for the existence of a Moral Governor of the universe to whom we must all someday give account.

In historical events: In God's divine disclosure which climaxed in Jesus Christ as God's self-revelation in flesh. "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." Psalm 14:1 In the ancient world the various nations had an idol for harvest, rain, storms, fertility, etc., because they could not comprehend one single Divine Creator who could control all the forces of nature. Thus, they had multiple false gods (IDOLS) to represent things of nature that were out of man's control. "Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless he left not himself without witness in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." Acts 14: 16-17

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"Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God."

- ROMANS 6:9-10

UPCOMING

- 4/20 - 4/21: Chesapeake, VA
Feastmeeting Services

- 5/11 - 5/12: Columbia, SC
Feastmeeting Services

- 6/15 - 6/16: Greensboro, NC
Feastmeeting Services

- 7/20 - 7/27: Annual
Campmeeting Services at the
CSHC Campground in Perry, GA

*Christ the Lord is risen today,
Alleluia!*

*Earth and heaven in chorus say,
Alleluia!*

*Raise your joys and triumphs
high, Alleluia!*

*Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply,
Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King,
Alleluia!*

*Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Alleluia!*

*Once he died our souls to save,
Alleluia!*

*Where's thy victory, boasting
grave? Alleluia!*

- CHARLES WESLEY (1707 - 1788)

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It also seemed difficult for individuals to believe in the invisible so they made golden images, brass images, wood images; etc. that they could see; however, our invisible God become uniquely incarnate in Jesus Christ. *"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled of the Word of life; (for the life was manifested and we have seen it and bear witness and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested unto us;)" 1 John 1:1*

God is the Creator of all Life; the Preserver of all Life (provides our needs); the Redeemer and the Judge of life.

God so wanted to restore His personal, continuous fellowship with mankind that He was willing to sacrifice His only Son so mankind could be reconciled back to God. *"How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!" Psalm 139: 17*

As a parent wants what is best for their children, God wants only what is best for us; therefore, He gave us the Holy Bible as our instructions for a happy life. *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105*

As Jesus' mother told the servants at the wedding, *"Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."* St. John 2:4 These are good instructions for us today!

In order to be reconciled to God and to live in His favor and to be ready for eternal life with Jesus Christ, we must:

- Believe that He is God and a rewarder of those who seek Him.
- Acknowledge that you have sinned against God and ask God to forgive you and to cleanse your conscience (Only faith in the blood of Jesus can cleanse the conscience.)
- Ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit ~ it is pretty simple!

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10

God's Holy Spirit is our witness that we are reconciled to God. The Holy Spirit will guide you, teach you, direct you, and comfort you; thus Jesus Christ called the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

Why halt ye between two opinions?

Take this whole world, but give me Jesus!

- Sis. Kay Teague



AMBASSADORS

The Bible talks a lot about commitment and points us to commit our lives to Christ. It also points us to be diligent in our everyday tasks. Colossians 3:23-24 tells us *"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."* God is calling us to be faithful in whatever we do here on this earth. In everything we do, we are ambassadors for Christ. This is a high calling. As Christ's body we represent Him to a lost and dying world. Has Jesus ever given up on me or gone back on a vow that we have made? As an old gospel song says, "He never failed me yet." Through prayers not yet answered, times of waiting, and various trials and tribulations I have never been forsaken. Not one time have I been forgotten or put aside by my Savior. When I call on Him, He always provides what I need. When I am faithful to what I said I would do, the Lord sees that. I may never see the reward of it here or the earthly reward may not be mine, but if I have vowed to give my life to the Lord I should be faithful to my vows. In my walk with Christ I desire to embody the love that He poured out when He suffered on Calvary's tree for me by being diligent in my service to God and showing that same level of commitment in every area of my life.

- Sis. Alyssa Orr

OUR FATHER'S (THE FAMILY SONG)

Among my fondest memories as a child and a young man were the stories told by my Grandmother Lottie Vest Williams about her life and travels. One of the stories always brought a smile to my face as she recounted her days as a counter clerk at a local Charleston SC grocery store. Uncle Ray would frequent the market and always found a way to get into her checkout line. He always ended his conversation with "Lottie, you know what you need to do!". One wonderful day, she heeded the call of our Lord. That choice has had far-reaching effects on all that followed her example. How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things! It was from these precious stories' inspiration came to pen these words.

- Bro. Steve Christley

*They left Chincoteague Virginia, on the eastern shore
The church there preached repentance but they longed for something more
So they left behind the lowlands, the sandy covered hills
Searching for salvation with broad expectant dreams and iron wills*

*Great Grandma was from Old Trap, where they tilled the muddy soil
But all they got was poverty for all their time and toil
"Our Folks" there preached forgiveness and freedom from all sin
So they left their homes, got sanctified and traveled round with them*

*They moved around with frequency with no thought to earthly gain
The Lord would send the increase; He'd also send the rain
For those who would not listen, they dusted off their heels
They traveled down through Georgia till they got to Jacksonville*

*Grandma grew up one of them, but left when she was young
Alone she raised a family, a daughter and a son
As time passed on they found the Lord as often children do
And here I stand a witness as a faithful son who sings this song to you*

*As the sons became the fathers and their daughters would be wives
The torch was passed from hand to hand as they carried on their lives
Though the generations wander, the lineage survives
And all of us who love and trust we all become our Father's bye and bye*

PARTING THOUGHT

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

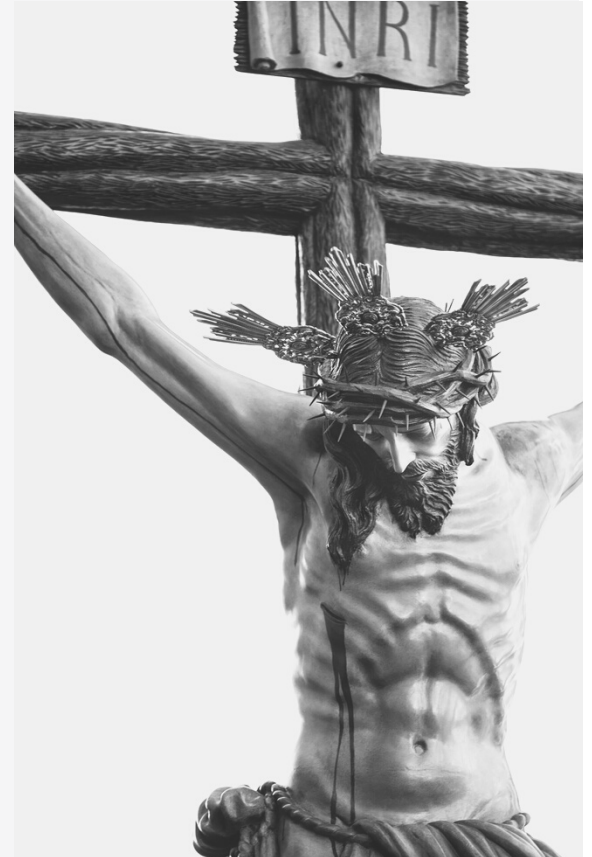
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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- Stuart Townsend



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