



LIVING IN SODOM

RESTORATION
CHURCH of CHRIST

AUGUST 15, 2021 -SIX SINS OF SODOM: PRIDE; GLUTTONY; LAZINESS; NEGLECT OF POOR/NEEDY; HAUGHTINESS; AND AN "ABOMINATION"

COMMUNION: We serve the Lord's Super each Sunday as was the pattern of the New Testament Church. Immersed believers are encouraged to partake to remember what Jesus did for them on the cross.

INVITATION: If you desire to make a decision for Christ today, come forward during the closing. Someone will greet you and lead you each step of the way. Call Faron if you want to set up an appointment to talk.

YOUTH CHURCH – Grades 1-6 – Youth Center

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Begins at 10 AM – Social Hall

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – 7 PM – Social Hall

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP – A group of men meet in the youth center each Monday night. We would love to have you join us. John Taormina is leading this group. Please contact him with questions: 724-472-7788 or jtptpkmba@gmail.com.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

TEACHERS NEEDED – Nursery (0-2) and Pre-School (3-5) needs teachers. We are preparing to start KidMin soon. Will you help in this ministry? If you are interested at all, please see Jessica Wallace today. She can answer any questions. **We Need Help!**

PRAY FOR MORE LABORERS OF THE HARVEST



all church PICNIC
SATURDAY, August 21
1-5 PM Swimming & Fellowship
5:30 PM Carry-In Dinner
Unbridled Performance
2496 State Route 30, Hookstown, PA 15050

CHURCH PICNIC – Our church picnic is this Saturday. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please look at this today and let us know that your family is bringing. There is swimming, horseshoes, cornhole, horses and many other things to fill the afternoon and evening. You are welcome to invite your friends just make sure you provide enough food for them for the picnic. There is air-conditioning there so we should not have to worry about the heat. We want to thank Amy Foster and Sierra & Isaac Erkkila for the use of their farm. If you have questions, you can call Faron/412-788-8818.

BARNABUS WEEK – Our week of Revival is fast approaching. Will you help us out by adding this week to your prayer list. We need you to **pray for our attendance** (We ask that your family make the commitment to be here each evening). We need you to pray for **those coming to minister to us**. The Dave Melton Family Singers will be leading our worship and sharing in special music. David Jones is a powerful preacher of the Word of God. Pray that his messages will be inspiring and will speak to open hearts and the music will draw us closer to God. Lastly, pray for God to **bring a great harvest** from this meeting. Please pray for these needs as this week approaches. This is BARNABUS WEEK because we want this to be a great encouragement to the Lord's Church. Please help us make this a great week!

Next week there will be sign-up sheets where you can volunteer to help in areas of our revival. We need your help if this week is to be successful. You will love the singing and the preaching.

	8/15/2021	8/22/2021	8/29/2021	9/05/2021	FRIEND SUNDAY
Front Door Greeters	Bert Wingertsahn	Gloria Leonard	Sierra Erkkila	Becky Lissoto	Joan Black
Worship Center Greeters	Lynda Wiseman	Joan Black	Ty Miley	Lynn Thomas	Marci Wix
Youth Church	Lara Franks	Lara Franks	Lara Franks	Lara Franks	Lara Franks
PowerPoint	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze
Video Recording	Nathan Wallace	Nathan Wallace	Nathan Wallace	Nathan Wallace	Nathan Wallace
Communion Preparation	Pat Stavish Danielle Lardo	Pat Stavish Danielle Lardo	Pat Stavish Danielle Lardo	Gloria Leonard	Gloria Leonard
Communion Meditation	Rich Moore	Josh Freeman	Jim Donaldson	Jim Thomas	Joe Hadden
Cleaning Team This Week	Barb Shultz	Karen Cox	Lynn Thomas	Trinity Kutchmark	Margaret & Laci Pounds
Nursery	Jessica Wallace	Lynda Wiseman	Rebecca Lisotto	Sierra Erkkila	Jessica Wallace

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42



When Christ's enemies "had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them" (22:55). The verb tense for "sitting" in verses 55-56 indicates a perpetual, ongoing activity.

This led him to deny Christ a second time---"Man, I am not one of His!". Surely, after hearing those words from his mouth in response to a second person, now he will come to himself and leave. Right?

The psalmist had warned about this danger too: "How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!" (Psalm 1:1). Sitting down shows acceptance, ease and approval (See Romans 1:32; Ephesians 5:11-14; 1 Corinthians 15:33). We must refuse to willfully associate with those who are anti-Christ (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

Look at how **verse 59** begins: "Then after about an hour had passed." This was not a quick episode. Peter may have been there for more than two hours, which led him to deny Jesus a third time---"Man, I do not know what you are saying!".

It was finally the rooster crowing and the look of the Lord that woke him up (22:60-62). May God help each of us to not linger around evil, lest we end up doing that evil ourselves! -FF

Third, Peter stayed in that compromising situation.

Peter's first denial of Christ, "Woman, I do not know Him", should have shaken him up (22:57). It should have caused him to reevaluate where he was and what he was doing. Instead, he stayed "a little while" longer (22:58).



IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU TOO!

What is the worst thing that you could ever do? Think about that for a minute.

Actually, there are all sorts of answers that could be given to that question, but can you think of anything worse than denying Jesus in His very presence? There's probably not anything worse than that, especially when you do that just hours after you "vehemently" stated, "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" (Mark 14:31). What could lead someone to do such a horrible and regrettable thing? Look at the passage in Luke 22:54-62.

First, Peter separated himself from Jesus.

He was right there with Jesus in the verses leading up to this. Even drawing his sword and striking the servant of the high priest in order to protect Jesus. Now, all of a sudden, the text states, "But Peter followed at a distance" (22:54).

I've seen teenagers do this with their parents—keeping their distance... not wanting to be seen together in public...not wanting folks to mistakenly think that "I'm with them."

The moment that we start to distance ourselves from Jesus—even just a little bit—we have opened up "a place" in our lives "to the devil" (Ephesians 4:27). We must never be ashamed to walk closely with our Lord (2 Timothy 1:12).

Second, Peter sat among the enemies of God.

