



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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## BECOME A MENTOR: AFFECT ETERNITY!

What do Jesus, Batman, and peanut butter all have in common? Sidekicks. Jesus has the 12 apostles, Batman has Robin, and peanut butter has jelly. These tandems create dynamic teams. Think of it this way: Timothy would have done a fine job preaching and teaching in **Acts 16** but Paul heard about him and took it upon himself to befriend him. Paul taught Timothy how to evangelize, teach and preach. The point is great things happen when a man or woman of faith seeks to help out a younger, more immature person in the faith.

I want to challenge us all to find a sidekick like Paul found in Timothy, his *"son in the faith"* (**I Timothy 1:2**). In **Acts 16** Paul came preaching the Word in Derbe and Lystra and heard about a young man named Timothy who was *"well spoken of by the brother in Lystra and Iconium"* (**Acts 16:2**). Paul could have chalked Timothy's reputation up as simple encouragement that another young man is attempting to live faithfully to God. But he took it one step further: *"Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him."* (**Acts 16:3**). Paul wanted to mentor a young man in the faith. The church needs older, more mature Christians today who are willing to become mentors to younger, more immature Christians. I guarantee it will not always be easy, but I am convinced it will be eternally rewarding!

Paul and Timothy had ups and downs. They taught successfully in certain places (**Acts 16:4-5**) but were denied access to others (**Acts 16:6-7**). As you seek to mentor a younger brother or sister in the faith there will inevitably be ups and downs, successes and failures. Remember Paul's example. He continually sought to mentor Timothy and established a mentorship/son ship that probably lasted throughout their lifetimes. If you are willing to devote time, prayer, and energy into mentoring some young soul, you could establish a fruitful relationship that lasts for a lifetime and into eternity.

**Austin Johnson**

# LIFE IS IN THE BLOOD

If you have ever went to the doctor for a checkup and had a blood test done, likely you received a report that showed many results. Now, I remember from science class many moons ago that the blood delivers nutrients and oxygen to the body's cells. But our blood carries so much more than that. It's amazing what all our blood can reveal. For example, if you look at your blood test results, you may see such familiar categories as glucose, sodium, potassium, calcium, and protein. You may even see categories that you have no idea what they are but your doctor knows that are important to check, like creatinine, albumin, globulin, bilirubin, and alanine transaminase. Truly the importance of blood cannot be underestimated. It carries many life-sustaining substances.

Humans have not always known the importance of blood. Many people died in the olden days due to barbaric bloodletting processes that were designed to get the "bad blood" out of a person's system. In fact, this is how George Washington died. No, people have not always known of the importance of blood, but they should have. All they had to do was read their Bibles. In **Genesis 9**, God gave Noah and family some important instructions concerning matters in the new world after the flood. One of these instructions was, "*Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood*" (**Genesis 9:3-4**). And the Lord spoke to Moses to deliver to the people the reason that blood sacrifices were required, "*For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul...for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life...*" (**Leviticus 17:11, 14**).

Yes, through modern medical research, we now know more than ever that blood is very important. God, of course, knew this all along, since He created us and knows how our bodies function. Without a doubt, blood equals life. Also, this is a great reminder of how Christ's blood equals eternal life (**Matthew 26:28; John 6:53-56; Ephesians 1:7; I Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 1:5**). Knowing how important it truly is, are you sure that you have truly contacted Christ's life-giving blood? (**See Romans 6:3-5**).

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