

## SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Sunday morning worship (Bible study) .....	9:30 AM
Sunday morning worship (Preaching) .....	10:30 AM
Sunday afternoon worship (Preaching).....	4:00 PM
Wednesday evening worship (Bible Study).....	7:00 PM

## NEWS AND NOTES

**SCHEDULE:** The schedule for October is posted on the bulletin board so the men can see what their responsibilities are for the month.

**SERVICE TIMES:** We are meeting at our normal schedule of assemblies.

**STAYING IN:** As a result of the of the Corona Virus some members may quarantine themselves at home because of contact with an infectious person or underling health issues or just precautionary. We respect their decisions.

**SICK AND SHUT-INS:** Both Jack and Brenda Elliott are doing better after having Pneumonia. However, Brenda is still taking some antibiotics. Zola Basham continues to do well following hip surgery. Donna Criswell is under a lot of stress caring for her aunt, Nell Barrett, who is not doing well, and neither is Donna's brother and brother-in-law. Remember Telford's brother and brother-in-law. Nancy Summerford's mother is in last stages of Alzheimer's. Virgie Waddle fell Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, nothing broken, but she is bruised and sore. Hopefully, she will be able to be back at services soon. Remember Virgie's sister-in-law, Jean Malone in the nursing home in Golden. Richard Hammock's dad has been moved to the Red Bay hospital for his physical therapy. His mother tested negative, his sister tested positive, but is doing well at home.

**COVID-19** Tony and Lynette Horton and their daughter Alyssa tested positive for covid-19, and were quite ill for a while, but all are better now. There are others that members here know about who have this virus.

**TEACHING EFFORTS:** Our teaching bulletin, the **EASTSIDE EXAMINER**, was inserted in the **Red Bay News** the first week of October. Copies of the new issue are on the table in the foyer for those who do not receive a paper. These may also be used to give to a friend or neighbor. When these are depleted, more can be printed. There is also an ad in the local paper once a month offering a free Bible correspondence course. There are DVD copies of past TV programs available. The radio program on 95.5 FM at 10 AM each Sunday continues. Please pray that these efforts will reach people interested in studying God's word.

**VACATION:** Jerry and Dottie Henderson will be leaving the 22<sup>nd</sup> for a trip to Texas to visit family and friends. They plan to be back home the 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS / SINGINGS:** There is an "out-door" meeting at Elgin Hills, Oct 18-21 at 7:00 p.m. with Neal Gilbert speaking. If you know of meetings or singings in the area, please tell the one making announcements.

## POINTS TO PONDER

- The wisest mind has something yet to learn.

# THE EASTSIDE REMINDER

2Pet 1:12-15

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## "CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD"

By Kyle Campbell

The expression "calling on the name of the Lord" occurs 13 times in various forms in the Bible (Genesis 4:26; 12:8; 13:4; 26:25; 1Kings 18:24; 2 Kings 5:11; Psalm 116:13, 17; Joel 2:32; Zephaniah 3:9; Acts 2:21; 22:16; Romans 10:13). "Call" means "to appeal, to ask for help." We need to know what it means to call on the name of the Lord because our salvation depends on this calling, as seen in Acts 2:21: "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Without a careful study of this statement, some may conclude that salvation is obtained through a verbal appeal, such as, "Lord Jesus, come into my heart and save my soul!" Jesus actually taught the exact opposite in Matthew 7:21 when He said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Heaven is not promised to those who merely make a verbal acknowledgment of the Lord.

This can be further seen in Romans 10:12-14 which says, "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Please notice that there is a difference in belief

and calling on the name of the Lord. As Paul just said, no one can call on the name of the Lord unless they first believe. But you can also see that calling on the name of the Lord involves more than belief. There is a clear sequence according to Paul: a preacher is sent, he preaches the word, the sinner hears the word, the sinner believes the word, and the sinner calls on the name of the Lord.

To reinforce this, the Bible contains two specific accounts of individuals calling on the name of the Lord. The first is in Acts 2:37. When these Jews heard the gospel, and believed that they had crucified the Lord, they asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (v. 37). Peter had told them that those who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. He then told them in v. 38 that they must be baptized, thus connecting repentance and baptism with calling on the name of the Lord. The second example occurs in Acts 22:16, which describes the conversion of Saul. Ananias came to Saul and said, "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Submitting to water baptism was the means of calling on the name of the Lord.

To use the phrase "call on the name of the Lord" as a means of denying the necessity of baptism for salvation is a terrible misuse of scripture. The good news of the gospel is that salvation is available to everyone that calls on the name of the Lord. This does not mean everyone who calls Jesus "Lord," but everyone who submits to the conditions He taught in His word, which follows the thoughts in Hebrews 5:9: "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him ..."

## **THE ERMINE'S EXAMPLE**

By Glen Young

There is a unique little animal found in the forests of northern Europe and Asia. It is called the ermine. In the wintertime, the ermine's fur turns snow-white. When his fur becomes snow-white, the ermine instinctively protects his coat against anything that would soil it. The ermine will go to great lengths to keep his fur spotless.

Fur hunters have devised a way to take advantage of this unusual trait. Instead of setting a trap to catch the ermine, they find his home, then smear the entrance and interior with grime. When the ermine, who is being chased by dogs set

loose by the hunters, sees the filth at his burrow, he will not enter. The ermine's instinct to preserve the purity of his coat is so strong that he will die rather than defile himself with filth. For the ermine, purity is more precious than physical life.

God requires that those who would be righteous maintain themselves in purity. In Numbers 15:38, 40, the people of God were told to, ... put upon the fringe of each border a cord of blue: ... so that they would ... remember and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God. When the Israelite saw the blue cord upon his garment, he would remember the holy purpose for his life and the need to keep himself from sin.

The vile sinner becomes clean (white) when he puts on the Lord Jesus in baptism. "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on his name." Acts 22:16 ... "... they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Revelations 7:14.

The Christian is pure, "And every one that hath this hope (set) on him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." 1John 3:3. For this reason Paul admonished Timothy to, "Lay hands hastily on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure." 1Timothy 5:22.

In view of these things, is it any wonder that Paul would instruct the Corinthian brethren to, "... Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, And touch no unclean thing; And I will receive you," 2Corinthians 6:17.

The gravest danger facing the church is not whether local congregations will lose their tax-exempt status from the IRS nor that they will lose their buildings. The gravest danger facing Christians is the threat of worldliness. Too often, it is difficult to tell the Christian from the worldly sinner. The manner of dress, the words that proceed out to the mouth, the places one frequents and the type of entertainment we enjoy, all reflect upon our purity. When the desire is to be with worldliness, it is impossible to keep off the filth of the world. Although we are in the world, we are not to be of the world. James tells us that to practice pure and undefiled religion one must "... keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

The instinct of the ermine was to die rather than defile his beautiful coat. Pray that you, dear Christian, will have the spiritual fortitude to maintain your purity even if it costs your life. (Matthew 16:25)