



# Living By Faith

*“The just shall live by faith.” Romans 1:17*

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## 4th & Stewart Church of Christ

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### Meeting Times:

#### Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:45 AM  
Worship..... 10:40 AM  
Care, Inc. Service..... 2:30 PM  
Redstone Service..... 2:30 PM  
Worship..... 6:00 PM

#### Tuesday:

Redstone Class ..... 9:30 AM

#### Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class..... 10:00 AM  
Bible Study..... 7:00 PM

### Elders:

Gene Bannister ..... Billy Chism

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Don Smith..... James Thomas

### Preacher:

Ryan Smithey .....

### Works We Support:

Belize Mission & Kindergarten  
Cherokee Home for Children  
Eric Henry, SWSBS  
Food Pantry  
Gospel Broadcast Network  
Gospel Chariot Missions  
House to House, Heart to Heart  
Lake Cisco Camp  
Mission Printing  
Rohan Jones, Africa  
The Truth in Love  
World Bible School

Let us know if you want to study  
the Bible to know more about  
Christ and His Church.

## OUR PROPITIATION

By Kevin Rhodes

The word “propitiation” does not easily roll off the tongue, nor does its meaning come readily to the mind. However, when such a word is used to describe our Savior, Jesus Christ, we must take special note of it. The apostle John described him in this fashion, saying, “And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our’s only, but also for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:2). The Greek word that is translated propitiation (hilasmos) translates four different Hebrew words in the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures. Its meaning thus includes the ideas of forgiveness (Psalms 130:4), a trespass or guilt offering (Amos 8:14), a sin offering (Ezekiel 44:27) and atonement (Leviticus 25:9; Numbers 5:8). All of these we may obtain only through Jesus Christ, our Propitiation.

When we sin, we create for ourselves the most difficult situation possible. Having broken law, we need a pardon. Having dirtied ourselves with sin (Romans 3:23), we need purification. Being guilty of trespassing God’s law (Ephesians 2:1), we need a release from our guilt. Having separated ourselves from God (Isaiah 59:2), we need reconciliation. Yet, this is what it means for Christ to be the propitiation for our sins. Through the righteousness of Christ, we can receive a full pardon. Through the sinlessness of Christ, we can be purified. Through the One without guilt, we can be released from our guilt. Through the one who maintained the right relationship with God, we can be reconciled. Greater yet is the knowledge that he is the propitiation not only for our sins, but for those of the whole world. Therefore, there is no need for anyone to remain under the burden of sin and guilt. Out of the depths of our love for this great atoning sacrifice (Hebrews 7:26-27), we can come to him (Ephesians 1:7) through humble obedience (1 John 2:3; John 14:15; Hebrews 5:8-9) in order to receive the salvation (Mark 16:16) and forgiveness (Acts 2:38) we need. In a sense, then, propitiation describes what is necessary to make God happy with us again (cf. Genesis 1:31).

Although some have limited the meaning of hilasmos to the atoning sacrifice that Christ provided, in reality it refers to the entire means of expiation. Christ’s willingness to leave heaven (John 3:16), his willingness to take on flesh (Hebrews 2:14), his willingness to live as a human, suffer as a human, be tempted as a human, and die as a human (Hebrews 4:15; Philippians 2:5-8), his teaching and his covenant (John 12:48), his willingness to give himself as a sacrifice (Hebrews 7:26-27), his victorious triumph over death (1 Corinthians 15:20) and his ascension to heaven to assume his rightful place at his Father’s side (Acts 1:9-10; Colossians 3:1) all are part of the means by which God made it possible for us to once again be found in his favor (Ephesians 2:8-9). “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10). God sent his Son to die on the cross because there was no other means by which his holiness could be satisfied concerning our sin. Jesus Christ is the means. And for those of us who look to him in faith and obey him, he is Our Propitiation.



