

Schedule of Events

VBS will be August 1–5, from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM. Ask Joe how you can help. The topic will be the Beatitudes. Classes for all ages, including an adult class. A door knocking will be conducted prior to the VBS.

Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

Proverbs 27:20 (KJV)

²⁰ Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

Our Family News

Grandbaby / Baby Ezra, George, and Joy's newest grandbaby was born at 3:38 AM Thursday morning. Both mom and baby are fine.

Pray for / Steve St. Clair, Cody Riley, Mike Couch's sister, Josiah, Helen Spicer, and Peggy. Pray for each other daily.

Traveling/Working / Joy Jensen, Danesa Nicholson, Hans Nicholson

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 / Luke 23:43 (KJV) " And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Wisdom for Today / Psalm 9:17 (KJV) "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

AM Sermon / Georg Jensen

PM Sermon / George Jensen

Attendance last Sunday: 52

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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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Come join us!

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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

Hades and Purgatory

Most of us have heard these terms through the years, but are they biblical? Throughout time they have been a mystery, with few people even willing to discuss them. And because of this we became weak in our understanding of both, resulting in an inability to teach the truth about them when asked. Both hades and purgatory are supposed to be temporary places where the souls of humans live after death. The difference is hades is a real place created by God and purgatory is a mythological place developed by the Catholic Church.

HADES:

Wayne Jackson, in his article on Hell found in the Christian Courier Website states that the Greek word for Hades appears ten times in the Bible. The King James Version of the Bible does not mention hades at all, instead it translates all ten occurrences of the word as “Hell.” The Christian Standard Bible and other modern English versions transliterates the Greek word into the English “Hades”. These ten occurrences are as follows:

Passage	Topic	Similar Passage
Matthew 11:23	Capernaum	Luke 10:15
Matthew 16:18	Jesus’ promise to Peter	
Luke 16:23	Rich Man and Lazarus	
Acts 2:27	Jesus’ confidence on being taken out of hades	Acts 2:31
Revelation 1:18	The keys of death and Hades	
Revelation 6:8	The pale horse	
Revelation 20:13	Death and Hades giving up those found there.	
Revelation 20:14	Death and Hades thrown into the Lake of fire.	

In Luke 16:19-31, Luke tells us that people who die will live in Hades. Then in Revelation 20:11-14 we are told that Hades will give up her dead, all at once, when Jesus conducts the judgement. Hades encompasses two areas. The Holy Spirit called the first section “Abraham’s bosom” in Luke 16:22 and it is the place where Lazarus, the beggar, went to and was comforted. Later in Luke 23:43 Jesus referred to it as “Paradise.” Luke does not say much about it except Lazarus went there, carried by Angels and Abraham could recognize and communicate with people in torment from there. Jesus only tells the thief that they would be there together

that day. The second is a place that Luke records as “torments” (Luke 16:23), this is where the rich man found himself upon his death. Luke gives more detail about the place called “torments” in the following:

- People can recognize others in Hades (at least those in Paradise) from there. (Luke 16:23)
- It is hot, the rich man was tormented in the flames (Luke 16:25)
- It is dry, the rich man craved the water from a single dip of the tip of Lazarus’ finger to cool his tongue. (Luke 16:24)
- Lazarus was comforted while the rich man was tormented. (Luke 16:25)
- There is a “gulf” placed between the two locations which cannot be crossed in either direction. (Luke 16:26)
- No one can leave and go back to the living (Luke 16:27-31)

We also know that Hades was the place that the soul of Jesus went after he was crucified; **Acts 2:27 (KJV)** “Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.” **Acts 2:31 (KJV)** “He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.” In both verses the Greek word is translated “hell” but properly means “hades.”¹ The Christian Standard Bible uses Hades in these two verses.

PURGATORY:

When we discuss Purgatory the first thing we need to know is **that it is not found in the Bible**. There is no Greek word that should have been translated as “purgatory” found in the Bible. Purgatory is exclusively a human construct, coming from Roman Catholic teaching. As it is taught, Purgatory is a place where souls that are not good enough to go straight to heaven nor quite wicked enough to call for eternal punishment find themselves at death. Souls that go there have had their sins forgiven but have not done the necessary penance.² ALL the souls that enter purgatory are destined for heaven, according to their doctrine, but they must wait until they have done their necessary penance in Purgatory punishment to purify them enough to go to heaven. This is one of the major differences between Hades and Purgatory. Hades releases all of its souls when Jesus returns to judge, while souls are released from Purgatory when they have completed the penance necessary for them. This is really teaching that the Gospel pattern for salvation is not enough. And the worst thing that this does is to teach that the blood of Jesus can’t forgive some sins without our help by doing penance. To supply “proof” of this doctrine they misuse simple passages. Among these are 2 Timothy 1:18, Luke 16:19-26, Matthew 12:32, Luke 23:43 and Hebrews 12:29.

¹ Strong’s Talking Greek Hebrew Dictionary

² <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/purgatory-1130>