



CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to the CHURCH OF CHRIST, Kado, Abuja where we worship God in spirit and in truth.

You are assured of a spiritual worship based on the Word of God, apostolic examples and the practices of the early Church.

May you be richly blessed as you experience our fellowship today, while we look forward to your regular presence and membership in the Church of Christ.

The Church of Christ is one body, universal in establishment, with local congregations across the world.

Basic Teachings

The Church of Christ teaches God's plan for eternal salvation of man as revealed in the following Scriptures:

- Hearing the Word of God (1 Cor. 1:21; Rom. 10:14, 17)
- Believing and having obedient faith in the Gospel of Christ (Heb. 11:6)
- Repentance based on the conviction of the Word of God (Lk. 24:47)
- Confession of Christ as the Son of the living God (Acts 2:38; 8:37)
- Water baptism for the washing away of our sins as in the symbolic death, burial and resurrection of Christ, and for admission into His Body, the Church (Acts 2: 38; Rom. 6: 3-5)
- Faithfulness and continuous obedience to the Word of God, as the only assurance for eternal salvation. (Heb. 5:8, 9; Rev. 2:10)

*Greet one another with a holy kiss. The Churches of Christ greet you.
Rom 16:16.*

WORSHIP PROGRAMME (16th August 2020)

Item/Activity	1ST SESSION	2ND SESSION	3RD SESSION
Moderator	Williams Kareem	Goodluck Omokhan	Okechukwu Oji
Song Leader	Pelumi Owolabi	Ndifreke Edet	Ikenna Ugwumba
Opening Song			
Opening Prayer	Elisha Wakili	Anthony Ehimare	Emmanuel Efre
Teaching	E. D. Ebong	E. D. Ebong	E. D. Ebong
Praise Worship	Pelumi Owolabi	Ndifreke Edet	Ikenna Ugwumba
Prayer Session	S. J. Aigbogun	S. J. Aigbogun	S. J. Aigbogun
Sermon	Raphael Udokang	E. A. Ugwumba	S. E. Ekanem
Lord's Supper	Bassey Edon	Uduakobong Akpan	Tommy Udoh
Collection	Bassey Edon	Uduakobong Akpan	Tommy Udoh
Announcement	Ariemu Ogaga	Ariemu Ogaga	Ariemu Ogaga
Closing Song			
Closing Prayer	P. S. Ejure	Uche Okoro	D. N. Onuoha

NEXT WEEK WORSHIP PROGRAMME (23rd August 2020)

Item/Activity	1ST SESSION	2ND SESSION	3RD SESSION
Moderator	Umanah Ezekiel	Nicholas Kwapmi	Emeka Ogenyi
Song Leader	Kingsley Kuku	Ayo Akande	Ito Ebone
Opening Song			
Opening Prayer	David Effiong	Simon Igbodo	Bassey Ndueso
Teaching	Peter Ejure	Peter Ejure	Peter Ejure
Praise Worship	Kingsley Kuku	Ayo Akande	Ito Ebone
Prayer Session	S. J. Aigbogun	S. J. Aigbogun	S. J. Aigbogun
Sermon	David Akpata	David Akpata	David Akpata
Lord's Supper	Ogaga Ariemu	Emmanuel Diogu	Chigozie Ugwumba
Collection	Ogaga Ariemu	Emmanuel Diogu	Chigozie Ugwumba
Announcement	Emmanuel Alade	Emmanuel Alade	Emmanuel Alade
Closing Song			
Closing Prayer	O. A. Gbeleyi	Samuel Ejeh	S. E. Ekanem

OVERCOMING STIGMA AND THE STAIN OF SIN.

TEXT: Acts 9:26-28; 2 Corinthians 2:6-11

“And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they all were afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas, took him, brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly in Damascus in the name of Jesus. So he was with them in Jerusalem, coming in and going out” (NKJV)

Introduction:

Stigma is defined as a set of negative and often unfair beliefs that a society or group of people have about something, or a mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance of a person. This may lead to people **rejecting, avoiding or fearing** those who once committed a particular sin. Stigma can lead to discrimination and cause the stigmatized to miss out on free association with other people.

