

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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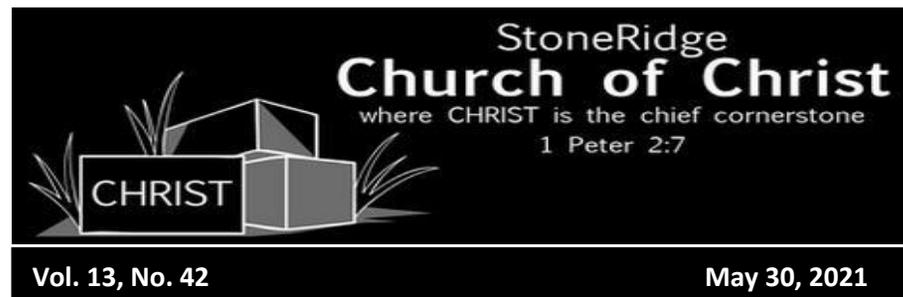
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Humility ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION

There should be no question in the minds of Bible students that there are some specific acts that one must obey in becoming a child of God. We see *all* of those present in the conversion of the Ethiopian treasurer. He **heard the word** preached (Acts 8:35). He **believed** it (v.37). his **repentance** or **change of mind** is seen in his decision to obey the gospel, thus turning away from Judaism. He made the noble **confession** of Christ as God's son (v.37). And, he was **baptized** (v.38).

But there is something else that is not a specific act nor is it specifically stated in his conversion account. It is the attitude that is prerequisite to all of this and which must accompany the individual both in **becoming** a Christian and **remaining** a Christian. It is humility – regarding one's self as of low degree (always used in a good sense in the NT). This wonderful quality was characteristic of this nobleman.

FIRST, it is seen in the fact that here was an influential man of high estate. Being the Secretary of the Treasury of a nation is not a minor position. Here was a man high enough in the government to get his speeding tickets fixed! But it didn't go to his head. Here was a man who traveled approximately 1000 miles to do what he could at Jerusalem, *though a eunuch could not enter into the congregation* (Dt 23:1). He accepted a lowly place.

SECOND, his humility is seen in that he was not insulted when Philip asked: "Understandest what thou readest? (v.30). Imagine approaching a dignitary of our day with the question: "Do you understand what you're reading??" All too

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quickly you might accused of being uncouth in some not-so-nice terms.

THIRD, the acceptance of the person of Philip is an indication of the treasurer's humility. Dignitaries don't usually pick up hitch-hikers, but this one did. In fact, he invited him to come up into the chariot and teach him. In essence, he was saying "I want light. I want the truth regardless of the source from which it comes." He was not ashamed to admit that he needed guidance nor ashamed to accept it.

And FOURTH, his question, "What hinders me from being baptized?" if further evidence of an humble man. Possibly remembers the restrictions against eunuchs under Judaism, he was asking: "Is there some reason why I could not be eligible as a suitable candidate for baptism?"

Humble people are easy to convert. That's why the eunuch was converted. In fact, Jesus said: (Mt 18:3,4): "...Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." -db

Just One Mistake

He brushed his teeth twice a day. He went through the clinic twice a year. He wore his overshoes when it rained. He slept with the windows open. He stuck to a diet of vegetables. He golfed, but only nine holes at a time. He got eight hours of sleep every night. He never smoked, drank or lost his temper. He always rested *all day Sunday*. He was set to live to be a hundred.

He is survived by eighteen specialists, four health institutions, fifteen doctors and a great host of makes of health and body building foods and antiseptics. He made only one mistake, *he forgot God*. He is now with those who say, "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jer 8:20).

The devil is an equal opportunity employer. All who work for him will go to hell.

THE SICK Wanda Camp has not been feeling well this past week...

Gail Brooks has been unable to assemble...**Shirley Coots** is confined at Walnut Ridge Nursing Home...**Elizabeth Keller** is at The Springs Nursing Home. **Editha Kern** at Liberty ark Assisted Living....**Charles Bradsher** is at St.Elizabeth's Place.

WEDDING BELLS! Congrats and Best Wishes to **Will Pierce** and **Francisca Constancio** were united in marriage yesterday!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS. 1st – Steve Lands; 2nd – Jacob Rossman; 4th – Billie Johnson; 6th – Scott Stubblefield; 7th – Debbie Spencer; 11th – Brooke Lands; 12th – Dick Blackford; 13th Levi Lands, Elsie Starr; 14th – Bob Evans; 15th – Daelyn Bishop, Ryan Johns; 16th – Lori Watson; 19th – Herb Starr; 20th – Brad Leddgerwood; 23rd – Lucas McGregor; 26th – Trey Moody, Sarah Benton; 24th – Editha Kern; 27th – Wanda Camp; 30th – Sherri Horton, Lavonda Townsley

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God's Two Laws of Pardon

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." Romans 16:17

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THE GOSPEL MUST BE HEARD <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Romans 10:17■ John 8:32	CHRISTIANS DO ERR <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ James 5:19-20■ 1 Timothy 4:1■ Galatians 6:1
THE GOSPEL MUST BE BELIEVED <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ John 8:24■ Mark 16:16	SINS MUST BE REPENTED OF <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Acts 8:22
SINS MUST BE REPENTED OF <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Luke 13:3, 5■ Acts 2:38	SINS MUST BE CONFESSED <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 1 John 1:8-10
CHRIST MUST BE CONFESSED <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Matthew 10:32-33■ Romans 10:10	THERE MUST BE PRAYER <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 1 John 2:1-2■ Acts 8:22
THERE MUST BE BAPTISM (IMMERSION) FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Acts 2:38■ Acts 22:16■ 1 Peter 3:21■ Galatians 3:27	

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The best way to succeed in life is to act on the advice you give to others.

Past experience should be a guide post, not a hitching post.

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