

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Ken Roosa had surgery on his arm and wrist and is recovering well.
Sean Mathews continues to struggle with GI issues.
Mike Parnell's sister-in-law, Ethel Parnell, is suffering from dementia.
Jesse Riddle is on hospice care but is often able to attend Sunday AM service.
Connie Davis is recovering well after surgery to replace her left hip.
Charlie Henard's niece, Brittany Henard, is battling terminal cancer.
Karen Sproles had a nerve stimulator inserted in her knee to help with pain.
Iris Hash is having knee problems and recently had a steroid injection.
Linda Jones will have eye surgery to correct the iris in one of her eyes. Surgery will occur within the next four months when a special lens arrives from Germany.
Linda also will have surgery to remove a malignant growth. She will undergo a MRI to examine other spots prior to the surgery. Her prognosis for recovery is good.

Pray For Our Shut-Ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, John & Terry Richardson

Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See latest mission reports on the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium.

Benevolent Opportunity:

During the month of June, we will be collecting cake mixes, icing, vinegar and rubbing alcohol for donation to Desert Rose.

Lunch Fellowship:

All are invited to a lunch on Thursday, June 27th, at 12:30 PM at Dong's Chinese Restaurant in Mooresville.

Morgan County Fair Booth:

We will have a booth in the merchants building at the county fair running from Friday, July 5th through Saturday, July 13th. We will be inviting people to services, handing out tracts and enrolling people in a correspondence course. Workers are needed each evening. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the back of the auditorium. We are trying to get at least two workers per shift. Please sign-up if you can help.

2024 Fall Gospel Meeting:

A fall gospel meeting will be held September 6-8 with brother Tom House of the Plainview Church of Christ in Fulton, MS.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, July 7th, following the AM services. Following the pitch-in we will have a service in song at 1:00 PM.

Radio Program:

Please remember to tune in every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM to WCBK 102.3 FM to hear our radio program which is entitled: "Preparing For Eternity".

God's Plan For Our Salvation

Hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).
Believing what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).
Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).
Confession (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).
Baptism (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).
Faithful Christian Living, after the above five steps (I Peter 2:11, 12; Rev. 2:10).

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MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study – 9:30 AM
Worship – 10:30 AM
Evening Service - 6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study – 6:00 PM

Thursday

Ladies' Bible Study – 11:00 AM (March through October)

Radio Program:

"Preparing For Eternity"
Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

DID CHRIST DO ALL THE WORK ON THE CROSS?

Jason Patrick Hilburn

Christ finished His main mission on earth by giving His life on the cross, saying, “It is finished” ([John 19:30](#)). But today, some are twisting His statement into a false doctrine. They claim that since Christ on the cross said, “It is finished,” there are no “works” (no actions) men can do that will have any affect on their salvation. This has led some to the conclusion that water baptism cannot be essential, and that once a person is saved, there is no work he is required to do. Please notice the following points:

First, the importance of what Christ did on the cross should never be minimized. The veil of the temple being rent from top to bottom when Christ died symbolized the fact that Christ’s sacrifice was required for men to enter the Most Holy Place of Heaven ([Matt. 27:51](#)). Man could not be saved without Christ’s sacrifice, but if God says that men must obey His commands to access the benefits of Christ’s sacrifice, man has no right to say otherwise ([Matt. 26:28](#); [Acts 2:38 41](#); [Rom. 6:16 18](#); [Heb. 5:9](#); [1 Peter 1:22](#); [1 John 1:6-7](#)). Also, just because a good hearted person wants to obey every command of God, that does not mean he is trying to earn his salvation. Satan uses derogatory terms such as “legalist” to try to discourage the faithful, but those who know the Truth and love God wholeheartedly will not be discouraged. The Truth is that salvation cannot be earned ([Eph. 2:8-9](#)), but that does not mean man can ignore God’s commands. God has repeatedly said that He will only save those who obey Him ([Matt. 7:21](#); [Rom. 6:16 18](#); [1 Peter 1:22](#); [Heb. 5:9](#)). God “by grace” saves WHEN man “by faith” obeys ([Gal. 3:26-27](#); [5:6](#)).

The context of [John 19:30](#) must be considered. When Christ said, “It is finished,” we must be careful when defining what He meant by “it.” His statement must be understood in the context of what He was accomplishing on the cross. He finished His main mission on earth via His death, which enabled men to receive forgiveness (saved) by contacting His blood through obedience ([Matt. 26:28](#); [Acts 2:38](#); [Rom. 6:3 5, 16 18](#)), but not all work was done related to man’s salvation.