*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood,  
an holy nation, a peculiar people;  
that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath  
called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

*1 Peter 2:9*

# What Time Is It?

by Jason Hilburn

Perhaps when you were a child you asked someone what time it was, and the answer you received was, “It’s time for you to get a watch!” I cannot recall how many times I heard that, and I admit that I have actually used that one a few times myself! However, let us from a more mature perspective ask, “What time is it?”

**It’s time to stand up for what is right** (Eph. 4:15; Philippians 1:17; 1 Peter 3:15; Mark 8:38; Acts 4:19-20, 5:29).

**It’s time to believe in God** (Genesis 1:1; Exodus 20:11; Psalm 14:1, 19:1-3; Romans 1:20-22; Hebrews 3:4).

**It’s time to see that the Bible is God’s Word** (2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

**It’s time to see that the Bible leads us to Christ** (Genesis 3:15; Psalm 22; Isaiah 53; Micah 5:2; Luke 24:25-27; John 1:45, 5:39; Acts 8:30-39, 10:43, 26:22; 1 Peter 1:9-11).

**It’s time to see how much God gave for us** (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 5:8-10, 8:32).

**It’s time to see that Christ is the only way to Heaven** (John 8:24, 14:6; Acts 4:12; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

**It’s time to repent of sins** (Matthew 4:17; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38, 3:19, 17:30, 26:20).

**It’s time to confess faith in Christ** (Matthew 10:32; Mark 8:38; Acts 8:37; Romans 10:10).

**It’s time to be immersed into Christ for the washing away of sins** (Acts 22:16; cf. Acts 2:38, 8:35-39, 16:33; Mark 16:16; Colossians 2:11-13; 1 Peter 3:21; Ephesians 5:26; Titus 3:5; John 3:5; Galatians 3:26-27; Romans 6:3-5).

**It’s time to love God and our neighbors** (Matthew 22:36-40; John 14:15; Luke 10:25-37; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8; Galatians 6:10; Hebrews 13:1; James 1:27).

**It’s time for us all to be thankful enough to God to do what He says** (1 Samuel 12:24; Psalm 50:14, 126:3; Ecclesiastes 12:13).

**It’s time to have forgiving hearts toward those who repent** (Matthew 6:14-15, 18:21-35; Luke 17:3-4; Ephesians 4:32).

**It’s time to value human life** (Genesis 1:26-27, 9:6; Proverbs 6:16-17; Matthew 10:28).

**It’s time to see that homosexuality is sinful** (Romans

1:27; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Jude 7).

**It’s time to see that breaking the law of the land is breaking God’s Law, unless the law of the land goes against God’s Law** (Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:12-17; Acts 4:19-20, 5:29).

**It’s time to stop asking, “What do I want?” and start asking, “What does God want?”** (Galatians 2:20, 6:14; Luke 9:23-24; James 4:7; Romans 12:1-2).

**It’s time to worship God as He commands us to worship Him** (John 4:23-24; Colossians 3:16-17; Acts 20:7; Matthew 15:9; Colossians 2:23).

**It’s time to see that denominational divisions are contrary to God’s will** (Matthew 15:13; John 17:8, 11, 14, 17, 21-23; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 4:17, 7:17; Amos 3:3; Galatians 1:6-10; Philippians 3:16).

**It’s time to see that if we will all speak as the Bible speaks and simply do what the Bible says without additions or subtractions, we can all be united** (1 Peter 4:11, 16; John 17:17; 1 Corinthians 4:6; Colossians 3:17; Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:18-19).

**It’s time for children of God to grow into spiritual maturity** (1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:15-18; Hebrews 5:12-14; 1 Corinthians 3:1-2; Ephesians 4:14).

**It’s time for Christians to pray** (Luke 18:1ff; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 5:20; Philippians 1:3-4, 4:6-7).

**It’s time for erring brothers and sisters to come back to their loving Father** (Luke 15; Acts 8:20-24; 1 John 1:9; James 5:16, 19-20; Galatians 6:1).

