

God continues to bless the Hamburg Pike congregation!

Studying with Eric Sunday evening after services, Janet Palmer learned and understood what she needed to do to be saved and was immersed into Christ for the remission of her sins. Eric's family was present for the wonderful occasion. We welcome Janet into God's family.

Also Sunday evening Rudy Ayala was baptized for the remission of his sins. He is the fiancé of Devin Raines. Eric and his family were present for this wonderful occasion. We welcome Rudy into God's family

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What Is The Soul?

The Hebrew term for "soul" is nephesh, found over 780 times in the Old Testament. Because the context may vary, it's not always translated as "soul." Nephesh, therefore, signifies different things, depending upon the passage in which it is found.

Likewise, in the New Testament, the original Greek word for "soul" is psuche, found 103 times. Our modern word "psychology" comes from this word. Let's look at a few ways "soul" is used in the Scriptures.

"Soul" can refer to an individual person. The prophet Ezekiel declared the "soul" (i.e., the person) that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:20), or, as Peter would write hundreds of years later: "in the days of Noah...eight souls were saved by water" (1 Pet. 3:20). "Soul" can also refer to that aspect of man which is characterized by the intellectual and emotional parts of him (Gen. 27:25; Job 30:16).

Most importantly, however, the body has been endowed by the God of Heaven with a "soul" (John 12:27). Specifically, mans' soul is the spiritual component of man that is fashioned in the very image of God (Gen. 1:26), and that can exist apart from the physical body. Jesus made reference to the soul in Mt. 10:28, where He warns, "...fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." We see from this verse that a definite distinction is made between the soul and body. Who can kill the body? Mankind can do that. The daily news usually features at least one victim who has died at the hands of another human being. However, man cannot kill the soul, for the soul is not physical, but spiritual, able to exist without the body.

Rachel's soul did not die with her body; rather, it departed from her body when she died. Gen. 35:18, "And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin."

In I Kings 17:21-22, the soul of a widow's son returned when he was brought back to life; the obvious indication being that when the soul departs, the body dies, while the soul's existence continues. To bring life back to the child, Elijah "...stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. 22And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived." Again, we must conclude the soul leaves the body at death and continues.

In Luke 12:20, the rich fool was told, "...this night thy soul shall be required of thee then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" The clear implication being that when his soul was taken, his body would cease to exist. Hence the question, "...then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

The important things to understand are these: 1) Your soul will live forever. 2) It will either spend eternity in Heaven or Hell: there is no "purgatory" or "in-between" state (Heb. 9:27; Luke 16:19-31). The Bible only speaks of two destinations: Heaven or Hell, so we ask, "Where will your soul spend eternity?"

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Leadership

Elders Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey
Deacons Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,
Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney
Pulpit Minister Eric Welch
Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Schedule of Services

Sunday
Bible Class 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

Panama Mission

Pablo Sanchez

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and Bible Correspondence Courses - Phone (812) 284-3125

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Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: "Hosanna in the Highest!" Mark 11:1-11
Sunday Evening: Singing Emphasis

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service		PM Service		AM & PM Services	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Matt Johnson	Announcements	Joe Sweeney
Opening Prayer	Rick Martin	Bible Reading	Michael Hawkins	Lord's Supper	Jerry Casey
Scripture	Leon Stocksdale	Selection	42	Offering	Grover Blanton
Sermon	Eric Welch	Prayer	Greg Blanton	Usher	Ernie Marshall
Lord's Supper		Sermon	<i>Singing Emphasis</i>	Count Offering	Robby Stocksdale
Message	Clint Smith Jr	Closing Prayer	Clint Smith Sr	Assist Count	Marc Owens
Attendant	Jerry Montgomery	<i>If you are unable to serve, please</i>		Last Sunday	
Attendant	Hank Tincher	<i>call Art Patrick 502-819-9481</i>		Contribution	Attendance
Closing Prayer	Irvin Williams	<i>or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511</i>		\$2,609	82

Are You Going that Way?

Eric Welch

Someone comes to you and asks, "Where do you go to church?" You reply, "I am just a Christian, a member of the church of Christ." Then you notice the person's body language as if you had not bathed in a week. He becomes deathly quiet and says nothing else to you the rest of the day. Why? Maybe they have had a negative experience with a brother in Christ. Perhaps they believe rumors that the church of the Lord is a cult and all of us are brainwashed.

Did you know that that the early church was considered a cult as early as the time of Paul? Paul spoke to the Jewish leaders when he arrived in Rome. They replied, "But we desire to hear from you what your views are; for concerning this sect, it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere" (Acts 28:22). According to early church history, Christians were often accused of the disruption of business (cf. Acts 19:21ff). They were accused of disloyalty to the government if they refused to offer sacrifice to the gods or to join the army. They were accused of immorality such as incest, when ignorant people heard them express love for their brother or sister in Christ. They concluded that this love must be lust. They were accused of being anti-family when they put into practice Jesus' instruction to put him first before family (Luke 14:23). The church was accused of cannibalism with the partaking of the "blood" and "body" of the Lord Supper. Any natural disasters that occurred were blamed on Christians. Christians were called atheists for denying the gods. They were accused of anti-social behavior or being "haters of mankind" if they refused invitations to come to the pagan temple to celebrate, for example, a birthday party or a wedding or to participate in civic festivals there.

So, why should we be surprised of being called a cult if we truly take our faith as seriously as our brothers and sisters from the early church did? Peter writes, "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial (persecution) when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed" (1 Peter 4:12-13). The reason the early Christians were persecuted was because Romans thought Christians were a threat. They were right. Living for Christ is counter cultural in many ways. The same is true today. Many in our country see New Testament Christianity as a threat. For example, those who profess Christianity are being accused of bigotry and intolerance, that is, "haters of mankind." History is repeating itself.

Christians aren't brainwashed, they are just sin-washed. To accuse the church of Christ of being a cult is to accuse Jesus of being a cult leader? Who would dare go there? And what some people call a cult, the inspired Paul calls 'the Way' (Acts 24:14).

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Hamburg Pike Happenings

A Youth Devotional is scheduled for Thursday October 22nd, 6:30pm at the building.

Mark your calendar for our Fall Gospel meeting scheduled for October 23rd, 24th and 25th with speaker Eddie Boggess. Flyers are available on the table.

A Singing Emphasis service is scheduled for Sunday evening October 25th.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet October 26th. The meal theme will be a chili supper. Sign-up sheet will be on the table.

On Wednesday night, October 28th, after Bible study, we'll have a short meeting for those who plan to participate in Trunk or Treat.

Mark Your Calendars! Our annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 30th at the building. Please join us if you can.

On Friday, October 30th, after Trunk or Treat, we'll have a hotdog/marshmallow roast. Sign-up sheet will be on the table.

The Ladies Bible Class will meet Saturday morning, October 31st, at 10:00am at the church building.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the communion trays. Please check the volunteer sign-up list on the bulletin board for the schedule.

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