



Living By Faith

"The just shall live by faith." Romans 1:17

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4th & Stewart Church of Christ

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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:45 AM
Worship..... 10:40 AM
Redstone Service..... 2:30 PM
Worship..... 6:00 PM

Tuesday:

Redstone Class 10:00 AM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class..... 10:00 AM
Bible Study..... 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister Billy Chism

Deacons:

Mike Bannister Jim Moore

Don Smith..... James Thomas

Preacher:

Ryan Smithey

Works We Support:

Belize Mission & Kindergarten
Cherokee Home for Children
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Mission Printing
World Bible School

Let us know if you want to study the Bible to know more about Christ and His Church.

The Motivation of Jesus

By Terry Jackson

Upon one occasion Jesus was addressing the multitudes when His mother and brethren came to speak to Him. Those with whom He spoke told Jesus that His mother and brethren stood outside. In response Jesus said, **"And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother"** (Matthew 12:49-50). In a society that was taught to **"honor your Father and Mother"** (Ex. 20:12), these words confused those listening to Jesus. Under no circumstance is Jesus trying to contradict the law, but He is stating by illustration the things most important in His life.

First, Jesus is revealing His mission, doing the will of His Father. When Jesus was twelve He was left in Jerusalem by His parents. After three days He was found in the temple sitting in the midst of teachers listening and asking questions. When His parents found Him they reprimanded Him for causing them some anxious moments. To this Jesus replied, **"Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"** (Luke 2:49). Jesus understood that His mission was to reveal Himself and His Father to the people. He did this by preaching, teaching and example. Once the disciples told Jesus He needed to eat, to which He replied, **"My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work"** (John 4:34). Jesus understood His purpose and was committed to completing His work.

Secondly, Jesus reveals His priority. It had nothing to do with not respecting or loving His family but His commitment to the Father superseded any earthly ties He enjoyed. When Jesus taught His disciples about counting the cost, He warned them, **"He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me"** (Matt. 10:37). This restriction is not in violation of Exodus 20:12, but stresses the responsibility to put Him first as He put His Father first.

The third lesson is that Jesus is teaching us the closeness of His relationship with the His followers. Those who are His disciples are His family. What a beautiful description of our relationship with Jesus. The meaning of discipleship involves learning and following. Jesus explained that he is one who does the will of His Father. He is more than one who talks about what he should do; He is one who obeys the word (James 1:22). In this brief sketch of the life of Jesus we catch a good glimpse of the attitude of Jesus toward His mission and His attitude toward those who share with Him in this great mission. Jesus once rebuked the Pharisees for their hypocrisy in their responsibilities to their parents (Mark 7:10-13). Christ appreciated the ties that one has with the family as do we, but we must not allow these relationships to interfere with our following Him. The fact that Jesus considers us His family is motivation enough to keep Him first in our daily lives.



Trust in him at all times ye people; pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

Psalm 62:8

The Process of Sin

by Tom Moore

Surely all of us are familiar with the account of the fall of man in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve were created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26) and were placed in a perfect paradise, the garden of Eden. “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Gen. 2:16-17). Eve had all the trees in the garden to eat of, but instead, she choose to eat of the one tree which the Almighty had forbidden! Let us consider the process Eve went through as she sinned against God.

The first mistake Eve made was LISTENING to bad advice. When Eve was confronted by the serpent, she told him what God had said concerning the tree in the midst of the garden. Notice the serpent’s response, “Ye shall not surely die” (Gen. 3:4). Eve, like so many others in the world, listen to a lie. The world is filled with bad advice - even lies! Don’t fall into the deadly snare of listening to bad advice - even lies. Satan is a master of deception.

Doctrinally speaking, the New Testament warns, “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Tim. 4:3-4). Remember, the best advice always comes from God. Be careful who you listen to, and be as the Bereans who “searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so” (Acts 17:11).

After Eve began to listen, she then began to LOOK. We are informed that Eve “saw the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes” (Gen. 3:6). This action opens the door to sin. Eve was willfully subjecting herself to temptation. Eve knew she was not to eat of the forbidden tree, but as she began to look at the tree through fleshly eyes - she succumbed. Eve saw that the tree would

please the flesh, and thus, forgot all other rules. Today, many are involved in the same fatal procedure - they look with their fleshly eyes and subject themselves to sin and its condemnation. We must have the willpower to turn our heads to sin, and thus to say, “Get thee behind me Satan.”

