

What must I do to be saved?

Search the Scriptures

Hear the gospel of Christ: Romans 10:14

Believe in Christ: Acts 16:31

Repent of your past sins: Luke 13:3

Confess your faith in Christ: Romans 10:9-10

Be baptized for the forgiveness of sins:
Acts 2:38

Walk in newness of life: Romans 6:4

Prayer Requests

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sixteenth & Decatur

Sermon Outline

Times of Refreshing

Acts 3:17-23



Date: **Sunday, February 9, 2014**

Time: **6:00 p.m.**

How badly do you need to be refreshed?

A Question to Ponder:

Times of Refreshing

I. Introduction: We all Need to be Refreshed at Times.

- A. Vacations can be times of refreshing for some people.
1. We can get away and relax our bodies.
 2. We can escape from work & ease our minds.
 3. Even Jesus went on mini-retreats into the hills.
~ *Matthew 14:22-23*
- B. Sometimes we need to be spiritually refreshed.
1. We may have a lot of junk in our lives.
 2. Sin blocks our spiritual relationship with God.
 3. Sin also affects our one another relationships.
- C. How did Peter find his time of refreshing?
1. He did not start out very well. ~ *Luke 22:54-62*
 2. He did arrive at his time of refreshing.
~ *Acts 5:27-30 & 40-41*
 3. How did he make that journey?

II. Body: Finding Our Own Times of Refreshing

- A. **Awakening** ~ We must recognize our sin.
1. All of us have acted in ignorance. (*3:17*)
 2. Our alarm clock has sounded. **Wake Up!**
~ *Ephesians 5:14*
- B. **Godly Sorrow** ~ We will feel the isolation.
1. Sin will take us to a dark, lonely place. (2 Cor. 7:8-10)
 2. Godly sorrow will lead us to repentance.
- C. **Confession of Sin** ~ *No Confession; No Refreshing*
1. David learned this valuable lesson. ~ *Psalms 32*
 2. Guilt is a heavy weight upon us. ~ *Psalms 51*
 3. When we confess our sin, God does the lifting.
- D. **Repent / Turn to God** ~ *“Unless you repent ...”*
1. This verse applies to Christians & non-Christians.
 2. Our repentance leads us to our turning to God.

Acts 3:17-23

E. Times of Refreshing ~ Free at Last!

1. We will be able to rejoice in our sufferings.
2. We stay refreshed through prayer.
3. We will be giving thanks in every situation.
~ *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

III. Conclusion: How Do We Take that Journey?

- A. **Ask God to search us!** ~ *Psalms 139:23*
◇ Do we have that kind of courage?
- B. **Welcome Godly Sorrow!**
~ *2 Corinthians 7:8-10*
- C. **Be willing to confess your sin!**
~ *1 John 1:8-10*
- D. **Repent & turn to the Lord!** ~ *John 21:15-17*
- E. **Live continually in your time of refreshing!**
~ *Philippians 4:4-7*

Special Update

Be sure to join us on March 2, 2014 for our

1st Birthday Celebration of 2014

1:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall

(All those who celebrated birthdays in January and February will be honored.)



Grow your love and show your love!