

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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April 8, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:43

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Daniel Hammons

Presentation study—2:00 Wynn Skelton
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Exodus 20:1–17

Sermon Wynn Skelton

Quick takes

1. Pastor's travel—Today, Dave Havir is giving a sermon at a campout east of San Antonio. (He traveled there on Friday and gave a Bible study there on Friday night.) He is planning to return tomorrow.
2. Seventh day of Unleavened Bread—Wednesday, April 12
 - 1:00—Interactive Bible study
 - 2:00—Presentation study by Dave Havir
(Live transmission 2:00 and 3:00)
 - 3:00—Church service with sermon by Reg Killingley
3. Guest speaker next Saturday—We are pleased to announce that Ken Tate is scheduled to give two presentations next Saturday.
4. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "2 Timothy 2:19—Part 2" by Dave Havir.
5. Among Friends—This week's article is "Three Days & Three Nights in New Testament" by Dave Havir.
6. Eye on the World—Due to the pastor's busy schedule, this week's "Eye on the World" is shorter than usual.

Saved by grace

Before the Memorial of the Suffering and Death of Christ, we focused upon God's grace.

- Ephesians 2:8-9—saved by grace
- Titus 3:4-7—justified by His grace

Reaction to grace

After the Memorial of the Suffering and Death of Christ (as we observe the Days of Unleavened Bread), we focus upon our Father's expectations of us.

- Ephesians 2:10—since saved, good works
- Titus 3:8—since justified, good works
- Exodus 20:1-17—since delivered, Ten Commandments
- Matthew 19:17-19—keep the Commandments
- Matthew 19:20-21—give to the poor
- Matthew 22:36-40—two great Commandments
- Romans 6:1-2—since saved by grace, should we sin?
- Romans 6:3—baptized into Christ's death
- Romans 6:4-5—likeness of His death and of His resurrection
- Romans 12:1—become a living sacrifice
- Romans 12:2—transformed by the renewing of the mind
- Romans 12:9-21—many positive characteristics
- 1 Corinthians 10:5-11—five sins in the wilderness
- Galatians 5:19-21—avoid works of the flesh
- Galatians 5:22-23—reflect fruit of the Spirit
- Colossians 3:1-2—seek those things that are above
- James 1:26—bridle the tongue
- James 1:27—visit the fatherless and widow
- Matthew 5:14-16—good works to glorify the Father
- 1 Peter 2:11-12—good works to glorify God

Three biblical definitions of sin

- 1 John 3:4—based on the law
- James 4:17—based on what we know
- Romans 14:23—based on faith

Three reasons why we obey

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| ■ To avoid consequences | Ezekiel 33:10-11 |
| ■ To receive recompense later | Luke 14:12-14 |
| ■ To glorify our Father | Matthew 5:14-16 |

Original lesson about leaven

- Exodus 12:11—you shall eat it in haste
- Exodus 12:34—they took their dough before it was leavened
- Exodus 12:39—it was not leavened because they could not wait
- Deuteronomy 16:3—they came out of Egypt in haste

Christ—contrasting metaphors about leaven

- Matthew 13:33—parable with leaven as a good thing
- Matthew 16:6-12—metaphor with leaven as a bad thing

Paul's lesson about leaven

- 1 Corinthians 5:1-8—metaphor of leaven as sin
- Galatians 5:1-9—metaphor of leaven as sin

Scriptures about Christ's resurrection

Peter (left column) and Paul (right column) discussed the resurrection of Christ.

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| ■ Acts 2:22-36 | ■ Acts 13:16-41 |
| ■ Acts 3:12-18 | ■ Acts 17:2-3 |
| ■ Acts 3:26 | ■ Acts 17:18 |
| ■ Acts 4:2 | ■ Acts 28:23-31 |
| ■ Acts 4:10 | ■ Romans 4:24-25 |
| ■ Acts 4:33 | ■ Romans 6:3-6 |
| ■ Acts 5:30-31 | ■ Romans 8:11 |
| ■ Acts 10:34-43 | ■ Romans 8:34 |
| ■ 1 Peter 1:3-5 | ■ 1 Corinthians 6:14 |
| ■ 1 Peter 1:18-21 | ■ 1 Corinthians 15:12-23 |
| ■ 1 Peter 3:21-22 | ■ 1 Corinthians 15:35-58 |
| | ■ 2 Corinthians 4:14 |
| | ■ Ephesians 1:20-23 |
| | ■ Philippians 3:10 |
| | ■ Colossians 2:12 |
| | ■ Colossians 3:1-10 |

Thought for the week

I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the rights of the people by the gradual silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations.

—James Madison, fourth U.S. president (1751–1836)

“Three Days and Three Nights in New Testament”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbig sandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of April 8, 2023.

By Dave Havar

BIG SANDY, Texas—As a Bible student, you are aware of the term “three days and three nights” as mentioned in regard to the resurrection of the Son of God.

Many theologians like to describe the time period of three days and three nights as “parts” of days. However, most of the people in my circle of life view that expression as literal days. Notice the scriptures why my friends and I form our conclusion.

Christ’s early comments

John 2:18-22—“So the Jews answered and said to Him, ‘What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?’ Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ Then the Jews said, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?’ But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.”

Later in His life, people taunted Him for saying those words.

- Matthew 26:61
- Mark 14:58
- Matthew 27:40
- Mark 15:29

Sign of Jonah

Matthew 12:39-40—“But He answered and said to them, ‘An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.’”

Began to tell disciples

As the Son of God grew closer to the time of His death, He started warning His disciples about future events—including being

raised on the third day following His death.

- Matthew 16:21
- Matthew 17:23
- Matthew 20:19
- Mark 8:31
- Mark 9:31
- Mark 10:34
- Luke 9:22
- Luke 18:33

They guarded the tomb

Matthew 27:63-64—“Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise.’ Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead.’ So the last deception will be worse than the first.”

Comments after the tomb

Luke 24:7—“The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.”

Luke 24:21—“But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.”

Luke 24:46—“Then He said to them, ‘Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day.’”

Peter mentioned it

Acts 10:39-40—“And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly.”

Paul mentioned it

1 Corinthians 15:3-4—“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”