### "Submit yourselves, then, to God ..." James 4:7.

After demonstrating how the wisdom of heaven is better than the wisdom of the world, James describes why Christians often stagnate in a low swamp of quasi-faith: they are too friendly with the world! We can all relate to this to some degree. We tell ourselves that this world is not our home, but most of us have turned our tents in for the deluxe, all-amenities-included, pop-out camper. What's the solution: *submit yourselves, then, to God.* Most of us would argue that we already do that, but end up sounding like Saul to Samuel, "But I did obey the Lord," when the bleating of sheep and lowing of cattle can be heard. How, then, do we submit and lift ourselves out of our quagmire? James breaks down that task into some practical ways.

1.	Resist the devil.	James 4:7
2.	Come near to God.	4:8
3.	Wash your hands & purify your hearts.	4:8
4.	Grieve, mourn, and wail.	4:9
5.	Humble yourselves before the Lord.	4:10
6.	Do not slander to judge your neighbor.	4:11
7.	Do not boast or brag.	4:15,1

How did you do? If we're honest, there are several in this list that we each can pick out that we need to work on. Want to grow in your relationship with God?

How are you submitting?

Douglas Kashorek - Plattsburgh church of Christ

Sermon related question:

The Bible reveals two deaths and two resurrections. Each of us must choose three out of the four. Please check which ones you choose.







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### WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.
	Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	Bible Study-7:00pm

# All the churches of Christ greet you.

ROMANS 16:16

## Today's Sermon: Two Deaths or Two Resurrections?

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Scripture: Hebrews 9:24-28

# ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS…

- Ladies Class: Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10am. We will be studying Day 4 of the third chapter.
- Bill Colwell from World Bible School in TX will be here on April 15<sup>th</sup> to do a workshop presentation for the purpose of getting us involved in using that very effective resource for reaching the lost all over the world, as well as locally.
- > 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Regional Singing @ Horseheads, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm.
- Housewarming Celebration- Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>- Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Speakers so far are Don Myers from Montgomery, AL, Larry Krause from Kittanning, PA, and Steve Connors from Horseheads, NY.

### Next Potluck: April 15<sup>th</sup>

Bill Colwell's WBS workshop will start at 2pm following the potluck and run till 4pm. Please plan to stay for the workshop.



- Our baptistery is fully functional!
- We need to organize several work days to clean and paint the downstairs of our building.
- Lani is away today.
- Arthur has started knocking on doors in this neighborhood to introduce us and ask them for ideas about how we can use our building for community events. He has developed a leaflet that he hands out or leaves at their door.
- New gutters will be installed on the building within the next couple of weeks.

# **PRAYERS**...

- Thank you, Lord for the **visitors** we have been welcoming since our change of location! We pray that our door-knocking/leafleting campaign to introduce ourselves to the neighborhood produces fruit and Bible study opportunities.
- **Donald** has been searching for a better job and is thankful that his present company offered him a better deal.
- **Dara,** Darlene's sister, is searching for employment, as both of her current jobs have been cutting back hours.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** as she has radiation to deal with the mass on her lungs. She is not a candidate for surgery.
- Lori Kashorek has started her experimental chemo treatments, and we pray it will keep her lung cancer in check.
- Pray for Vicki Joice as she continues Herceptin treatments until June. Also, pray that she doesn't become discouraged dealing with lymphedema on a daily basis.
- Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber** has metastatic breast cancer.
- **Emily Barry** will have thyroid surgery on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April in Sayre. She will probably have her thyroid removed completely. Also, Sandy and Arthur's niece, **Katie**, will be having the same kind of surgery in the near future.
- Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce has kidney cancer. Also, please pray for their sister in law, Deborah, who is suffering excruciating pain in her jaw.
- **Ruthie's** friend and former colleague, **Nancy**, has had her foot amputated because of complications of diabetes, and is in much pain. She is living at Elderwood in Waverly.
- **Don Myers** back surgery was not successful, and he is in a lot of pain. He will have to have the surgery done a second time.
- Connie is looking for work in the Sayre area.
- Dave and Lynne Laton's daughter Natalie has been diagnosed with Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma. She has started chemo, which requires a 3-4-day hospital stay each time.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry :barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.