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Beginning Our 66th Year Dec. 3, 2023

GOALS FOR 2024
Theme
“Respecting Bible Authority!”

- Giving:** Meet Our Yearly Budget
- Invitations:** 130
- Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading
- Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer
- Every Member Committed To Each Assembly
- Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
- Hold A Men’s Training Class
- Hold A Gospel Meeting
- Converting 10 People Per Month

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Luke Capps
 will be preaching today.

We are on week # 48 of our daily Bible reading.

Prayer List
 Don Dennison, Luann Metcalf, Ivan Rochner, Sharon Thompson, Peter Hunt, Mary McAfee, Sharon Nale, Polly Ward, Macon Ward, Debby Spears (Roseanna’s sis), Pam Caudill, Brooke Thomas, Cathie Hall, Debbie Lewelle, Jimmy Wilson

THEME THIS MONTH: Authority in the World (Our Example)
 1 Timothy 4:12; 5:1-16

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord’s Supper Reading
Matthew 26:26-29

Scripture Reading
AM: 1 Timothy 3:1-7
PM: Numbers 13:30-33

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month 18
 Invites last month: 18
 Visitors YTD:

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 Matt. 28:18
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An Elder’s Character

Looking For Leaders #1 (1 Timothy 3:1-7)

I. A Proven Christian Character

- A. A man who has proven he desires the work (1 Tim. 3:1).**
- B. A man who has proven to be a Respectable man (1 Tim. 3:2; cf. 1 Tim. 2:9).**
- C. A man proven to be Gentle (1 Tim. 3:3; Phil. 4:5).**
- D. A man proven to be a Lover of What is Good (Titus 1:8; Phil. 4:8).**
- E. A man proven to be Just (Titus 1:8; cf. Mt. 20:4; Lk. 23:47; Jas. 5:16).**
- F. A man proven to be Devout (Titus 1:8; cf. Rev. 15:4; 16:5).**

Luke Capps

Welcome!
 If you’re visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we’re interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32. The truth He’s talking about is God’s word. Jesus said, “Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth.” John 17:17. Therefore we hope you’ll appreciate that we’ll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, 1 Pet. 4:11.

VISITORS
 Please fill out a visitor’s card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.



Last Weeks’ Answer: Aaron
Good job: Elbert Metcalf, Sharon Thompson, Steve Nale

(Submit your answers before the next bulletin is published revealing the answer)

WHO AM I IN THE BIBLE?

- My name was Hoshea before it was changed to mean “God is salvation”
- I was old when I entered the promised land

The Story Could Have Ended Differently

Israel At Canaan's Doorstep (Numbers 13:30-33)

I. Did It Have To Be This Way?

A. At every turn, Israel made a worse decision than they could have (Num. 13-14).

B. God didn't force this outcome. Israel chose it! God wants us to learn from it (1 Cor. 10:11-13).

II. Take Heed...

A. That we not let our fears lead us (Num. 14:2-3, 29, 31-35, 43-45).

B. That we accept initial consequences from our mistakes (Num. 14:39-43).

C. That we not add to those initial consequences (Num. 14:44-45).

D. That we let God's promises lead us (Num. 13:30; Rom. 8:31).

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**The Gospel On Every Page
Who Cares? You Better!**

"What is a random offering of a red heifer doing in Numbers 19? Why should I care?"

There are moments in daily Bible readings when one might wonder the need for certain instructions. Whether it be repetitious language, difficult or technical words, or seemingly useless topics (themes that have been fulfilled) one might be inclined to simply skip them. However, when these things are put in context with the whole of Scripture their significance and principles are not only revitalized but reemphasized!

The offering of the Red Heifer in Numbers 19 is no exception. There are important truths that are not only timeless, and, more, must not be forgotten! We too require such a sacrifice that produces the washing necessary to purify us from the deepest uncleanness, and if you haven't been washed in that water then you are still unclean and separated from God.

First, how are we unclean? In God's Law, being unclean was not a trivial matter. It meant that one was "cut off" from God's presence (i.e. the tabernacle, temple) and people (Num. 19:20).

Even if one had not sinned but became defiled by some unclean thing (i.e. dead body in Num.

19:10-19; leprosy in Num. 5:2-3) they had to be cut off until they were purified. This wasn't because God was uncaring. It was because He is holy and pure, and nothing that is the opposite can or should be in His midst. Now, while one could be unclean without sinning, it would become sinful once he learned of his uncleanness but didn't care to purify himself before the Lord. He would be treating God profanely and irreverently.

While not all uncleanness was necessarily sinful, all sin was -and still is- necessarily unclean. This is the point. If we don't want to be cut off but desire to have fellowship with God we must be cleansed from the uncleanness of sin. The question is...

How am I made clean? Through waters of purification produced by the proper sacrifice. Hebrews 9:13-14 says, "For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" How many times have you read that verse and thought of Numbers 19? The Red Heifer is a shadow of Jesus who truly washes away our uncleanness - even through "waters of purification."

A NECESSARY SACRIFICE	The Red Heifer (Shadow)	Jesus Christ (Substance)
No blemish/defect	Never been unclean <i>Numbers 19:2; cf. Lev. 22:20-25</i>	Never made unclean by sin <i>Hebrews 9:14; cf. 1 Pet. 1:19</i>
Never under a yoke	Never under a burden <i>Numbers 19:2; cf. Lam. 1:14</i>	Never burdened by sin <i>Hebrews 10:1-10</i>
A Specific Sacrifice	Slaughtered as a sin offering <i>Num. 19:3, 9; cf. Lev. 4:11-12, 21</i>	Jesus was The Sin Offering <i>2 Cor. 5:21</i>
Sacrificed outside of the camp	Not done in God's midst/dwelling <i>Num. 19:3, 9; cf. Lev. 4:11-12, 21</i>	Jesus crucified outside the city <i>Heb. 13:11-12</i>
Blood shed for atonement	Blood sprinkled for atonement <i>Num. 19:4; cf. Lev. 4:5-6</i>	Jesus' blood offered/atones for sin <i>Heb. 9:7, 11-14</i>
Produced means of required cleansing	Waters for purification <i>Num. 19:9</i>	Baptism <i>1 Pet. 3:21; cf. Rom. 6:3-6</i>

While some details differ, at least one remains the same: to be cleansed from sin (just like Israel) there is a physical and spiritual washing that must occur. The waters of purification that Christ's sacrifice has produced are the waters of baptism (Acts 22:16; Eph. 5:25-26; Heb. 10:22).

If one rejects baptism then he is rejecting a washing that is clearly a part of God's design; He is rejecting a divine pattern (Heb. 8:5); He is neglecting Christ's word (Matt. 28:18-20; John 3:3, 5-6); He is neglecting Christ's instruction given to the apostles (Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 6:11). All of these are important, but one final argument should be given consideration.

If one rejects baptism then he is rejecting the fulfillment of God's work of cleansing. Think back to Numbers 19. Would it have made any sense at all for the Israelites to say, "This cleansing is my accomplishment, not God's," simply because they went through the ceremony of sacrificing and washing? Such thinking would have been asinine! Moreover, it is equally absurd for one to make the argument that it is a human work of pride to steadfastly instruct the need for baptism. Especially since God clarifies that it is a conditional aspect of His salvation and cleansing for man. Is man responsible for going through that action to obtain salvation? Of course, but that doesn't mean it is any less God's work and achievement (Col. 2:12; Titus 3:5).

Thank God for our sin offering, for our waters of purification (baptism), and for our complete cleansing and absolving of sin achieved by Christ's sacrifice. Let no man take it for granted.

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