

Schedule of Events

Breakfast Meeting April 23, 2022 beginning at 8:00 AM

Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

Proper Problem Procedure

AM Sermon: George Jensen

Our Family News

Pray for / Ed Maxwell, Josiah, Helen Spicer, Bill and Peggy

Traveling/Working / Terry Campbell, Wyatt Couch, Steve and Abby

Radio Programs / Listen to “Searching the scriptures”, our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today’s Scripture / Matthew 5:44 (KJV 1900) “ But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;”

Wisdom for Today / Psalm 37:27 (KJV 1900) “Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell for evermore.

PM Sermon /

George Jensen

Attendance last Sunday:

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April 10, 2022 Bulletin for the



church of Christ

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God’s Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:17

Believe Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1–6

Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10

Confess Romans 10:9–10, Matt 10:32–33

Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

Remain Faithful Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...”

Contact Information

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

Office Hours

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Visitors always welcome; Members expected

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

Classes of People

By Bill Beebe

We all have heard of the classes of people that have been used to identify (and unfortunately to segregate us) in America today. There are African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, Russian Americans, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Cajons, White Americans, Middle Class, Upper Class and the list seems to be getting longer all the time. While I appreciate the desire to retain certain cultural traditions that are inherent in each of these classes I dislike strongly the way they divide us. I wish that we all could be just Americans. But classes have existed almost since the beginning of creation.

During the time that the children of Israel were in Egypt, there were classes. In fact God wanted the children to be segregated from the general population for a purpose that we can easily see in a study of the Bible. It was to be though them that the savior was to come. And it was His birthright as a Jew and consequently the direct descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in general and of the tribe of Judah in particular that He was to be born into. **Genesis 12:1-3 (KJV 1900)** “**Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee: ²And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**” **Genesis 49:10 (KJV 1900)** “**The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh come; And unto him shall the gathering of the people be.**” God enforced the segregation of the Jews from the rest of the world during the time between Moses and the destruction on the Temple. When Moses presented the Law to Israel there were several things that segregated the people of Israel from other people, and some that segregated Jews among themselves. Among them is a statement of God recorded in **Leviticus 20:26 (KJV 1900)** “**And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.**” And this is followed by a law in **Leviticus 21:21 (KJV 1900)** “**No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God.**”

During the life of Jesus, the people were divided into Jews and Gentiles. The Jews were further classified as Sadducees, Pharisees, and members of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. **Matthew 3:7 (KJV 1900)** “**But when he saw many of the Pharisees and**

Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” So, it seems the class system is not a modern invention, but a holdover from days long gone.

However, there is one system of classifying people that is critical for us to understand. Because all humanity will be involved in it. This is described in **Matthew 25:33-34 (KJV 1900)** “**³³And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**” And this class system will dictate where one begins eternity.

The classification of humanity that Jesus uses, one of Sheep and one of Goats is different from all other class system. This is one that we become eligible for by an active faith and the grace of God and then by our continued actions, But it is Jesus who judges and determines who will be in each of these two classes. To be designated as a Sheep, we should be one of those Christians who are actively growing and act when the need arises. **Matthew 25:35-36 (KJV 1900)** “**For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.**” But to be designated as a Goat will be easy don’t become a Christian and if you have don’t grow, check 2 Peter 1:5-11 . Listen to the Jesus as He judges the Goats. **Matthew 25:41 (KJV 1900)** “**Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels;**” What a terrible place to be. Matthew 25:42-43 tells us how to go about getting into that class.

Paul in his letter to the churches in Galatia, gives them a simple instruction that will help their members to be placed on the right side of Jesus when He divides the population of humanity. Listen; **Galatians 6:10 (KJV 1900)** “**As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.**” It is this active faith that urges us to do good that will allow Jesus to place us on the right side. Paul was talking to Christians in his Galatians letter. So, the first thing a person needs to do is to become a follower of Jesus. Hear the gospel and believe it, confess your sins and repent from the worldly living you have been in, be baptized to wash away your sins then rise up out of the water to walk in newness of life growing in the first century pattern of a true Christian.

If Jesus were to divide humanity today, which class would you be put in? Sheep or Goats. Your actions during your stay here in this life will make all the difference in the world. Read Luke 16:19-31 to learn about two men, one was judged to be on the left side and the other the right side and then determine which side you want to be on as eternity begins.

