

# Shenandoah

## church of Christ

# TRIUMPH

**“Do you know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it” (1 Cor. 9:24)**

## The Holy Spirit (11)

*Gabriel Rodriguez*

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In Romans 1-3, Paul addresses the sin problem of both Gentile and Jew, and concluded, “*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*” (3:23). He then addressed the true problem of sin, which was, men weren’t being justified through “*the law of faith*” (3:27-28), which Jesus Christ demonstrated in his life (3:21-22,24-26). And what exactly was “law of faith”? It was, as chapter 4 spoke of concerning the example of Abraham, complete obedience unto the will of God (vss. 13-25). “*Therefore being justified by faith* (complete obedience) *we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*” (5:1). This is why Jesus Christ became the focal point of what it truly meant to be obedient unto God. Hence, the “life of Christ” is what saves us (5:10), in which he courageously maintained his righteous despite great struggles and challenges to his life (5:2-9, cf. Heb. 12:1-3). Hence, Christ become the “*atonement*” for all men (5:11). The word “*atonement*” is defined as restoration to divine favor. But how did Christ restore us to divine favor? By showcasing what God desired from His creation - obedience, which Christ demonstrated man could accomplish if he set his mind to it. And this is exactly what Paul spoke of in 5:12-21. Paul contrasted Adam and Christ. Through Adam “*sin entered into the world, and*

*death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned*” (v. 12), but through Christ the “*justification of life*” was made available to all men (v. 18). How did this occur? Paul explained in verse 19, “*For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinner, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*” The word “*made*” is key here. It is the Greek word *kathistemi* and is defined (in this context) as “to show or exhibit one’s self; therefore, to set down.” In other words, what Adam demonstrated in his life that yielded death was disobedience, and through disobedience, sin was born, and consequently, physical and spiritual death (Rom. 6:23). But on the other hand, what Christ demonstrated was obedience that yielded life, both physically and spiritually. So each man demonstrated the possibility of each action. But the problem was, men followed the actions of Adam. Therefore, Paul addressed the idea of a new beginning for mankind? It came through the “symbolic gesture” of the blood of Christ (3:24-25; 5:9). But what did this mean? It meant that through the blood of Christ, which equals life (Lev. 17:11), Christ restored us (“*atonement*”) from spiritual death to be given another chance to demonstrate unto God obedience and faith. May God be praised!

# An Analysis of 1 Corinthians 12-14 (11)

## Church News and Announcements

### CONGREGATION

The Ladies' Bible class and Men's training class will meet today at 4:00 pm. The ladies will be studying lesson 12 and the men will continue their study in the book of Zephaniah.

The Sunny Glen Children's Home is asking for Liquid Laundry Detergent and Powered Drink Mixes. As before, you can either purchase these items on your own and place them in the library or give a check to one of the elders, memo the check for Sunny Glen, and the elders will buy what they need in bulk. We have till June 14 to make purchases or give donation.

### YOUTH

The youth devotional will be hosted by sister Sarah on May 13th at 7:00 pm in the Annex Building.

### YOUNG ADULT

The young adult devotional will be hosted by sister Carolyn on May 27th at 7:00 pm. More details to come later.

### AREA NEWS

See bulletin board in the foyer for many area wide meetings and youth events.

Continuing in our discussion of the Lord's Supper and its meaning within the context of chapter 11, Paul wanted the brethren to "*examine themselves*" before they partook of the emblems of the LS. Why? In partaking of the emblems, which are representative of the life of Christ, a life of obedience and selflessness. Paul said that they were not to take the emblems "*unworthily*." The word "*unworthily*" meant one whose life that did not have merit or value. In other words, as Christ's life gave him merit and value, a Christian that hasn't mimicked the life of Christ is an affront to God and therefore "*eats and drinks damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body - unworthily*" (v. 29). In other words, he really doesn't know the import and significance of the emblems of the LS, and by saying one thing and doing another, we show ourselves hypocrites and unworthily. This is why Paul said, "*many were weak, sickly, and sleep*" (v. 30). This meant that many were spiritually derelict and inept, and thus were condemned with those in the world (vss. 31-32).

The Apostle Paul then retreated to his initial argument and complaint- "*Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another*" (v. 33). The

word "*tarry*" meant to be show oneself hospitable to others. In other words, learning from the emblems of the LS, showcasing a righteous and selfless life, we ought to demonstrate a selfless life to one another, one that thinks about the welfare of others above our own (Phil. 2:3-4). This is why he mentioned, "*And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto judgment...*" (v. 34). Not only were the wealthy not providing for those less fortunate, but some in the love feasts ate to only satisfy themselves without disregard another's welfare. The whole point being, **selfishness** was destroying them.

This, then, sets the stage for chapters 12-14. The idea of selfishness bred chaos and division, which the Apostle Paul had to address. Brethren were no longer exhibiting the true intent of the LS, rather then were concerned only with themselves. Remember, we don't live on an island by ourselves, rather we live in a world, which forces us to consider others before ourselves. The LS helps us to remember this, through the life of Christ - his selfless acts of kindness to his fellowman and our continuance of the same. May God be praised!

**Bro. G. Rodriguez**

## WHAT SAITH THE LORD?

Nearly two thousand years ago an important question was raised before the Apostles after they had delivered the good news of Jesus's life, death, burial, and resurrection (Acts 2:21-36). The hearer's conscience were pricked of sinful conduct (2 Cor. 7: 10-11) and asked: "*Men and brethren, what shall we do* (in order to be saved)? (Acts 2:37). Without hesitation, Peter elevated his voice and proclaimed: "*Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit*" (Acts 2:38).

