

TODAY'S MESSAGES

SUNDAY MORNING

Take Your Mask Off II Corinthians 3:7-18

SUNDAY EVENING

CANCELLED



Reaching People Where They Are

"He said to her, Go, call your husband and come here. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said to her, you have correctly said, I have no husband; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly."
—John 4:16-18

It is important to understand the context of this passage. Jesus had arrived in a place called Samaria. As a Jew, this was not a place most would find themselves. The problem was that the occupants of the area were once Jews themselves. The Jewish point of view was that while much of Israel was taken captive by the Babylonians in 721 BC, those who remained in the homeland mixed with the Assyrians, making them in the minds of many, unclean half-breeds.

Further, it was very much outside the norm, if not considered downright wrong for a Jew of Jesus' rabbinical stature to interact one on one with any female, let alone a Samaritan. At Jesus' request that the woman give him a drink, even the woman asked in verse 9, "How is it that you being a Jew, asks drink of me, who am a Samaritan woman (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans)." So what was Jesus doing? What was he thinking?

Beloved, Jesus was thinking as we all should think. Far too many times, we miss the opportunity to share the gospel because of biases and prejudices. Somewhere within us, we just do not want to deal with "those" people, whoever they may be. Do not make the mistake of thinking this is just about race, ethnicity, color, etc. It also includes sexual preference, religious proclivity or socioeconomic standing, drug use, cohabitation, alcoholism, etc. The list is vast.

Jesus was willing to defy convention and go to a person who had needs. Not only were the circumstances not an issue, they may very well have been the reason for him doing what he did. He once said, "They that are whole have no need of a physician but they that are sick," Matt 9:12. In short, the Lord was willing to meet the Samaritan woman right where she was in the circumstances she was in and minister to her there.

The epilogue is that she went and told her village who, based on what she told them, came to see and hear Jesus for themselves. After a time with Jesus, they told the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said: for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Savior of the world." John 4:42.

Do you remember when Jesus met you where you were? Thank God for new life. --by Bro Lee Lewis

*For the Shepherds,
Brother Ben*



ELDERS

DeWayne Calloway
Paul Noel
Sam Roberts

MINISTER

DEACON

Batthias Matthews

YOUTH MINISTER

Charles Gaston

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
11:45 a.m. Bible Class
5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Bible Class

Friday
10:00 a.m. Seasoned Saints' Bible Class (Suspended)

*Visitors' Day & Fellowship
Every Last Sunday of the Month*

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TAKE YOUR MASK OFF

⁷ But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, ⁸ how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? ⁹ For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. ¹⁰ For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. ¹¹ For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious. ¹² Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech— ¹³ unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. ¹⁵ But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. ¹⁶ Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

—II Corinthians 3:7-18 nkjv



Paul wants us to understand how amazing it is that we are under this new covenant that belongs to Christ. The Law of Moses, the 10 commandments, are called the ministry of death. But even though it was the ministry of death, it still was glorious. In fact, it was so glorious that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face after he was in the presence of God. As glorious was this law was, it was going to be brought to an end by God.

When we look at the scriptures, which is the ministry of the Spirit which Paul proclaims, we are beholding the glory of the Lord. What you are seeing in the scriptures is more glorious than what the Israelites saw when Moses came from speaking to God!

If we are not being changed into the image of our Lord Jesus with an ever increasing likeness of him, then there is only one reason why: a veil/mask remains on the heart. The scriptures are just words and you are not seeing God in them. You are not staring and beholding the glory of the Lord. It is just words on a page. The message bounces off of the heart and there is no transformation. You are satisfied in this life and satisfied with a little bit of God and are not thirsty to see more and more of God.

I want us to see our glorious Lord and the glorious covenant He has given to us. Turn to the Lord and remove the veil. TAKE YOUR MASK OFF! Dig into God's word. Live in the word each day. Enjoy the glory of the Lord and you will be changed. The transformation you desire to have in Christ will come if you will turn your eyes to Jesus and enjoy the glory that is revealed through him.

Bro DeWayne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship*Paul Noel*Opening Song*Paul Noel*Scripture Reading*Batthias Matthews*Prayer*Sam Roberts*Sermon*DeWayne Calloway*Communion/Offering*Batthias Matthews*Announcements*Sam Roberts*Song*Paul Noel*Closing Prayer*Sam Roberts*

Welcome Visitors!

Welcome to the Church of Christ at Wheless Lane. We are honored you chose to worship with us. As members of the church of Christ our goal is to *teach* and practice New Testament doctrine. We invite you to observe our services and evaluate the doctrine. We would love to be your church-on-the-road or your new congregation if you are relocating to the Austin area.



REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

Tasha Roland—Prayers for the Brown family living in Alabama for the loss of their loved one.

Torrence Washington—Prayers for a speedy recovery from Surgery.

Rena Wright—Traveling grace for Kay, Richard and I.

PLAN OF SALVATION

Faith – which results from hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Faith is essential to salvation (Mark 16:16; John 8:24; 20:30-31; Hebrews 11:6).

Repentance – a change of mind which causes one to turn away from sinful practices. It is commanded for everyone (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30).

Confession – confession is an outward confession of faith in Jesus as the Son of God (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9-10). All who deny Christ has no part of him.

Baptism – a "command" of Christ, "you must be born again." It is an act which is essential to salvation (Mat 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16).

“Touching Lives ” —Matthew 28:18-20

➤ **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES** will be livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube until further Notice.

➤ **Level 3 and 4 Youth Study Every Sunday via Zoom at 11:15 am**

—Wednesday Night Bible Class via Zoom at 7:00pm

—Level 5 and 6 Youth Study Every Friday at 6:00 pm

—Level 6 and Young Adults August 20, 2020 at 7:30

All lessons available on Wheless Lane website under the MEMBERS SECTION 

➤ **ATTENTION SISTERS 8/25/2020 at 7:00 pm**

LADIES BIBLE STUDY via ZOOM

Check your email for details

➤ **FREE Weekly Bible Correspondence Course**

—A lesson will be mailed each week including a stamped envelope to mail lesson back. It will be graded, and the next lesson will be mailed.

—email Sis Vergie Sharp at vergisharp@att.net for more details

WHELESS EDUCATION TEACHER ROTATION for August 2020

LEVEL 1 (Nursery—Age 2)

Sunday: Vicki Russell

Wednesday: Vicki Russell

LEVEL 2 (Ages 3—5)

Sunday: Kaylin & Kayrin Monroe

Wednesday: Kaylin & Kayrin Monroe

LEVEL 3 (1st—2nd Grade)

Sunday: Tasha Clifton

Wednesday: Tasha Clifton

LEVEL 4 (3rd—5th Grade)

Sunday: Batthias Matthews

Wednesday: Batthias Matthews

LEVEL 5 (6th—8th Grade)

Sunday: Charles Gaston

Wednesday: Charles Gaston

LEVEL 6 (9th—12th Grade)

Sunday: DeWayne Calloway

Wednesday: DeWayne Calloway

TRANSITIONS CLASS (Ages 18-23)

Sunday: Westley Shaw

Wednesday: Westley Shaw

PRINCIPLES CLASS

Sunday: Paul Noel

ADULTS BIBLE CLASS

Sunday: Sam Roberts

Wednesday: DeWayne Calloway

SICK & SHUT IN

Gertie Ward
Angie Barber

FOR THE IMPRISONED

Bro. Bryant Johnson

STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE

Morning

Evening

Wednesday

Visitors

RESPONSES

Baptisms (Cum)

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Placed Membership

2

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly