



Kids Column



"Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD? And Saul said to Samuel, 'But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.'" (1 Sam. 15:19-21)

A cartoon in the New Yorker well illustrates how people want to blame others for their faults. It showed a father scowling over a very bad report card while his little boy stood by, asking, "What do you think it is, Dad? Heredity or environment?"

Let us accept full responsibility for our own sins, repenting of them and striving to do better.

Bible Questions

In numbers 22:28-30 Balaam was spoken to by one of his animals, what animal was it?

In Acts:9, a man was struck blind by the Lord, What was his name?

Gods Plan Of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:17,

Believe John 8:24,

Repent Luke 13:3

Confess Romans 10:9-10,

Baptism Acts 2:38,

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Seeking Truth

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Study
10:00AM

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
6:00 PM

Looking for the Perfect Church

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Are you looking for the perfect church? Your answer should depend on how you interpret the question. You should be looking for the perfect church in terms of the one and only church that belongs to Jesus Christ. He declared that He would build His church (Matt. 16:18), and then He did so by purchasing each member of it with His own blood and building them together on one foundation into a holy temple (Acts 2:47; 20:28; Eph.2:19-22). This is the “one body” (Eph. 4:4), meaning one church, that is perfect, and it is the one that we all need to find. You should also be looking for the perfect church in terms of a local church of sanctified believers. Those who have been added by Jesus to His one worldwide church seek out one another so that they may organize, assemble, and work together as local churches all over the world. The members of these local churches are perfect only because they have turned away from sin to be washed, sanctified, and justified “in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God” (1Cor. 6:11). “For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified” (Heb. 10:14). You should find such a local church in your area. On the other hand, you should not be looking for the perfect church in terms of a local church that is flawless. That is because there are no flawless local churches just as there are no flawless Christians. Members of Christ’s church have been sanctified by Him and made complete in Him (Col. 2:10), but they are not immune to weakness, ignorance, or mistaken judgment. Even Peter “stood condemned” and needed correction from Paul (Gal. 2:11), so it is unrealistic to expect to find a whole congregation of flawless people. The pursuit of such a church is vain.

Moreover, if a local church is what it should be, then it will likely have new members who are babes in Christ and have much to learn. Children will come of age and obey the gospel, and people from the community will hear the gospel from the church and be converted to Jesus. Such new members of the church are spiritually immature and will make mistakes. For this reason, Jesus designed and equipped His church to work in a continuous cycle of self-edification (Eph. 4:11-16). He made it so that weaker members would be built up by those who are strong. The church is intentionally in a never-ending state of building and improvement. So then, let us look for and find the perfect church of Christ. It is the one that is built upon Him and is “the pillar and support of the truth” (1Tim. 3:15). Let us likewise look for and find a local church that is composed of sanctified believers in Jesus. This is one whose members are devoted to learning, believing, practicing, and teaching God’s will through the Scriptures. Let us not just look for and find the church, but let us also become part of it through obedience to the Lord Jesus, who is the Head of the church and the Savior of the body (Eph. 5:23).