**GOD’S FREE GIFTS FOR YOU!**

We are members of the Oak Ridge church of Christ. We call ourselves Christians ([**Acts 11:26**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%2011:26)) and we hold to the Bible as our one and only Truth. Church of Christ is a biblical description of Christians who work together for the cause of Christ ([**Ro. 16:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%2016:16)). We are independent assemblies with no organization beyond our own number as described in [**Phil. 1:1**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Philippians%201:1). There are Christians across the world working with local congregations of God’s people such as described in [**Rev. 2**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Revelation%202)**-3**. Christians are members of Christ’s body, which is also known as His Church ([**Acts 2:47**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%202:47)**,**[**Eph. 5:23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%205:23)). Our mission is to stand for God’s truth (the gospel) and teach it to all people ([**Matt. 28:18-20**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Matthew%2028:18-20)**,**[**Romans 1:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%201:16)**,**[**1 Tim. 3:15**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Timothy%203:15)). We are accountable to our one and only Head Jesus Christ ([**Eph. 1:22-23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%201:22-23)**,**[**Col. 1:18**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%201:18)).

In the Old Testament God had promised for the Israelites to be given many gifts that they did not earn or deserve. Large and beautiful cities that they had not built, houses full of things that they did not fill, wells they had not dug, and vineyards and olive trees they had not planted (**Deuteronomy 6:10-25**). We see that God kept his promise in **Nehemiah 9:22-25.** But with these promises there were conditions. ***What is God’s Free Gift today?*** Let’s read **Romans chapter 5.**

Why was the Free Gift needed?

* We all are ungodly and in sin (**Romans 3:23, 5:6**)
* God is merciful and loves us (**Romans 5:5, 8**)
* By faith we can now be justified, saved, reconciled (**Romans 5:1, 9, 10-11, 18**)
* God is just – there must be atonement for sin (**Ephesians 5:2, Hebrews 9:27-28**)

*\*Steven’s 31 foot Airstream! It was free but he had to get it, has been thankful, maintains, and shares it.*

Even though the Gift is Free:

* We have to get it (**Romans 5:2**)
* We have to be thankful (**2 Corinthians 2:14, 9:15**)
* We have to maintain it (**1 Timothy 1:19, Titus 3:8, 1 John 1:8-10**)
* We have to share it (**Acts 8:4**)

The Free Gift has conditions:

* Hear & Understand (**Acts 8:30-35**)
* Believe & Confess (**Acts 8:36-37**)
* Repent (**Acts 17:30**)
* Be baptized (**Acts 8:38, 22:16**)
* Diligently serve and grow in the Lord (**1 Corinthians 15:58, 2 Peter 3:17-18**)

**CONCLUSION**

**Romans 6:3-7 -** Have you obtained your Free Gift? No better time to become a disciple of Jesus!

**Romans 6:11, 13 -** Have you been thankful for your Free Gift? Have you maintained your Free Gift? Have you shared your Free Gift? No better time to repent and be determined to do better!

We invite all in our audience to our Bible studies on Wednesday at 7pm and Sunday morning at 9am. We would love to study God’s together with you! Please check the scriptures we have covered tonight. We want to help you in any way we can. Contact us for Bible studies by telephone, e-mail, or simply come to one of our assemblies. Contact: We assemble at 225 North Purdue Ave. in Oak Ridge at 9am on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesdays; oakridgechurch.com; david.barry@oakridgechurch.com,

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We plan to have a re-airing of this program next Monday, June 12, 2023. Our next live program is planned for July 3, 2023 when we plan to study “**Becoming a Disciple of Jesus**” We hope to see you next time on **"Speaking The Truth In Love".**