



THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 4, 2018



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

Milk Sandwiches

As the snow storm loomed a few weeks ago, people began their preparations. Walmart had the usual run made on it with milk and bread being bought in bulk. In addition to milk sandwiches, many people must have been planning on making soup or chili because a lot of the staples for those items were lower than usual. I also heard other people mentioning the fact that all of the snow shovels and salt were sold as well. I mention all of this to illustrate the point that people were making preparations and rightfully so.

Of course, this made me start to think...we make all of these preparations for something that will, in all likelihood, last no more than a week. What kind of preparations are we making for Judgment whose verdict will last for all of eternity? Let me suggest two things that we need to be doing to prepare for judgment.

First, we need to obey the Gospel. A reading of the book of Acts can provide people with a picture of what one needs to do to become a Christian. Belief was necessary for those who wanted to wear the name of Christ. Repentance was mandatory. One must be willing to turn from a past life of sin to become a Christian. Confession was needed. The individuals needed to state publicly that belief in Christ as the eunuch did. And baptism was essential. Every conversion in the book of Acts includes the act of baptism. While this gets one started on the road to Heaven, there is still more to be done.

Second, we need to live faithfully. Space will not allow a thorough discussion of all faithfulness entails, but a couple of verses from Matthew will sum it up. “Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matthew 22:37-39). If we love God with all of our being and love our neighbor as ourselves, everything else will fall into place.

Let’s prepare to stand before God which will make an eternal difference.

~Justin

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Sun. Night-5 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 January 28th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 89
Sun. AM Worship –131
Sun. PM Worship – 76
Wed. Night (1/31) – 59

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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