Upon hearing the words of Peter, the people obeyed. This demonstrated their belief in Christ (Jn. 8:24). Hence, they repented of sin and confessed allegiance to the name of Christ (Matt. 10:32-33). Afterwards, the people were baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:41, cf. Mrk. 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21).

The people's submission to the words of salvation granted them a relationship with God the Father by accessing citizenship into the church of Christ (Acts 2:47, cf. Matt. 16:18; Mrk. 9:1; Acts. 2:1-4). As a member of Christ's body (Acts 8:4) the people were then encouraged to live faithful unto death by conquering sin in their lives (Rev. 2:10; Rom. 6: 4-12; 2 Tim. 4: 6-8). We then await for the coming day in which all men shall be judged the word of God (Jn 12:48; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Cor. 5:10). Will we be ready?

## SHEPHERD'S CORNER

### What Kind Of Faith Will Save?

Any person who casually roams the New Testament cannot fail to see the importance of faith. "And without faith it is impossible to please Him..." (Heb. 11:6). "For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7). Faith is the cornerstone of our relationship to God. Faith in his Son is the key to knowing God and being His child. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Clearly, faith is necessary to our walk with God.

Yet, listening to some people talk about faith, there seems to be much disagreement about how faith saves and what kind of faith saves. "What use is it, my brethren if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him?" (James 2:14). James states that faith must be accompanied by action, or it will avail nothing. Many argue that this violates God's grace. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). It is certainly true that we are saved by God's grace through faith. God's grace is not earned, as Paul plainly states. Some think James contradicts Paul. But James is merely defining the kind of faith that saves. James is not saying we are saved without grace and by our own effort. James knew that works alone did man no good, just as Paul did. What James is teaching us is about the kind of faith that saves. There is no question that we are saved by faith, but what kind of faith? So, as we look at various types of faith, let us ask the question: "What kind of faith will save?"

**Bro. W. Holmes**

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### BISHOPS/SHEPHERDS/ELDERS

(1 Tim. 3: 1-6)

Brother Elwyn Hipp (830) 510-6311,  
Brother Wayne Holmes (210) 696-8597

### DEACON

(Acts 6: 1-5; 1  
Tim. 3: 7-12)

Brother Raul Baltierra  
(210) 843-9730

### GOSPEL PREACHER

(1 Cor. 9:1-16; 1 Tim.  
4:6; 2 Tim. 4: 2-5)

Brother Gabriel Rodriguez  
(210)315-4453



## April 24

### AM WORSHIP

Announcements: *G. Rodriguez*  
 Opening Prayer: *E. Castillo*  
 Song Leader: *R. Trevino*  
 Lord's Supper: *N. Esenowo; R. Balterierra Jr.; M. de la Garza; E. Lerma*

Scripture: *Mrk. 15:33-39*  
 Sermon: *G. Rodriguez*  
 Benediction: *B. Dorries*

### PM WORSHIP

Announcements: *G. Rodriguez*  
 Opening Prayer: *J. Mokry*  
 Song Leader: *Cong. Singing*  
 Lord's Supper: *E. Castillo; S. Hernandez*

Sermon: *G. Rodriguez*  
 Benediction: *R. Trevino*

After Greeter: *E. Creek*  
 Greeter/Usher: *R. Baltierra*  
 AV Duty: *M. de la Garza*  
 Elder in charge: *W. Holmes*

### REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED

(by writing, calling, and praying)

Wayne Holmes  
 Rina White  
 Joe Guillen  
 Sarah Cannon  
 Ina Dial  
 David and Elijah Sudhoff  
 Roy Guajardo (battling Parkinsons)  
 Rose Scott (grandmother of Clay and Wes Bond)  
 Caral O'Banon  
 Glenn Gribble  
 Torres' family  
 Rose's aunt (Mary Hardiman)

### BATTLING CANCER:

Barbara Oakes      Johna Dorries  
 Abigail Reyes      Graciola Anderson  
 George Jackson      Briana Nieves  
 Sonny Cary      Elwyn Hipp  
 Gwen Parker      Lori Main's father  
 Tomas Guillen

### SHUT-INS:

Dorothy Harper  
 Dazel Ball (rehab, following surgery)  
 Mildred Geest

### TRAVELING:

A. Jacob; Courtney Cobb (Japan); Hipps

**DEPLOYED:** Jimmie Cardenas

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES APRIL

Organizing Monthly Luncheon:  
*Dorries*  
 Preparing Lord's Supper:  
*Neaves*  
 Auditorium Service Duties:  
*Mora*  
 Wash baptismal garments; clean cry  
 room  
*NA*  
 Brother in charge of services:  
*T. Mayces*

AM Theme:  
*"Praising God" - A Study in the book of Psalms*  
 PM Theme:  
*Setting the Church in Order - A Study in the books of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus*

### AM Sermon:

*Psalm 49*

### PM Sermon:

*Congregational Singing*

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL

May 4: **J. Guillen**

May 11: **R. Baltierra Jr.**

May 18: **T. Mayces**

## FOR THE RECORD

### April 17

#### Attendance:

Sunday Bible Study      54  
 Sunday AM Worship      80  
 Sunday PM Worship      33  
 Wednesday Bible Study      52  
 Budget/Offering:      **\$2,140.02/ \$1,641.50**

Weekly Bible Readers: 11/32 (Adult Bible class)

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday: Bible Study at 9:30 am; Worship at 10:30 am;  
 Worship at 5:00 pm.

Wednesday: Bible Study at 7:00 pm