Christ worked after the cross. The Bible literally says Jesus was “working” after He returned to Heaven, confirming the Word, while the Truth was being revealed in the first century A.D. — “the Lord working with them” ([Mark 16:20](#)).

Christ is still working today. He is interceding as the Christian’s High Priest: “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them” ([Heb. 7:25](#); [1 John 1:7 9](#); [2:1](#)). It is therefore erroneous to interpret Jesus’ statement in [John 19:30](#) to mean Christ’s work on the cross was the last work that ever needed to be done related to man’s salvation.

Christ said that BELIEF is a work ([John 6:27 29](#)). “Work” is not a bad word as so many seem to assume. A work is something men choose to do. Some works are not involved in man’s salvation (such as works of the Law of Moses, [Eph. 2](#)); and, some works are required, such as obeying God’s New Testament commands for salvation ([Acts 10:34-35, 48](#); cf. [2:38 41](#); [22:16](#)).

After the cross, Christ gave His followers the greatest work the world has ever known. After His death and resurrection, Jesus commanded His followers to preach the Gospel to everyone and baptize those who want to be saved — “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” ([Mark 16:15 16](#), man says “he that believeth and is NOT baptized shall be saved”). The work of preaching the Gospel and baptizing those who believe will last until the end of the world ([Matt. 28:20](#)). To say there is no work to do today is to do away with the greatest mission ever given to man.

Those who use [John 19:30](#) to allege that water baptism is unnecessary are contradicting the very Lord they claim to serve. Jesus Himself taught the necessity of water baptism, which is why it was included in the Great Commission — to save people all over the world until the end of the world ([John 3:5](#); [Mark 16:15-16](#); [Matt. 28:18 20](#)). Inspired men like Peter told people who already believed in Jesus to “repent and be baptized” to “save themselves” ([Acts 2:38 40](#)). Why would he say that if they could not do anything to affect their own salvation? The necessity of water baptism is emphasized throughout the New Testament ([Acts 2:38 41](#); [22:16](#); [Rom. 6:3 5](#); [Gal. 3:27](#); [Eph. 5:26](#); [Col. 2:11 13](#); [Heb. 10:22](#); [Titus 3:5](#); [1 Peter 3:20-21](#)).

Christ will judge everyone by their works, not simply what they believe. This is plainly taught throughout the Bible ([Psalm 62:12](#); [Prov. 24:12](#); [Jer. 32:19](#); [Matt. 16:27](#); [25:14 46](#); [John 5:27 29](#); [Rom. 2:5 11](#); [11:22](#); [Gal. 6:7 9](#); [Phil. 2:12](#); [1 Cor. 3:8](#); [2 Cor. 5:9 11](#); [1 Peter 1:17](#); [Rev. 2, 3](#)).

Christ commands His followers to be busy working. Inspired men like Paul wrote the commandments of the Lord ([1 Cor. 14:37](#)). Paul said the only thing that will “avail” us is “faith which worketh by love” ([Gal. 5:6](#)). Again, these are not works of the Law of Moses ([Gal. 5:1 4](#); [Eph. 2:8 16](#)), but working God’s righteous commands of the New Covenant ([Acts 10:34-35](#); [Col. 2:11 17](#); [Heb. 7:11 14](#); [10:8-9](#)). True love for God necessitates obedience: “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous” ([1 John 5:3](#); cf. [John 14:15](#); [15:14](#)). The Bible teaches that anyone who claims to be a Christian without obedience is lying: “And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him” ([1 John 2:3-4](#)). “They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him...” ([Titus 1:16](#); cf. [2:11 14](#)). James said that “faith without works is dead” ([James 2:26](#); cf. [2:14 25](#)). The New Testament repeatedly emphasizes the need for Christians to be busy working for their Lord after they initially become saved ([1 Cor. 15:58](#); [Gal. 6:9-10](#); [Eph. 2:10](#); [Titus 2:11 14](#)), and how does the idea of “no work for men today” harmonize with verses like these?

...In every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him” ([Acts 10:34 35](#)).

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” ([1 Cor. 15:58](#)).

“Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...” ([2 Cor. 5:9 11](#)).

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” ([Phil. 2:12](#); cf. [Acts 2:40](#); [1 Peter 1:22](#); [Jude 21](#); [Rev. 2:2, 9, 10](#)).

“Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest...” ([Heb. 4:11](#); cf. [6:10](#); [1 Thess. 1:3](#)).

God has spoken plainly, but Satan does not want anyone obeying God or working for God, and he has deceived many through popular preachers and their numerous followers.

Friends, there is work being done by Christ today, there is “work” (action) required to become a Christian, all Christians should be busy working for the Lord, and one day we will all be held accountable for the work we did or refused to do ([Matt. 25:14 46](#)).