

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 10:30 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth
1 Thessalonians 1:8

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Craving Approval

-Joe Slater

We like to be liked and love to be loved. It's normal. And like most normal things, we can carry it to unhealthy extremes. How many "likes" did I get on my Facebook post? Only fourteen? Woe is me!

The earliest Christians in Jerusalem were "praising God and having favor with all the people" (Acts 2:47). The general population looked on those disciples approvingly as they saw them living reverently before God and taking care of the needy (2:42-45). Does our example today encourage our community's approval? "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Before long, however, those positive feelings turned into bitter opposition and persecution. Proclaiming the risen Jesus as the Messiah didn't set well with the religious elite. How disappointing! Our ancient brethren, however, didn't despair, nor did they modify their message or their conduct. Even when beaten, they thanked God for the privilege of suffering for Jesus (Acts 5:41).



When the world looks favorably upon you as you do right, that's icing on the cake! But don't allow yourself to develop an unhealthy craving for people's approval. Remember these words from Jesus: "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Luke 6:26).

"For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10).

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June 22-28, 2024

2024 Theme:
The Gospel Is for All

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Paul's Journey to Rome**Acts 28:1-31****I. Paul Shipwrecked on Malta- v. 1-10**

- A. The fickleness of men- v. 1-6, Mark 16:17-18, 2 Corinthians 12:12, Hebrews 2:4
- B. The diligent working of Paul- v. 5-10, Philippians 2:3-4, 3:13-14, John 9:4, 1 Corinthians 15:58

II. Paul Arrives at Rome- v. 11-16

- A. Brotherly love- v. 14-15, Romans 16:22-24, 28-33, 1 Peter 1:22, 1 John 3:18
- B. Paul's privilege- v. 16, Acts 26:31-32, 27:9-10, 21-26, 27-32, 33-38, 1 Peter 3:16, Colossians 4:14, 2 Timothy 4:11

III. Paul's Time in Rome- v. 17-31

- A. Everywhere it is spoken against- v. 17-22, Acts 17:6-7, 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 1 Peter 4:4
- B. One last defense- v. 23-28, Genesis 12:3, Deuteronomy 18:15-19, Isaiah 2:1-5, 7:14, 9:6-7, Micah 5:2, Romans 11:11
- C. Paul's work in Rome- v. 30-31, Romans 1:15-16, Philippians 1:12-14, 4:22

Worship Service**Announcements**

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Prayer

Song: 495 O the Depth and the Riches

Lord's Supper and Contribution

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Song: 833 Ring Out the Message

Song: 717 Victory in Jesus

Scripture Reading: Acts 28:11-16**Sermon**

Song: 368 Jesus Paid It All

Song: 756 When We All Get to Heaven (v. 1, 4)

Prayer**Acts 28:11-16****Acts 28:11-16**

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HIMSELF
MONTHS
PRISONERS
MEET
THREE
ISLAND
APPRI
ROME

- ¹¹ After three months we sailed in an Alexandrian ship whose figurehead was the Twin Brothers, which had wintered at the island.
- ¹² And landing at Syracuse, we stayed three days.
- ¹³ From there we circled round and reached Rhegium. And after one day the south wind blew; and the next day we came to Puteoli,
- ¹⁴ where we found brethren, and were invited to stay with them seven days. And so we went toward Rome.
- ¹⁵ And from there, when the brethren heard about us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum and Three Inns. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.
- ¹⁶ Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him.

What must I do to be saved?*Hear: Romans 10:17. Believe: Mark 16:16. Repent: Acts 2:38.**Confess: Romans 10:9-10. Be Baptized: Acts 2:38. Live Faithfully: Revelation 2:10*