

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 27, 2017



“Where the Gospel is Preached and People are Loved!”

Every Time I See the Cross

Part 3

We have been noticing the topic of the cross. In particular we used the words of a youth song that is sung at devotionals, “Every time I see the cross.” Every time I see the cross, what do I see? What should I see? We have noticed two things so far. When we see the cross, we see the suffering of an innocent and the sacrifice for the guilty. Now let’s notice the third and final thing that we should see when we see the cross.

Third, when I see the cross, I see the source of salvation. Christ’s death upon the cross was for a purpose – the forgiveness of our sins. “Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him” (Romans 5:9). If we truly want to be saved then we need to come to Jesus on his terms. We need to come to the foot of the cross and ask, “What do you want me to do?” And then we need to do it. As you read through the book of Acts and add to that other passages throughout the New Testament, it becomes very clear what Jesus would have us to do to be saved. We must believe that He is the Son of God. We must repent of our past sins. We must confess that belief in Jesus before men. And we must be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins. Only then does the cross become the source of salvation.

A young preacher once asked an older preacher, “What is the secret to getting a congregation to be more faithful and active in the work of the Lord? I have preached on attendance, evangelism, faithfulness, benevolence, edification, none of it seems to work.” The older preacher simply responded, “The cross.” And maybe that is what we need day in and day out. To look into the eyes of Jesus as He prays to the Father to let this cup pass. To see the expression of hurt as Peter denies Him three times. To feel the whip lash across His back mercilessly time after time. To hear the pounding of the hammer as the spikes are driven through His hands and feet. To struggle with Him as Him endures the pain to get just one more breath. And maybe then it will be all the more meaningful as we gaze into that empty tomb, as we watch as he ascends into heaven, and as we work patiently awaiting his return.

Every time I see the cross.

~Justin

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Joe Hunt
David Snell

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Kenneth Roark

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Service Times:

Sun. Bible Study-10 AM
Sun. Worship-11 AM
Sun. Night-5 PM
Wed. Night-7 PM

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What Must I Do to Be Saved?

- Hear the Word of God – Rom. 10:17
- Believe that Jesus is the Son of God – Heb. 11:6; John 8:24
- Repent of your sins – Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ before men – Rom. 10:10; Matt. 10:32-33
- Be baptized for the remission of your sins – Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Remain Faithful – Rev. 2:10

By The Numbers for August 20th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 95
Sun. AM Worship – 120
Sun. PM Worship – 56
Wed. Night (8/23) – nc

To Our Visitors:

We are so glad and honored that you chose to be with us today. If you have any questions please feel free to ask the elders or one of the members. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know. Thanks for being with us, and we hope to see you again real soon!

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8:15 AM

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AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Devotional – John Dennison

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Kenneth Roark
Lord’s Supper – (S) Jimmy Hartman
(S) Kenny Kennedy
(N) Larry Carden
(N) Bret Carmack
(N) MacArthur Watkins

Closing Prayer – David Snell
Security –

PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal
Lord’s Supper – Jimmy Hartman
Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson
Security – Joel Sutton

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – David Bridges
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Jimmy Hartman
Security – Frank Carmack

Door Greeters for August

South – Steve Carmack
Center – David Snell
North – Joe Hunt

Communion for August

Joe and Cynthia Hunt

August Birthdays

- Justin Paschall – 2
- Raymond Neal –11
- Darlene Underwood – 13
- Indyia Halliburton – 14
- Reagan Paschall – 17
- Quame Richmond – 17
- Cynthia Hunt – 20
- Evelyn Smith – 20
- Betty Binkley – 21
- Bret Carmack – 23
- Tommy Climer – 23
- Rylee Moore – 23
- Franklin Carmack – 31



September Birthdays

- Amanda Clark – 1
- Ralph Smith –2
- Leslie Barnes – 3
- Rita Hartman– 4

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Aug. 31st** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Sept. 7th** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Sept. 14th** – Ladies’ Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Aug. 27th** – Lesson 77 – Tricked by the People of Gibeon – *Joshua 9*
- **Aug. 30th** – Lesson 78 – Battle with Five Amorite Kings – *Joshua 10:1-27*
- **Sept. 3rd** – Lesson 79 – Summary of Conquest of Canaan – *Joshua 10:28-12:24*

Memorials Received

Memorials have been received in honor of Etta Hunt, Gwinn, Matthews, June, Medford, Gerald Brown, Jewel Kendrick, and Frank Shelton.

Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:

- At any given time there are members going through different difficulties that they would rather keep private. Please say a prayer for them; God knows who they are.
- Robert Taylor was air lifted to Jackson Saturday morning due to dangerously low oxygen levels. He is currently in CCU. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Ann Clement is in the hospital in Covington and is not doing well at all. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Randy Roark has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. More tests are needed before determining a course of treatment. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Jean Mills (June Roark’s sister) had a heart cath.. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Gale Shaw is having some issues with her knee that will require surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Abbey and Alden Climer (Granddaughters of Tommy and Linda) were in a serious car accident. Abbey continues to be in the hospital and has a long road of recovery ahead of her. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Gwinn Matthews passed away on Tuesday (8/1). Funeral services were held on Saturday (8/5). Please keep Mrs. Johnnie and the family in your prayers.
- Pam McDonald’s brother, James Bushart, passed away. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Penny Gaines’ bladder cancer has returned. Please keep her in your prayers as she undergoes treatments.
- Ted Sutton has a broken vertebra in his neck. Please keep him in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin has returned to his treatments and will be unable to attend services regularly as a result. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Milford Durham (retired chief of police and former sheriff) is battling lung cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Grayson Bryant (Lillie Dennison’s sister’s grandson), was able to go home. He still has some procedures ahead of him. Please keep the family in your prayers
- Evelyn Jackson (Betty Arthur’s sister) is currently in rehab following a bad fall. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Randy Roark, Jr. is battling kidney cancer. Please continue to keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton, Larry Carden, Betty Brogdon, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Tim Carmack, Lille Dennison, Joyce Blakemore, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much”

(James 5:16)