

## TIME OF SERVICES

### Sunday:

Bible Classes 10:00 A.M.  
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.  
Worship Service 6:00 P.M.

### Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.

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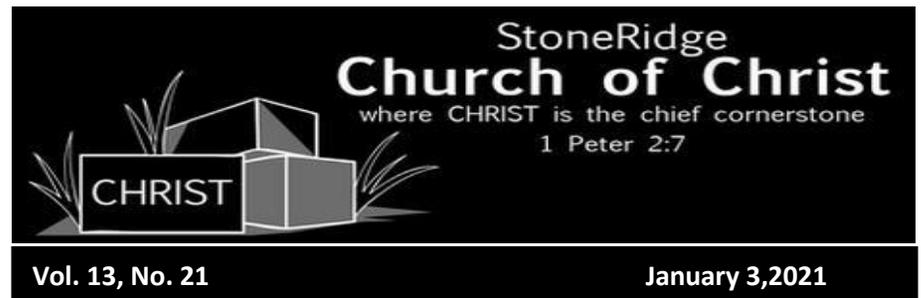
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## Lack Of Knowledge

*“My people are destroyed for **lack of knowledge**: because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children” **Hosea 4:6***

This grave judgement spoken almost 3000 yeas ago reflects a timeless principle that is just as applicable today. When people die without being saved, it is not that God did not want them to be saved, for He would *“have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth”* (1 Tim 2:4). He is *“not willing that any should perish, but tha tall should come to repentance”* (2 Pet 3:9).

The problem is that, when men lack the knowledge that would bring them to Christ for salvation, it is because they have already rejected knowledge that would have led them to the knowledge they need. Paul writes that, *“in the last days,”* men would ve *“every learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth”* (2 Tim 3:1,7). And the next verse tells why. It is because they *“resist the truth”* (2 Tim 3:8). *“They shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fabels”* (2 Tim 4:4).

Peter says thaty those who question God’s word in favor of an assumed naturalistic view of history *“willingly are ignorant”* (2 Pet 3:5), and God says that if they refuse to see the evidence of the Creator in His creation , they are *“without excuse”* (Rom 1:20). Whether or not they have read God’s word, they have an intuitive knowledge of God ahd His law in their consciences (Rom 2:15), with their thoughts *“accusing or else excusing one another.”*



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The Lord has promised that “unto you that hear shall more be given” (Mk 4:24). But then He also warned: “He that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he has” (Mk 4:25).

### The Standard

Sometimes it is said that the standard is too high; that there is no use to try to reach it.

If this is true, by how much should it be lowered? For example, the standard is to tell the truth. Is this too much to ask? How often should one be permitted to lie? If the standard were lowered it would destroy its perfection, and livip up to an imperfect standard does not demand one’s best. A perfect standard alone is worthy of God, and with His forgivenedss and our determination we can reach it.

### The Words We Say

The words we say are scratches deep,  
Upon the surface bare;  
We can remove the varnish,  
But The markings are still there.

Some things there are we cannot mend,  
Or wrest ro former glow;  
For once the grain is scored in pain,  
The scars will ewver show. –Roxie Smith



**No smile is so beautiful as the one that struggles through tears.**

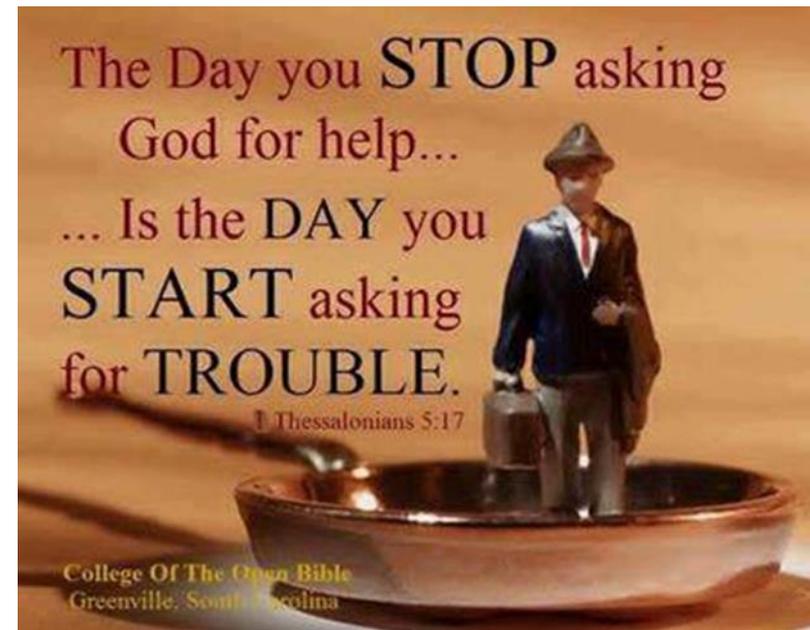
**Experience is a great teacher, but not always the prettiest.**

### News/Notes/Quotes

**THE SICK.** **Debbie Spencer** continues to improve, but it has been a process....  
...Remember **Alice Stevens** as she continues to deal with cancer **Marshall Lands** is now at Encompass Rehab. **Shut-ins:** **Beverly Allen** is confined at home...**Charles Bradsher** is at St. Elizabeth’s Place...**Gail Brooks** has been unable to be out...**Shirley Coots** is confined at Walnut Ridge Nursing Home...**Elizabeth Keller** is at The Springs Nursing Home.

**DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.** Nola has prepared the schedule for reading the Bible through in one year, five days per week. Be sure to pick up a copy!

**A NEW YEAR!** We want to wish everybody a truly blessed new year – better than 2020! **“The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace” Numbers 6:24,25.**



**Satan will use a little truth to float a big lie.**

***“Free thinkers” are usually those who desire to be guided by the wisdom of men.***

***A person who is weak in his opposition to error is usually weak in his defense of the truth.***

***When our words are good, true and wise we should translate them into deeds.***