The story of Brother Paul in Acts 9:26-28 illustrates this submission *“... And when Saul had come to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road and that He had spoken to him and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus...”*

Here, the man Saul was a well-known name and figure in the Christian circle as a great persecutor and adversary who brought affliction to the entire Christians of that era. So, when he was sighted among the disciples, they became apprehensive of him based on his past antecedent.

In our days, we come across such situations on daily basis. We avoid associating with our brethren who once were found in one sin or the other and have gone through the process of discipline by the church. The most worrisome is the individuals themselves who will not forgive themselves though God has forgiven them but are overwhelmed by guilt.

To overcome stigma, we need to have a forgiving spirit and must be able to overcome guilt. In our discussion today we shall give thought to

Christ's examples of dealing with weak disciples and also touch on what individuals should do when they find themselves in this situation.

A. FORGIVING ONESELF

Living with the consequences of sin serves as a daily reminder of those sins. While God and man may forgive us, forgiving oneself may be much more difficult. David wrote “... **For I acknowledge my transgressions and my sin is always before me...**” (Psa 51:3). While God forgave him (2Sam 12:13), his guilty conscience continued to plague him. How can we deal with the guilt associated with the consequences of such sins? This is possible, and though we cannot always make restitution for our sins, we can always express sorrow for our sins and show by our life that we have changed. This is what Paul meant by the phrase “*Fruit of Repentance*” (Act 26:20). If we make changes in our spiritual lives, others can't help but see it (1Pet 4:3-5; Eph 2:1-10). The apostle John wrote in 1 John 3:20-21 “**For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.**” We may know that God has forgiven our sins and that we are walking by His commandments, but somehow the feelings of guilt may remain. If the guilt subsides so that our heart does not condemn us, then we are blessed with confidence toward God.

B. REPENTED CHRISTIANS NEED ENCOURAGEMENT

As Christians, we are all striving to get to heaven and while here on earth we should do things that are pleasing to God and abstain from fleshly desires. But we also understand that the life of a disciple is not always easy. Sometimes we will get discouraged because things are a little harder than we may have first imagined, sometimes we are discouraged by the behaviour of our brethren, sometimes we are discouraged by our own inability to live and attain our goals. It is then that we need our brethren to do their part in building us up in faith and giving us the best we need to continue as we should.

In Romans 14:19 Paul urged the Roman brethren to “**Pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.**” The writer of Hebrews, writing to the Jewish Christians who had already suffered persecutions and who were contemplating abandoning the faith and making a return to following the old law, pointed to the great

need of encouragement for those who were soul weary and discouraged by the fight in which they were involved. To them he wrote, ***“Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, So that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.”***(Heb 12:12-13). More than ever, these brethren needed someone to encourage them to hang on and dig in and not abandon the faith by which they would be saved. Let us admit that there may be some today who face some difficult hurdles in their spiritual lives and who could use the encouraging words of those who have walked the same path. Getting closer, showing genuine concern and lending of helping hand is the attitude we should display before our repented brethren.

C. FORGIVENESS AS CHRIST DEMONSTRATED:

In John 8:10-11 we read ***“When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman He said to her, “woman where are those who accused you? Has no one condemned you? She said no one Lord. And Jesus said to her, neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more.”*** Jesus again said in Mathew 6:13-14 ***“But if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”*** As Jesus completed the parable of the unmerciful servant, He said, ***“So likewise shall My heavenly Father do also unto you, if you from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses.”*** (Mat 18:35). It is pertinent for Christians to emulate Christ at all times by forgiving and showing love to those who wronged us.

DISCUSSION POINTS

- (a) How do you relate with a repented Christian to make him feel accepted?
- (b) In what way can we encourage our repented Christians?