**It’s time to see that we will answer to Christ in judgment for “every idle word” we speak** (Matthew 12:36-37).

**It’s time to see that we will answer to Christ in judgment for every “secret thing” that we do** (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Romans 2:16; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

**It’s time to see that we will answer to Christ in judgment for even the thoughts we think!** (Proverbs 23:7; Matthew 5:28; 1 John 3:15).

**It’s time to wake up and see the need for our sins to be forgiven** (Romans 3:23, 5:12, 13:11-14; Acts 13:38, 26:18; Ephesians 1:7; Col. 1:14; 1 John 1:8-10, 3:5).

*“...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2).*

Television	God’s Plan for Redeeming Man	Bible Reading Schedule
<p>The Truth In Love (Eddie Parrish) Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB</p> <p>In Search of the Lord’s Way (Mack Lyon) Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB</p> <p>Gospel Broadcasting Network Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org</p> <p>Good News Today: Sunday @ 6:00 am on Dish: 259, DirectTV: 364, Harris: 208</p>	<p><b>Hear</b> Learn the saving message of Christ’s sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).</p> <p><b>Believe</b> Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)</p> <p><b>Confess</b> Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)</p> <p><b>Repent</b> of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)</p> <p>Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being <b>baptized</b> for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)</p>	<p>Sunday...Deut. 23-25; Luke 3:19-38</p> <p>Monday...Deut. 26-27; Luke 4:1-15</p> <p>Tuesday...Deut. 28-29; Luke 4:16-44</p> <p>Wednesday...Deut. 30-31; Luke 5:1-16</p> <p>Thursday...Deut. 32; Luke 5:17-39</p> <p>Friday...Deut.33-34; Luke 6:1-26</p> <p>Saturday...Joshua 1-4; Luke 6:27-49</p> <p><i>Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim. 2:15)</i></p>
<p><b>Radio</b></p> <p>Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3</p>		

# News & Notes

## *Two Deaths, Two Reactions*

The Bible records for us the reaction of King David to two different deaths—the death of his son borne by Bathsheba and the death of his son, Absalom.

The first death is that of David's son out of his illicit affair with Bathsheba. David committed adultery with Bathsheba and had her husband, Uriah, killed. Confronted with his sin, David repented and was forgiven by God, but he would still suffer consequences. Nathan told David, "The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die" (2 Samuel 12:13-14). In distress, he "besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth" (2 Samuel 12:16). However, God's Word came to pass and the child died. Upon hearing of this death, "David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house...and he did eat" (2 Samuel 12:20). Surely such seems to be a puzzling response for one that was so troubled with the sickness of the child, but David explained to those around him, "While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:22-23). David accepted God's decision and knew that nothing would bring his son back to life. His son was dead and could not return. However, David had hope—he could go to the son. The son died as an innocent child and without doubt went to an eternal paradise. David knew that if he lived a life faithful to God, he too could be in that paradise and join his son once again. While he sorrowed at the loss of his son, he looked forward to their reunion.

But the Bible further records the reaction of David to the death of another one of his sons, Absalom. David was also told that a consequence of his sin with Bathsheba was to be that "the sword shall never depart from thine house" (2 Samuel 12:10) and the Lord told him, "Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun" (2 Samuel 12:11). This prophecy was fulfilled in the life of Absalom. Eventually Absalom "stole the hearts of the

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### *Visitation Program*

Remember our **visitation meeting following the evening worship services in the fellowship hall.** Last week **51 contacts** were made. Keep up the good work!

### *Ladies Class*

Remember our **ladies class every Wednesday at 10 AM** in the fellowship hall—Join us as we study the life of Christ.

