

# COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM  
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM  
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



## The Correspondent

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### The Simple Gospel

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I am a simple person. How about you? An article I read about simplicity said there are 10-character traits that make a person simple; *honesty, genuine, polite, good communicator, generous, thoughtful, positive, grateful, minimalist (don't need a lot to have joy), and kind*. Well, after reading that list, I have some work to do.

As I think about the Old Law, simple does not come to mind; complicated does. From creating a golden calf at Mt. Sinai to intermarrying with pagans, the Jews found the Old Law impossible to keep. We see in the New Testament the struggles Jewish Christians had in keeping the Old Law where it needed to be...out of the New Law.

In Acts 15, Christian Pharisees from Judea were teaching that in order to be saved a Gentile had to be circumcised (vs. 1). Paul and Barnabas were sent by the church in Antioch to Jerusalem to discuss this with the elders and apostles. How was this controversial topic discussed by these wise men? Notice verse 6-7...***now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and...***That word *dispute* means questioning and reasoning.

Seems like a peaceful meeting of the minds. Peter made several points. First, God made it clear that Gentiles should hear the gospel. Second, there is no difference between Jew and Gentile when it comes to salvation. Third, matters of the law are nothing but an unnecessary yoke around Gentile's necks. Finally, all of us, Jews and Gentiles alike, can be saved by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We complicate simple things when we add or take away. That is why we are commanded to do neither (Rev. 22:18-19). The simple gospel saves man from eternal punishment (Rom. 1:16). The simplicity of the gospel creates new people with a heart focused on Jesus instead of on self. How simple is it? ***God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son and whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life*** (Jn. 3:16).

Later in Acts 15:19, James said, ***I judge that we should not trouble (annoy) those among the Gentiles who are turning to God***. There was no need for Gentile's to be circumcised to be saved. There are no more animals to be sacrificed (Heb. 9). In fact, ***Jesus has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many*** (Heb. 9:26, 28). The gospel defined is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ (I Cor. 15:1-4). Simple!

#### Ladies' Day

March 14, 2026

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

With Kristi Roque

#### Men's Day

March 21, 2026

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

With Elias Roque

**HOW WE SHOW OUR  
LOVE FOR THE LOST**

NOTES:

**Worship Service**

**Announcements**  
 Song: 982 We Shall Assemble  
 Song: 55 Beyond This Land of Parting

**Prayer**  
 Song: 495 O the Depth and the Riches

**Lord's Supper and Contribution**  
 Song: 19 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 19:1-10

**Sermon**  
 Song: 356 Jesus Is Tenderly Calling (Vs. 1, 3, 4)  
 Song: 983 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Prayer**

**Luke 19:1-10**

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JESUS  
 JERICHO  
 ZACCHAEUS  
 SOUGHT  
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 SYCAMORE  
 TREE  
 HASTE  
 DOWN  
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 COMPLAINED  
 GUEST  
 SINNER  
 HALF  
 GOODS  
 POOR  
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 ACCUSATION  
 FOURFOLD  
 SALVATION  
 ABRAHAM  
 SON  
 MAN  
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 SEEK  
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 LOST

Luke 19:1-10 (NKJV)

- 1 Then *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho.
- 2 Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.
- 3 And he sought to see who *Jesus* was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.
- 4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.
- 5 And when *Jesus* came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."
- 6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.
- 7 But when they saw *it*, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."
- 8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."
- 9 And *Jesus* said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;
- 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

**Why Worship?**

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23*