

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Dec. 13, 2020



## FOR WHOM DID JESUS DIE?

### **PART FIVE:** The Impulsive

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**Jesus died for the impulsive.** This may seem like an odd characteristic to consider, but I assure you it is a legitimate and needed consideration. One who is impulsive does not think properly before acting. One who is impulsive lacks self-control. Sometimes, impulsiveness is rooted in pride. Sometimes, impulsiveness stems from ignorance. I believe all of the latter connections to impulsiveness can be seen in Peter, concerning events surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus.

*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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We see Peter's impulsiveness in asserting he would never deny Jesus:

*"Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death."*

Luke 22:33

*"Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended ... Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee."*

Matthew 26:33, 35

Yet, Peter denied Him—three times. His impulsiveness was rooted in pride, overconfidence, and ignorance. Furthermore, when Jesus was arrested, Peter impulsively unsheathed his sword and began what he thought to be the Israeli revolution (cf. John 18:10). Jesus had no such revolution in mind. He said to Pilate,

*"My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from here."*

John 18:36

Although Jesus had tried to get His disciples to understand that very fact, Peter was still ignorant of it, lost control, and impulsively cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in the heat of the moment.

Thankfully, **Jesus sacrificed for the impulsive**. For those of us who have lacked self-control, He has left us an example of ultimate self-control:

*"Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?"*

*How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"*

Matthew 26:52–54

For those of us who are filled with pride, He has left us an example of supreme emptiness and humility:

*"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."*

Philippians 2:5–8

For those of us who are ignorant, He has left His Word for us to read and study:

*"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

John 8:31–32

We no longer have to be sinfully impulsive. Through Jesus, we can be righteously, knowingly, and humbly composed in our everyday lives. Will you deny yourself and follow Jesus today?

*"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."*

Matthew 16:24

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Kymoria (Kym) Mottley**, baptized Monday night; **Renee Davis**; **Grace Williams**; **Sherry Gaines**; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**.

## **Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters**

### Family & Friends

**Michael Sykes**, Terri's husband, heart problems; **Tracy Medley**, Teresa's brother; **Ancel Norris**, Teresa's uncle, cancer treatments; **Richard Neal family**, Clifton's neighbor, passed last Sunday; **Alston Mottley family**, Kym's grandfather passed recently; **Belva Collums**, Terry Bland's sister-in-law, in rehab following surgery; **Allie Kitchens**, Ferrell's niece, medical tests; **John Moore & family**; **Brethren in Philippines**, typhoons.

### Birthdays

12/6 Sammy Williams  
12/13 Michael Sykes  
12/17 Kaiden Ferrell  
12/22 Dalton Owen  
12/24 Daniel Owen  
12/30 Renee Davis

### Anniversaries

12/13 Jerry & Renee Davis

## Get Involved!

**Mission Report: Dec 13, 1 PM**  
Chuck Cordon reporting on work in Africa

**Bible Class Teachers for 2021**  
1st quarter filled: Thank you, teachers!  
See Jeffrey to sign up for other quarters

*“Do you love me?”*

—John 21:16—

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, December 13

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper: Preside	John Wofford
Assist	

Closing Prayer	Noah Davis
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### Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Tim Meredith
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	John Wofford

Closing Prayer	Tim Wilkes, II
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Wednesday, December 16

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Billy Bland
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Joe Owen

TECH:	Dalton Owen
HALL:	