

# REDEMPTION CHURCH OF CHRIST OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH



Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ (Colossians 2:8).

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*Thank you for visiting us today at Redemption Church of Christ! We pray you will enjoy the service. We know that there are no mistakes with God.*

*Ask Him for guidance in your life, and allow Him to speak to you this morning through the Word of God.*

*If you have any questions, feel free to ask!  
Elder and Sis. Massey*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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# Overcoming Strain

by Pastor John Massey, Jr.

When it comes to relationships, we cannot please everybody. God must be first. He has done more for us than anyone ever could. We must not compromise our conviction.

Time is swiftly passing by, and we must make the best of every available opportunity we have. We are indebted to the Lord. Do not forget from where He has brought you and all the prayers He has answered.

We often find ourselves under tremendous strain. A strain is something done or produced with excessive effort. In the body of Christ everyone is to make a contribution. However, some of us are strained unnecessarily—not for the Lord's work. Remember that God has kept us in tact for the kingdom.

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" (II Corinthians 2:11). Keep the advantage God has given you through the Holy Ghost which is your power.

Over time, we make adjustments in our lives. We only have so much time to do certain things. How should we make those adjustments? Our focus must not be about money, but about spiritual preparation.

We have neglected being used of God for so long. We should feel some desperation. Do not worry about upgrading the house, car, job performance, etc. Focus on upgrading yourself.

We are deteriorating physically and spiritually and have allowed ourselves to become distracted. Focus on "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

We have neglected seeking God first. We have put God off to accommodate our itinerary. We will soon deeply regret neglecting our salvation; we will soon be severely tested. However, our mind can be at peace knowing "all things work together for good" (Romans 8:28). God is in charge.

Why am I strained? We must examine our motive for doing or not doing for the Lord. We should be so indebted that we cannot do enough for the Lord. God will reward us.

"What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?" (Psalm 116:12). Being saved brings about a duty. Do not

question where the Spirit leads you. It is your duty to be faithful and obedient to God.

The Lord asked, "What iniquity have your fathers found in me?" (Jeremiah 2:5) God has been too good. We do not deserve to be called by His Name. The accuser brings us before God, yet the Lord loves us. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God" (1 John 3:1).

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (II Corinthians 4:17). Whatever we are going through is only for a little while: "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

God is always on time. He "knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him" (Matthew 6:8). Until our needs are fulfilled, He gives grace.

"Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue" (Acts 26:22). "God is ... a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength" (Isaiah 40:28-29). Again, God is always on time. Keep praying. Lord, set me on fire! "Let the weak say, I am strong" (Joel 3:10).

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## Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship 12:30 p.m.

Monday Women of Faith/Men of Honor 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

Friday End Time Prophecy Conference 7:00 p.m.

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