

BULLETIN OF THE  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
AT  
WARNERS CHAPEL  
CLEMMONS, N. C.



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| I. You may read about it in the Bible.<br>Rom. 16:16                                      | III. Its acts of worship are patterned after the New Testament.<br>John 4:24 |
| II. It speaks where the Bible speaks, is silent where the Bible is silent.<br>I Pet. 4:11 | IV. It exalts Christ as the <i>only</i> head of the church.—Collossians 1:18 |
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YOU ARE WELCOME AT OUR SERVICES

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By	Class 10:00; Lord's Supper	11:00
The Church of Christ	Preaching Sun. P.M.	7:30
At	Bible Study Wed. P.M. 2:00 &	7:30
Warner's Chapel.	Training Class Thur. P.M.	8:00

EVERYONE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ALL SERVICES.

**ATTENTION!**

Two weeks from today, July 8, the meeting starts here. Let us keep this in mind and plan to attend every service, and invite others to come.

Even though it is vacation time, attendance at all services has held its own pretty well. . . We have had several visitors on the last two Lord's days, and would like to take this opportunity to invite you back again. Bro. and Sis. Sorrell returned from Alabama on last Tuesday. Some of their relatives are visiting with them. We most heartily welcome you folks to our community!

**Keeping Saved.**

In view of (Romans 6:16-18), we are told of people who have obeyed the gospel of Christ, being then made free from sin, they became the servants of righteousness. Now those who have been made free, are to continue in the faith. It is the purpose of this lesson to teach us how to live, and what to do in order to remain in a saved condition. It is argued that a child of God, a person once saved, cannot so sin as to be lost. The doctrine is false---it originated with Satan in the garden of Eden when he told Eve "she would not surely die!" Let not the child of God be deceived today. Children of God can "fall from grace." 1st. Let us notice the grace of God. Grace is, "good will, loving kindness, favor." It is favor unmerited by the individual upon whom it is bestowed. God's provision for man's redemption, while in rebellion against him is an expression of his grace, favor, Eph. 2:1-10; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-5. God's grace has further provided for man's need as a Christian, that he may remain in his saved condition, 1st. Cor. 10:13; 1st. John 2:1-2. But in order to continue in the grace of God one must abide in his word and the word must abide in him, John 8: 31-32; 15: 4-10. 1st Jhn. 2: 24-28. When man ceases to conform to the will of God he ceases to be in harmony with God; this is what

is meant by apostasy or falling from grace. The question of apostasy is not one of will, but it is a question of can---can a child of God so sin as to be separated from God and lost? 2nd. The Bible teaches that children of God can sin and be lost. Israel---claimed by Jehovah as His children, Deut. 14:1, are declared by Paul to have fallen, the record of which is for our admonition, 1st Cor. 10:1-13. Paul also recognized the possibility of his own apostasy, 1st Cor. 9:24-27. Saul--God's Spirit was upon him, 1st Samuel 10:6-10; but God became his enemy, 1st Sam. 28:16. Saul killed himself, 1st Sam. 31:4-5. Do murders go to heaven? See 1st. Jhn. 3:15. The vine and the branches. John 15:1-10. There can be no branch apart from the vine. So there can be no child of God apart from Christ. But those in Christ are children of God, Gal. 3:26; 4:7. But branches, some of those in Christ, were cast out and burned. A child of God can be lost. The Kingdom--only children of God are in the Kingdom, having been born again. John 3:3-5. But some are cast forth from the Kingdom into hell, Matt. 13:47-50; 25:1-13 (five foolish virgins); Matt. 25: 14-31 (note verse 14), "his own servants---his goods". And verse 30, the same servant, "his servant." The building-- 1st Cor. 3:10-17. The builders are Paul and Apollos, the building is the church, the material builded into it are the kinds of persons, the fire is the tests that come to these. Some endure, some are lost, but lost or saved, the builder's destiny is not affected thereby. The "book of life"---children of God have their names there, Luke 10:20; Phil. 4:3; Heb. 12:23. Those who sin are blotted out, Exodus 32:33. Those not written there, whether never at all, or blotted out, are cast into the lake of fire, Rev. 20:15. Christ crucified afresh--- When one becomes a Christian, Christ is formed within, Gal. 4:19; Eph. 3:17. Therefore only the Christian could crucify him afresh, and this some have done and can do by "falling away," Heb. 6:4-8. Sanctified ones sin wilfully, Heb. 10:26-31. These have no hope, only a fearful expectation of judgment. Note, the ones of whom he writes are those who have been sanctified by the blood of Christ. Back under the law--Those going back under the law fall from grace, Gal. 5:4. Can a

child of God return to the Law? Those leaving their first love, having fallen, are told to repent. The tree of life is promised only to those who do repent. What of those who do not overcome? Departing from the faith---Some shall fall away from the faith, 1st. Tim. 4:1; men made shipwreck of it, lost. Tim. 1:18; led astray from it, 1st. Tim. 6:10; deny the faith, 1st Tim. 5:8; by false teaching, overthrow the faith of some, 2nd. Tim. 2:18. This looks like apostasy, does it not? Christians are admonished to make their calling and election sure, 2nd. Peter 1:10; believers may be condemned with the world, 1st. Cor. 2:29-33 (world already condemned, John 3:18); last state worse than the first, 2nd Peter 2:20-22. Conclusion. If the saved man cannot sin, why did God provide a law for the forgiveness of his sins? 1st John 2:1-2; Acts 8:22; James 5:10-17. Be faithful "and keep saved."

GRACE.

1. Unmerited favor.

The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: but because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the land of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Deu. 7:7-8

Even when we were dead in sins, hath he quickendd us together with Christ, by grace are ye saved. Eph. 2:5.

2. Manifested in Christ.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

3. The Blessings Conferred by Grace.

a. Salvation by grace. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. Eph. 1:7.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Eph. 2:8.

b. Adoption, sonship. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ himself, according to the good pleasure of his will. Eph. 1:5.

c. Justification. Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Ro. 3:24.