



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

March 11, 2018

P.O. Box 416
129 S. Chamberlain Ave.
Rockwood, TN 37854
865-354-0855

Elders:

Dana Carter
Kenneth Carter
Don Chandler

Deacons:

Kendall Bear
Larry Brackett
Roger Carter
Steve McCreary

Minister:

Todd Houston

Secretary:

Susan Chandler

Service Times:

Sunday

Bible Study 10 am
Worship Service 10:45 am
Worship Service 6 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:30 pm

Email:

rockwdcc@gmail.com

Website:

Rockwoodchurchofchrist.com

LIVING LIFE

As we live life day in and day out, are we living in a way that shows Jesus to others? Allen Webster wrote, "The shortest verse in the Bible says a lot! It tells us that the Great Physician had good beside manners. Jesus knew that people generally do not care how much you know until they know how much you care. He knew that Mary and Martha needed someone to care about their pain. They had lost a brother and their hearts were breaking, so, even though He was about to resurrect Lazarus, He wept (**John 11:35**) with those that wept (**Romans 12:15; Job 30:25**)."

So we go about our daily activities, are we showing those in our community that we care about them. Are we weeping with those who weep? Are we excited with those who are excited? Are we joyous? Do we laugh? Are we being genuine around those we come in contact with, so that we can show them Jesus and His saving message?

Are we living in a way that Jesus lived, by living out this Jewish proverb:

*Among those who stand, do not sit;
Among those who sit, do not stand;
Among those who laugh, do not weep;
Among those who weep, do not laugh.*

Let each of us live in a way that shows Jesus every day. We need to realize that we might be the only one that someone sees that day or week, that reminds them or teaches them about Jesus. We hope and pray that everyone has a blessed week!

Lance Morrisett

JESUS NEVER HAD AN OBITUARY

Many of us often make it a habit of reading the obituaries to see which one of our classmates, co-workers, friends, and family have gone on to meet their reward. Obituaries tell us about where a person was born, lived, one's immediate family history, one's occupation, hobbies, and many other things, as well as times of the funeral and burial location. These notices of death are a daily reminder that our life on earth is not permanent. Obituaries have a finality to them, they become a permanent record and reminder that a loved one is not present with us in this life any more.

Now as one reads the Bible it becomes very clear that Jesus never had an obituary. We read about His birth in Bethlehem (**Matthew 1:18-2:6**). We can learn about His family (**Matthew 1:1-17**). We can learn about much of His life and ministry in Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. We can also learn about the events leading up to His death and His actual death upon the cross in these same passages of the Bible. But the one thing no one can find in the Bible is Jesus' obituary.

I Corinthians 15:1-4, explains it this way, *“Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the Gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 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...”*

I Corinthians 15:20-23 continues to teach, *“But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the first fruits, afterwards those who are Christ's at His coming.”*

Because Jesus, by the power of God, was raised from the dead, His death was not the end. The Bible also makes it clear that not only did Jesus raise from the dead but all people will be raised at Jesus' second coming, some to a resurrection of life; others to the resurrection of condemnation (**John 5:28-29**). Those who obey Jesus' doctrine which “reenacts” the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ through faith, repentance, and baptism (**Romans 6:1-4, 17**) are cleansed from their sins, can continue to be faithful to Christ, have the hope of being raised at His second coming to be with Christ forever in heaven (**I Corinthians 15:23; I Thessalonians 4:13-17**).

Jesus' death was not permanent; His grave was not final; the tomb was not Jesus' final resting place. Jesus does not have an obituary because Jesus did not remain in the grave. Jesus death, burial, and resurrection is the “good news” of the Bible. Jesus does not have an obituary. He came not to have an ending but bring a new beginning.

What will your obituary say? Will it tell how you lived because you followed the One who arose from the grave and never had an obituary? Have you been saved? You can be, if you'll respond to Jesus on His terms. Think about it!

Mark T. Tonkery