

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sept 13, 2015



*May these words be received in the same spirit of love
in which they were written.*

When you strip away all of life's desires, all of life's distractions, and all of life's demands, there is only one thing that matters most: our preparation for life after death. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). For this reason, Solomon concluded: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). Paul wrote, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10). This life is temporal, but after the

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for
all ages & Pew Packers
each Sunday at 12:30

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Judgment Day is eternity. And we only have "one hope" (Ephesians 4:4) for spending eternity in the bliss of heaven. Without hope, eternity will be spent in the place called hell (1 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). Simply put, our one and only hope is Jesus Christ. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy begat us again unto a **living hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). The Muhammad of Islam cannot provide hope. Joseph Smith of Mormonism cannot provide hope. The Pope of the Catholic church cannot provide hope. These and other false teachers like them may get your "hopes up," but they cannot provide the one true hope of Ephesians 4:4. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

But what is this calling? "Even as also ye were **called** in one hope of your **calling**" (Ephesians 4:4). Often, I hear individuals speak of "their calling." Many times it is used in reference to someone who devotes their life to preaching. Many other times it is used to reference an occupation they love and enjoy and so it must be "their calling." God's providence is real, but He is not moving us around like pieces on a board game. Furthermore, the "calling" Paul is referencing has nothing to do with our occupations; rather, it is something God has already provided and it is the SAME for every person who is called. It is: the gospel of Jesus Christ. To the Thessalonians, Paul wrote, "He called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 2:14).

Jesus provides the "one hope." The good news of His loving sacrifice and gift of eternal life is also the saving message which "calls" us to this "one hope."

And it is our obedience to the call which gains us access to this blessed hope. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that **blessed hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:11-13). Have you obeyed "your calling" to the "one hope?"

Clifton Angel



Sermon Review

AUTHORITY

- I. Supreme Authority Belongs to God.**
- II. Civil Authority Belongs to Governments.**
- III. Starting Authority Belongs to Guardians.**

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Joe Owen; Sammy Williams; Inez Neyman; Seth & Jan Daniel; Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Helen Bowman.

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Family & Friends

Amber Hendrix-Sanders family, young mother who died yesterday very unexpectedly; **Henretta Newsom**, Toranda's mother, at home; **Jackie Kalback**, good prognosis following cancer surgery; **Bill Fleming**, Billie's father; **Family of Connie Whitt**; **Steve & Brenda Angel**, Clifton's uncle & aunt; **Jillian Angel**, fractured foot; **Choya & Janie Harris**, neighbors of Jason who are having serious complications after motorcycle accident; **Corinne Elkins**; **Tammy Powell**, Janie Brister's daughter; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister battling major nerve & mental problems; **Claire Webster**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Doris Easley**; **Pat Hardison**; **Tasha Higginbotham**; **Walter Huffman**; **Coleen**, friend of Inez; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Jack Higginbotham**; **John & Anita Simpson and family**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Billie Kid**; **Jason Spencer**; **Joy Angel**; **John Smith**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Paul Perkins**; **Janie Brister**; **Ray Hendrix**; **Carole Livsey**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Ava Roten**, **Brett Rutherford**; **Frankie Burfield**; **James Cooper**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**; **Virginia Johnson**; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**.

Birthdays

9/5 Jake Sutton
9/11 Molly Ratliff
9/26 Bren Burdsal

Anniversaries

9/5 Jake & Milba Sutton
9/19 Timothy, Sr. & Lynn Wilkes
9/27 Wiley & Betty Tuggle

Get Involved!

DVD Series — The Truth About Moral Issues
Continuing TODAY @ 1 PM

Providence Place Devo — TODAY — 2 PM

Bible Bowl — Sept 19 — 4 PM
@ Thyatira, John 1 – 3

We (& Independence) are responsible for desserts & canned drinks

Youth Devo @ Jason & Ginger's — Sep 27

Coldwater Gospel Meeting — Oct 18 – 21
Stan Crowley, of Schertz, TX, preaching

Have a Bible Question? Submit it in the ? Box!

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, September 13

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jason Bayless
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Chris Martin
Assist	Dalton Owen
	Will Brooks
Opening Prayer	Jerry Davis
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jim Jackson

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Russell Wadsworth
Sermon	DVD, Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Chris Martin
	Billy Bland
Closing Prayer	

Wednesday, September 16

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Jeremy Moore
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Tim Wilkes II