CONCLUSION

While David felt the guilt of his sin (Psa 51:3), he recognized the blessedness of God's forgiveness. He expresses sorrow over his adultery and murder in Psalms 51. But in contrast, we see him in Psalms 52:1-2

expressing his joy over the forgiveness of those sins:

“Blessed is he whose transgressions is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit”

Apostle Paul never forgot the fact that he was a persecutor of the Church (1Tim 1:13). He referred to himself as “Least of the apostles” (1Cor 15:9). Yet, even with such guilt he could say, ***“Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge will give to me on that day and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”*** (2Tim 4:8).

May God give us the grace to overcome the stigma and the stain of sin in Jesus' Mighty Name, Amen!!!

Daniel Ebong (Snr) 16th August 2020. *(Serves and worships with the Kado congregation and can be contacted with 08022236433)*

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

TUESDAY CLASS

MEN - *Teacher:* Abiodun Adegoroye [Min]

WOMEN - *Teacher:* Mercy Aladeokomo

NEXT WEEK

COMBINED CLASS

Teacher: David Akpata [Min]

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Moderator: John Oluwole

Teacher: Abiodun Adegoroye [Min]

NEXT WEEK

Moderator: Umanah Ezekiel [Deac.]

Teacher: David Akpata [Min]

WORSHIP ARRANGEMENT

SESSIONS	TIME	ZONES
FIRST SESSION	8.00AM - 9.30AM	GWARINPA, DAWAKI, KATAMPE, KADO, DAPE, DAKIBIYU, UTAKO, JABI, GISHIRI, KADO ESTATE, JAH I & Adjourning Areas.
SECOND SESSION	10.00AM - 11.30AM	KUBWA, KAGINI, KASANA, DAKWA, DEIDE, I BYAZIN, KARMO, GWAGWA, IDU, JIKWOYI, OROZO, KURUDU, KARU, NYANYA, MARARABA, ADO, MASAKA & Adjourning Areas.
THIRD SESSION	12.00PM - 1.30PM	GARKI, DURUMI, GUDU, APO, LOKOGOMA, AIRPORT ROAD, LUGBE, KARMAJIJI, KUCHINGORO, MPAPE, MAITAMA, ASOKORO, GUZAPE, WUSE, WUSE 2, DUTSE, JIGO, USHAFA, BWARI & Adjourning Areas.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY WORSHIP

First Session: 8.00 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.

Second Session: 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Third Session: 12.00 p.m. - 1.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

General Bible Class: 6.00 p.m - 7.10 p.m.

SUNDAY RADIO BIBLE PROGRAMME

Always tune to our Radio Programme on

RAY POWER 100.5 FM

Time: 7.00 a.m. - 7.30 a.m.

Abuja Evangelism

TV Programme on ITV

(UHF Channel 142 and Star Times Channel 130)

on Saturday 6:00pm - 6:30pm

TOTAL ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Brothers **163**

Sisters **151**

Children **114**

Visitors **04**

Total 432

NOTICES

CLEANING OF CHURCH PREMISES

Brethren in the following zones/area are to clean the church auditorium and surrounding on **Saturday, 22nd August 2020. Time: 7.00 a.m.** They are: **GARKI, DURUMI, GUDU, GAMES VILLAGE, APO, LOKOGOMA, NYANYA, KARU, KURUDU, JIKWOYI, OROZO, MARARABA, MASAKA, KARMAJIJI, KUCHINGORO**
[Leaders: Bro. Solomon Mbakaogu, Marshal Ekpeyong, Sis. Agnes Ekanem, Grace Ugwumba & Juliana Ejeh]

Tuesday - 18th August: AIRPORT ROAD, LUGBE, PYAKASA ZONES

[Leaders: Bro. Murphy Agbogidi, Alice Ndueso, Imaobong Fejoku, Anthonia Godwin]

SUBMISSION OF TEACHING ASSIGNMENT

Brethren assigned to handle **SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY TEACHING CLASSES** are to send their teaching to the Church email: cockaddo@yahoo.com latest **ONE WEEK** before their assignments. **PLEASE TREAT AS VERY IMPORTANT.**

SOCIALIZING WITHIN CHURCH PREMISES

Brethren are hereby informed that socializing within the church premises is not allowed. Kindly exit the church premises once your worship session has ended.

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