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## What is Valley Station Church?

It is a group of Christians within walking distance for most of you. It is a group of Christians who are determined to be pleasing to God. How do they do this? They do all in their power to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ with no changes, additions, subtractions or alterations.

It is a group of Christians that claim no human denominational affiliation — just Christians working and worshipping together at the Lord's word teaches. If you need Christ as your Lord and Savior, we believe you will find him among the Christians at Valley Station.

**Come and see.**

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# Valley Tidings

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## You Could Be a Part of This Group!

Would you like to be part of a group that costs you nothing but actually pays you great dividends? This is not a group that deals in money but something much more important and valuable.

This is a study group. The subject is the Bible. Many folks have had some yearning to know more about the Bible — not some denominational doctrine, but simple Bible teaching that will clarify things they've wanted to know about for a long time.

The kind of Bible study this is will not be a high pressure group trying to get you to be anything other than a New Testament Christian. There is a difference in a "NEW TESTAMENT" Christian and any other kind.

- **What are the requirements?** Two things: (1) an open Bible; (2) an open heart that is eager to learn the truth revealed in the Bible.
- **How do I learn more about this?** Call or write us. If there's no answer, leave a voice message. We'll explain anything we can.
- **When and where would this group meet?** In the place most convenient for you. It could be in one of our homes, your house, or in our meeting house.

The Valley Station church is a smaller group of Christians, but the one thing that makes this unique is that we are just a church — not a social club. The Valley Station church is concerned that there is a famine in the land over Bible knowledge and understanding and we want to do what we possibly can to correct that. Call or write:

Valley Station church of Christ, P.O. Box 72380, 502 937 2822. If you have email, send us a note at valleychurch@vscoc.org. This is an honest appeal. It is a good one for you to try.



# It's Truth – Don't Let Go!

An unknown sage wrote, “Some in the Church that have been persuaded not to sit under sound Bible teaching that will awaken them. More pulpit time is devoted to storytelling, jokes and illustrations (stories- fables and myths) than the exposition of the word. The sheep’s diet consists more of entertainment, with music, skits and dances with sermons that are like drinking warm milk that will only help them go to sleep.”

It is too bad that such words, while not pleasant, are nonetheless very true. The tragic results are that churches today are filled with the unconverted who are more concerned

with their social contacts than genuine salvation from sin. E. Stanley Jones remarked, “Within the church only about one third of the people know what conversion is in a vital way. The other two-thirds need conversion.”

One wonders if it is possible to really get back to biblical foundations. Has the religious world gone so far that it has lost all contact with Christianity as it is described in the New Testament? Only time can tell. If there is a chance for a return to the true meaning of the church, salvation, faith and commitment, it won't be found in modern religion that has become “numeric neurotics.” The watering down of doctrinal standing is

the culprit that has taken religion out of the modern day church.

The New Testament is the same truth in 2007 that it was in the first century. Nothing about it can be changed without evoking God's displeasure. It was Paul who fervently appealed to his brethren urging them to, Hold “fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict” (Titus 1:9).

He likewise mentions, “that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain” (Phil. 2:15-16).

The Greek word for holding fast is ἐπέχοντες, it means to hold upon, i.e. to retain; to pay attention to. In Titus 1:9 when Paul mentions “holding fast the faithful word” the



Greek word is ἀντεχόμενον – it is more active and intense, it means to hold oneself opposite to, or against, hold back, withstand, to keep oneself directly opposite to anyone, hold to him firmly, cleave to, paying heed to him (the Lord by His word).

Holding fast the word is someone who is Bible based, sound in his understanding of what the Scripture says and does not say. He understands what God has said as God's word is living and active today just as it was when it was spoken or written.

2 Thess. 2:15: “Therefore, brethren, stand fast, (holding fast) and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.” Hold or stand fast is the Greek word στήκω, a perfect tense meaning to be stationary, to persevere: in other words we are not to be moved. Those who continue in sound doctrine have not moved from what they were taught, it is those who do not teach sound doctrine that have moved from where they once were.

John wrote, “Whosoever transgresses, and abides not in the doctrine of Christ, has not God” – If someone is consistently going beyond the words of Scripture or abandons the doctrine which Christ taught, or what the apostles wrote respecting Him they are not in Christ.

Doctrine is like the lines on the road. People who do not stay in their lane or do not pay attention to the signs or stoplights are like those who make up their own doctrine. They can hurt, or destroy themselves and others.

Gresham Machen wrote “The growth of ignorance in the Church is the logical and inevitable result of the false notion that Christianity is a life and not also a doctrine; if Christianity is not a doctrine then of course teaching is not necessary to Christianity. But whatever the causes for the growth of ignorance in the Church, the evil must be remedied...Christian education is the chief business of the hour for every earnest Christian man. Christianity cannot subsist unless men know what Christianity is” (Gresham Machen, Christianity and Liberalism p. 176-177).

## WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE?

Fear Him, Walk in His ways, to love and serve Him—Deuteronomy 10:12.

To Do Justly, Love Mercy, and walk Humbly with Him—Micah 6:8

