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)).

**How Can A Nation Forget God and Jesus Christ?**

**How did Israel forget God?**

**Deuteronomy 8:11-20**

**Verse 11** – Not keeping His commandments, judgments, and statutes

**Verses 12-16** – Prosperity causes one to forget who has provided the prosperity

**Verse 17-18** – Then people start thinking they alone are responsible for their prosperity

**Verse 19** – Then the man who thinks he has brought his own prosperity makes his own idols

**Verse 20** – Are not mindful that there will be a judgment day for all

**How can the Spiritual Nation of Jesus Christ forget God?**

1. By not keeping the commandments of the Lord (**2 Timothy 3:16-17, 1 John 5:1-5**)

2. Being getting caught up by the cares of the world (**Luke 8:14, James 4:4**)

3. We think too highly of ourselves (**Luke 12:13-21, Revelation 3:17**)

4. We no longer seek the Lord first in our lives (**Mark 10:21-22, 10:28-31, Matt. 10:37-38 Luke 12:15, Romans 12:1-2**)

5. We are not focused on the goal (**Matthew 6:19-21, 1 Timothy 6:17-19**)

**What can we do to make sure we do not Forget God and Jesus Christ?**

1. Spend much time in God’s Word (**Ecclesiastes 12:1, 13-14, Ephesians 5:15-18, 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16-17**)

2. Be thankful and remember Who provides blessings (**Matt. 5:45, Ro. 1:21, Col. 3:17, 1 Thes. 5:16-18, Hebrews 13:15**)

3. Not to think to highly of ourselves (**Psalm 9:20, Romans 12:3, 12:16**)

4. Remember the Lord is first and flee idolatry (**Matthew 6:24, 6:33, 1 Cor. 10:14, Gal. 2:20, 5:20, 6:14, Colossians 3:5**)

5. Remember there will be a judgment day for each one of us (**2 Corinthians 5:9-10, Revelation 20:11-15**)

Are you in the Holy Nation of Jesus Christ tonight (**1 Peter 2:9-10**)?

He is at the right hand of God and is over all nations and powers of this world (**Ephesians 1:20-21, Philippians 2:9-11**).

There is no other name by which one can be saved (**Acts 4:12**).

How about you tonight (**Matthew 28:18-20**)? Why not become a disciple of Jesus Christ tonight and then live your life for Him? That is how you can have the hope of eternity in heaven!

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; larry.paden@oakridgechurch.com, murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com; (865) 693-1416

Our next live program is planned for October 2, 2023 when we plan to study “**Can We Judge?**” hope to see you next time on **"Speaking The Truth In Love".**