When Eve had listened to bad advise and looked upon temptation, she then begin to DESIRE that which she should not have. Having looked long enough her fleshly desires took over, and she gave in to sin. When a person is on a diet and a piece of pie sits in front of them long enough - they will likely break down and consume it. Why must people always needlessly subject themselves to those things that they know they will give into? If we look long enough at sin, or see how close we can get to sin - we will soon see ourselves desiring that which we should partake in.

Eve listened to bad advice, she looked, she desired, and she PARTICIPATED, that is, she sins. Eve had transgressed God’s law - she had sinned. “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4). She could have stopped the process of sin, but she didn’t. She did not have to listen to bad advice—but she did! She did not have to look on that which she should not have—but she did! She did not have to desire that which was forbidden—but she did! As a result, she was separated from God because she participated in that which God had forbidden.

But notice, this is not the end of the story. Eve was not content with sinning alone - she TEMPTED her husband, Adam, to do likewise. Misery loves company! Sin is not much fun if you are the only one doing it, thus many tempt others to following them in their evil path. Eve was not satisfied that she had sinned—she wanted to bring her husband down with her. How sad!

Beloved, please do not follow this same process to sin!

Television	God’s Plan for Redeeming Man	Bible Reading Schedule
<p>The Truth In Love (Eddie Parrish) Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB</p> <p>In Search of the Lord’s Way (Mack Lyon) Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB</p> <p>Gospel Broadcasting Network Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org Dish Network: Good News Today, Daily @ 11:00 am on channel 9407 or 9396</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Radio</p> <p>Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3</p>	<p>Hear Learn the saving message of Christ’s sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).</p> <p>Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)</p> <p>Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)</p> <p>Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)</p> <p>Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being baptized for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)</p>	<p>Sunday .. Isaiah 3-4; Galatians 6</p> <p>Monday .. Isaiah 5-6; Ephesians 1</p> <p>Tuesday .. Isaiah 7-8; Ephesians 2</p> <p>Wednesday.. Isaiah 9-10; Ephesians 3</p> <p>Thursday .. Isaiah 11-13; Ephesians 4</p> <p>Friday .. Isaiah 14-16; Eph. 5:1-16</p> <p>Saturday .. Isaiah 17-19; Eph. 5:17-33</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim. 2:15)</i></p>

News & Notes

Ladies Class

The ladies class continues every Wednesday at 10 AM in the fellowship hall and they are studying the Life of Christ. We hope that you can make it out — last week we had 10 ladies present. This week following class, anyone that would like to go out is invited to Section Hand for lunch (dutch treat).

1st Sunday Fellowship Meal

Remember that next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of October and so we will be having our monthly potluck lunch following the morning worship service. We hope that you can make plans to join us.

Care, Inc.

Don reports that the worship service at Care, Inc. has been a great success and welcomed by many of the residents there that have been unable to get out for quite some time. Madiee Wheeler and her roommate have graciously allowed the use of their room for the service and I believe it has been packed the last two weeks! We appreciate John and Garrett Barnum, James Fuller, Don Smith, and Ryan Smithey who will be rotating that responsibility of leading the communion, singing, message, and prayers. We would still love for anyone interested to help or come and support this work every chance you get. Remember we start at 2:30 PM in Room 50 every Sunday.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Oct. 4-7: Meeting at Bangs with Otho Rogers.
- ◆ Oct. 4-7: Meeting at Ave. T in Temple with Wayne Jones; "Gearing up for Greater Service".

Finding Peace and Hope in a Troubled World

October 18-21, 2009

Our world is full of trouble from immorality to terror to false religion and in our own lives we have financial problems, problems at work/school, and family problems. In such a situation, one might wonder whether peace and hope can even be found!

But rest assured that the Bible contains the answers to this and all of life's greatest questions. So please join us for our Fall Gospel Meeting at the 4th & Stewart church of Christ as we explore this timely topic from God's Word with guest speaker, Maxie Boren.

Schedule: Sunday @ 9:45 AM, 10:40 AM, 6:00 PM
Monday-Wednesday @ 7:00 PM
Wednesday @ 11:00 AM with lunch following.

Please continue to keep this effort in your prayers. Flyers are now available at the back of the auditorium to help tell others.

Visitation Program

Remember to join us for our **visitation meeting following the evening worship services in the fellowship hall**. Keep reporting your contacts made during the week and turn them in each Sunday morning — last week **32 contacts** were made.

