

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Nov. 22, 2020



FOR WHOM DID JESUS DIE?

PART TWO

The Hypocritical

Written by Clifton Angel

"I don't go to church because everyone there is a hypocrite!" Truly, hypocrisy is a great danger to the life of any Christian and is very harmful to the Lord's church; however, **Jesus died for the hypocritical.** Furthermore, there is a great difference between a Christian who sins and admits it and a child of God who sins and will not admit it. A primary example we have in Scripture of hypocrisy is that of the Pharisees, chief priests, and scribes of the first century.

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 & fellowship for lunch every Sunday!

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They were supposed to be God's elite—or at least that's what they wanted everyone to believe. Jesus said, "All their works they do for to be seen of men" (Matthew 23:5). For this reason, Jesus justly pronounced them, "Hypocrites!" (Matthew 6:2, 5, 16; 15:7; 16:3; 22:18; 23:13, 14, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29). They were supposed to be teachers and representatives of the law of Moses, yet they denied the very One to whom the law of Moses pointed. Jesus said to them,

"Ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life."

(John 5:38–40)

Their hypocrisy culminated at the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus. John tells us,

"Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am."

(John 18:3–5)

Continuing down a few verses, we find an explicit example of their hypocrisy:

“Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.”

(John 18:28)

The fact that they took a man to trial at night was contrary to the law of Moses; yet, they would not dare be considered “defiled” and not be able to eat the passover. They were already defiled, and their greatest passover lamb was the One they slaughtered on the cross, but they would not see it. The verses following John 18:28 show even more evidence of their being steeped in hypocrisy. However, Jesus died for them.

If you do not think Jesus died for the hypocritical, ask Paul, who was formerly called Saul (Acts 23:6; 26:5; Philippians 3:5). The difference between Saul and his fellow Pharisees: he repented and followed Jesus. You may be living a life of hypocrisy, but you can repent and follow Jesus. Will you follow Him?

Congratulations
Hannah Davis

on graduating from Freed-Hardeman University

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Tim Meredith, doing well following cyst removal; **Sherry Gaines**; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**.

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Family & Friends

Leonard Watson family, former elder at Forest Hill, passed Thursday night; **Duane McCrory**, his mother passed Friday, she was 98; **Gene Kuehn family**, husband to Jan, she served many years in the MSOP library, Gene often helped her, he passed on Monday; **Brethren in Philippines**, major damage from typhoons; **Wadsworth, Culbreath, & Smart families**, coronavirus, Betty has returned home from hospital and doing some better; **Joy Angel**, ongoing health problems; **Debbie Phillips**, Mischel's aunt, cancer; **Ethylene Strange**; **Carolyn Plumley**.

Birthdays

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| 11/5 | Rachel Wilkes |
| 11/13 | Danni Strickland |
| 11/25 | GINNA Honeycutt |
| 11/25 | Wiley Tuggle |
| 11/26 | Virginia Sowell |

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 22

Morning

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| Prayer Before Class | Jeffrey Ferrell |
| Announcements | Jim Jackson |
| Song Leader | Noah Davis |
| Opening Prayer | Joe Owen |
| Sermon | Clifton Angel |
| Lord's Supper: Preside | Tim Wilkes II |
| Assist | |

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| Closing Prayer | Andy Ratliff |
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Afternoon

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| Song Leader | Noah Davis |
| Opening Prayer | Billy Bland |
| Sermon | Clifton Angel |
| Lord's Supper | Tim Wilkes II |
| Closing Prayer | Jason Bayless |

Wednesday, November 25

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| Song Leader | Noah Davis |
| Prayer | Jim Jackson |
| Invitation | Tim Wilkes II |
| Prayer | Jerry Davis |

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| TECH: | John Wofford |
| HALL: | |