### *Take Note*

- ◆ **Wednesday, March 31:** 5th Wednesday Singing.
- ◆ **Sun., April, 4:** 1st Sunday Potluck following AM worship.
- ◆ **April 4-7:** Gospel Meeting at Avenue T in Temple with Michael Light.
- ◆ **April 11-14:** Gospel Meeting at Park Heights in Hamilton with Terry Jackson.
- ◆ **April 18-21:** Gospel Meeting at Bangs with David Harris.
- ◆ **May 2-5:** Our own meeting with John Moore.

### *Guest Speaker Today*

**Vendall Dollarhide** is the director of **Mission Printing** in Fort Worth and has served in that capacity since December 2002. He will be teaching class and preaching today as well as updating us on the work going on there that this congregation helps support.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO:**

**March Birthdays:** Jessica Stultz (28); Ethel Adams (29).

**April Birthdays:** Julie Baker (01); Dorothy Reynolds (06); Lu Whitsett (06); Ashley Arnold (08); Ginger King (08); Kristi Maninger (09); Darlene Smith (10); Lavenuia Herridge (13); Kenneth Makuta (13); Birdie Reynolds (17); Earlene Birge (17).

**April Anniversaries:** Tina & John Barnum (08).

*"Rejoice with those who rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)*



	Recent Records	March 14, 2010	March 21, 2010
Bible Class		56	60
AM Worship		73	70
PM Worship		51	51
Wednesday PM		51	N/C
Contribution		\$1738	\$1129

Privileged to Serve	03/28/10 - AM	03/28/10 - PM	04/04/10 - AM	04/04/10 - PM
Greeters	Mileen & Ashley Kalich		John & Tina Barnum	
Scripture Reader Scripture Reading		Garrett Barnum Colossians 3:12-17		John Barnum
Opening Prayer	Allen Griffith	Ken Makuta	Gene Bannister	Billy Chism
Wait on Table	Hank Wheeler*, Tom Wilcox Don Smith, John Barnum	Hank Wheeler	Jim Moore*, James Fuller Michael Bickford, Garrett Barnum	Jim Moore
Closing Prayer	Michael Bickford	James Fuller	Hank Wheeler	Tom Wilcox
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey		Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey	
Wednesday Devotionals	March 31 Don Smith	April 7 James Fuller	April 14 Ken Makuta	April 21 Allen Griffith

**Studies For The Week of March 28th:**

Sunday Class ..... Vendall Dollarhide

Wednesday Class ..... 5th Wednesday Singing

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men of Israel” (2 Samuel 15:6) and David was forced to flee the kingdom as Absalom and those that conspired against the king took over Jerusalem. David’s own son was now seeking to kill him (2 Samuel 16:11). Even in the midst of that pain, David commanded his army as they went out against his son, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom” (2 Samuel 18:5). But during the course of the battle, Absalom became caught in a tree so that he was suspended and, contrary to David’s command, Joab killed Absalom (2 Samuel 18:9, 14). David was told that “the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee” (2 Samuel 18:31). However, David’s concern was for his son; when he heard that Absalom was dead, he “was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!” (2 Samuel 18:33). What a different reaction! David did not mourn at the first death but he did at the second. The first died in an innocent state but the second in a rebellious state, both against David and

God. David had no hope of seeing this son again and so he mourned greatly.

These two accounts teach us a number of lessons. For one, we see the consequences of sin. David was forgiven but still had to face a number of consequences of that sin. Also we see that there are many loved ones that have gone on that we can meet again if we will be faithful to God. When the faithful die, they are gone, but not forever. They serve as another reason for us to be faithful—that we might see them again. But also we see the different states of man at death. There is sorrow at the death of a faithful person but also joy—that person has gone to a much better place and one day we can be with them again. But there can only be sorrow at the death of the unfaithful. There is no hope of paradise; their life can only remind us of the need to live faithfully that we won’t meet the same end. How are we living? Are we living so that we can see those that are faithful, that we can be with them? Or are we living on the path to destruction? Let us continue faithfully serving God.

*~Ryan Smithey*

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