But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.
2 Thessalonians 3:13

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO:

October Birthdays: Jim Moore (03); Lisa Greer (05); Matthew Churchwell (07); Jo Maninger (12); Seth Smithey (13); Hank Wheeler (13); Tina Barnum (14); Cassie Freeman (23); Peggy Dudley (25).

October Anniversaries: Earlene & Earl Tomlinson (01); Freda & James Womack (19); Juanita & Stormy Barnum (25); Jo & Ken Maninger (25); Patti & Mike Bannister (27).

"Rejoice with those who rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)



Recent Records	Sept. 13, 2009	Sept. 20, 2009
Bible Class	59	69
AM Worship	69	79
PM Worship	50	46
Wednesday PM	56	45
Contribution	\$1426	\$1544

Privileged to Serve	09/27/09 - AM	09/27/09 - PM	10/04/09 - AM	10/04/09 - PM
Greeters	Tom & Carol Wilcox		Allen & Linda Griffith	
Scripture Reader Scripture Reading		Michael Bickford		John Barnum
Opening Prayer	Paul McClung	Allen Griffith	James Thomas	Matthew Churchwell
Wait on Table	Don Smith*, Ken Makuta James fuller, John Barnum	Don Smith	Hank Wheeler*, Michael Fuller Garrett Barnum, Tom Wilcox	Hank Wheeler
Closing Prayer	Gene Bannister	Jim Moore	Michael Bickford	Don Smith
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey		Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey	
Wednesday Devotionals	September 30 Don Smith	October 7 James Fuller	October 14 Ken Makuta	October 21 Tom Wilcox

Studies For The Week of September 27th:

Sunday Class 2 Thessalonians 2

Wednesday Class Daniel 10

Basics: Identifying Marks (Pt 2: Entrance/Membership)

1. Entrance

- a. Salvation through and in Christ (Jn 14:6, 10:9, 15:6; Acts 4:12)
- b. Must teach God's plan of salvation
 - i. Hearing (John 6:44-45; Rom. 10:17)
 - ii. Faith (Heb. 11:6; John 8:24; James 2:24)
 - iii. Repentance (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38) (cf. Matt. 21:27-31)
 - iv. Confession (Matt. 16:16; Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)
 - v. Baptism which places us in Christ (Gal. 3:27), is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16), and is an immersion in water—a figure of Christ (Rom. 6:3-6).
- c. Such places us in Christ (Gal. 3:27) and in the church, His body (Eph. 1:22-23; Acts 2:41, 47).

2. Membership

- a. Having then been added the church/Christ we are: Disciples (Acts 20:7), Saints (1 Cor. 1:2), Brethren (1 Cor. 15:6); Sons of God (Rom. 8:14), Children of God (Rom. 8:16), Heirs of God (Rom. 8:17), Royal priesthood or priests (1 Pet. 2:9); Christians (Acts 11:29) – nothing more, nothing less.
- b. To remain such we must continue in Christ (John 15:1-5; John 8:31-32, 2 Tim. 4:2-4); otherwise we are turned away and need to repent (Acts 8:21-22; 1 John 1:7,9).
- c. We must continue faithfully (2 Tim. 4:7-8; Rev. 2:10).

Stand Still and Go (Exodus 14)

God brought the Israelites out of Egypt but they still had a lot to learn about trusting Him:

- 1. Fear (v10-12)
 - a. When the Israelites saw Pharaoh's army pursuing them, they were full of fear.
 - b. They followed God only so far as it looked safe and then they panicked in fear instead of trusting God.
 - c. We know we will face problems, but what is our response?
- 2. Trust (v13-14)
 - a. Moses told them to stand still and look to God in trust.
 - b. We must be willing to turn to God in times of trouble (Phil. 4:6-7), for direction (Jer. 10:23), and for salvation (1 Jn 1:7).
- 3. Obedience (v15-29)
 - a. God told them what to do, that He would protect and deliver.
 - b. Having received direction it was now time to "Go!"
 - c. When we stop to look to God for answers, make sure we act on the answers we find! (Acts 22:16; Phil. 4:9).
- 4. Salvation (v30-31)
 - a. It was after they crossed the Red Sea (thus obeying God) they were saved; a great cause for rejoicing (Chapter 15).
 - a. There is always cause for joy when we walk with God (Acts 8:39; Phil. 4:4).

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