

Those Serving This Week

Sunday: 10:30AM

—Opening Prayer	Raymond Poston
—Lead Singing	David Tiffin
—Lord’s Supper	Bruce Tooley
	Austin Henderson
—Lesson	Tim Henderson
—Closing Prayer	J D Griffin
—Announcements	Tim Henderson

Sunday: 4 PM

—Opening Prayer	Woody Edwards
—Lead Singing	Randy Elliott

Wednesday: 7 PM

—Lesson	J D Griffin
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This weeks reading:
Mark 3-4

**Studies
In
Matthew**

Sunday at 9:30 AM

***Bible
Survey***

Wednesday 7PM

 <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;"><i>Eastside Church of Christ</i></p>	<p><i>“whatever is true, ... honorable, ... just, ... pure, ... lovely, ... commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things”</i> Phil. 4:8 (ESV)</p>
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***Professed Beliefs vs.
Practical Beliefs***

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We appreciate your presence here today. We extend an invitation for you to join us at any of our other times of worship.

TIMES OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
 Bible Study 9:30 AM
 Assembly 10:30 AM
 Assembly 4:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
 Classes 7:00 PM

If you have any questions regarding what we teach and practice, feel free to ask.

“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow;...” - Isa. 1:18

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***“They profess
to know God,
but in works
they deny Him”***
Titus 1:16

What we really believe about God is often something other than what we profess to believe. We may say we believe He exists, for example, but if our actions are inconsistent with that belief, time after time, it would be fair to question whether we really believe what we say. Even in the affairs of this life, our real “master” is the one whom we actually “serve,” and when it comes to God, Paul asked the obvious question: “Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you

are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?" (Romans 6:16).

But please don't misunderstand. I'm not saying we deliberately lie about our faith, claiming to believe one thing when we know our real belief is something else. I'm simply suggesting that our words usually reflect what we know is right to believe, what we want to believe, and so forth, while our actions may indicate that — *for all practical purposes* — our real beliefs run in another direction. We don't always have the thing Paul said we should be aiming for: a "*faith unfeigned*" (1 Timothy 1:5 KJV).

If there is a discrepancy between what we profess and what we practice, how should we go about removing it? We could, of course, get rid of the gap by lowering our profession to the level of our practice, but that would amount to giving up and selling out to the devil. But there are better things that we can do, surely.

First, we can be more honest about the gap between our profession and our practice. We can pray more frankly and openly to God about that. Second, we can elevate our practice to the level of our profession, always seeking God's help in doing so. He wants us to obey what we say we believe, and He will help us to do so if we let Him. But third, we can accept the fact that we are going to be judged on the basis of our practice, not our profession. In the end, it's our deeds that God will judge (2 Corinthians 5:10) — not what we said we believed, not what we wanted to believe, and not what we were planning to believe someday. Whether we admit it or not, it's a fact: *what we actually DO is what we really believe.*

***“Can a faith
that does nothing
be called sincere?”***

~Jean Racine~

Mark 3-4

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 S B K C E M K S D M A P N U K D H
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 P A T H L J B P R G V H O U O S Z
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APOSTLES
 BASKET
 BEELZEBUL
 BLASPHEMES
 BOAT
 GALILEE
 GOOD

HERODIANS
 IDUMEA
 KINGDOM
 LAMP
 MUSTARD
 PARABLES
 PATH

PEACE
 ROCKY
 SECRET
 SEED
 SOWER
 SYNAGOGUE
 THORNS

“And he said to them, ‘Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.’”

~ Mark 4:21-23—ESV ~