

4th & Stewart church of Christ

"...upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
~ Matthew 16:18



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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

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

Tuesday:

Redstone Class..... 9:30 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:

Cherokee Home for Children
Gospel Broadcast Network
Heart of Texas Bible Camp (Bangs)
House to House, Heart to Heart
Mission Printing
Rohan Jones, Africa
The Truth in Love
World Bible School

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

Some Or Sum?

By B. J. Clarke

The Psalmist declared, "The sum of your word is truth; and every one of your righteous rules endures forever" (Psalm 119:160, ESV). Another translation says, "The entirety of your word is truth" (NKJV). Tragically, the truth of this passage has been assaulted in the past, and is even now assailed by both modernists and "Bible believing" people alike.

Is Some of God's Word Inspired; or, is the Sum of God's Word Inspired?

The modernist asserts that *parts* of Scripture are inspired and tells us that the Bible contains the Word of God in *certain* places. Such an assertion ignores the affirmation of the Psalmist that the **entirety** of God's Word is truth. Furthermore, "**All** Scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2 Timothy 3:16, emphasis mine). If only parts of the Bible are inspired, how does one determine which sections are and which segments are not inspired? Liberal theologians suggest that **some** of the Bible is God's truth. But again, the Psalmist declared that the **sum** of God's Word is truth.

Do I Accept Some of God's Word or the Sum of God's Word?

On the other hand, some claim to believe that the Bible is inspired in all of its parts. Yet, some of these same individuals will *preach and practice* only **some** of what it requires. They adopt a "cafeteria-style" approach to the Bible in which they pick out the parts they like and put them on their theological tray while rejecting other portions that fail to tickle their fancy. They are reminiscent of Jehoiakim who listened to Jehudi read the Word of God as recorded by Jeremiah. Upon hearing the prophecy of the coming Babylonian captivity, Jehoiakim took the scroll, cut it with his penknife and cast it into the fire (Jeremiah 36:23). Jehoiakim wanted only **some** of God's Word instead of the **sum** of God's Word. Sadly, the spirit of Jehoiakim is still alive today.

Many religious people believe in preaching and yet suggest that women are authorized to preach as well as men. They ignore Paul's prohibition of this in 1 Timothy 2:11-12. Are they taking **some** or **sum**? Some religions preach morality while forming policies at their conventions to allow homosexuals to be "ordained" as ministers in their churches. This is contrary to Romans 1:26-27 and 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. Is it **some** of God's Word that they want or the **sum** of God's Word?

In the religious world today, millions pledge allegiance to passages on faith

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*But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right
in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.
For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.*

Acts 4:19-20

Learning To Follow

By Kevin W. Rhodes

As a general rule, few people enjoy following someone else. We have all sorts of pithy sayings to back that up. It is amazing that anyone wants to "play second fiddle" considering the way that term is passed around. But not everyone can be "the lead dog." If there is to be any successful effort in which more than one person participates, someone is going to have to take the lead, which also implies that everyone else must be willing to follow. But being a good follower is more difficult than some might think. You must trust your leader enough to put your training in his hands and go where he leads you, despite possible conflict and danger.

Christians have the ultimate leader in Jesus Christ. Paul said, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). The only One that deserves a true "following" in religion is Jesus Christ — not the preacher, not your parents, not even the apostle Paul should have a following. Learning to follow as a Christian means learning to follow Christ: to accept His leadership, to obey His precepts, and to imitate His example. It is one thing to take the initial steps toward Christ to become a Christian, but following Him means that we are willing to go as far as He requires (Mt. 16:24).

A good follower does not complain, make excuses, or lag behind; a good follower follows. But a good follower also knows whom to follow (Mt. 15:14). Peter wrote, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (1 Pet. 2:21). Since we do not know the proper way to go in life (Prov. 16:25) and Christ does (Jn. 14:6), we have every reason to follow Him. When we understand that heaven is where we want to go and admit that we do not know how to get there, then it makes perfect sense to commit ourselves to following the One who has already made that journey (Col. 3:1-2).

What Do Others See?

By Pat McIntosh

None of us is really good at reading minds. Therefore, we depend upon indicators as to what people are thinking. A frown, a smile, a shaking or a nodding of the head are examples of positive and negative indicators as to what someone thinks about something we have done or said.

Having said that, what do people see about our lives? It is no secret that I am both a sports and movie nut. This is especially the case regarding the Texas Rangers. I don't need much motivation to discuss them with anyone who will listen. Both my son and I drive our wives nuts answering each other in lines from a movie we have seen many times. These, however, are relatively unimportant when looking at the "big picture."

What is truly important is what others see in us regarding spiritual matters. Again, people cannot read our minds or look into our hearts. All they can do is analyze our "indicators" as they relate to the importance we place on God, His Son, the Bible and the Lord's church. There are numerous "negative indicators." These will include absenteeism from services and Bible classes, being regularly late for services while being prompt at secular gatherings, and outright sinful behavior. On the contrary, "positive indicators" will include regular attendance and participation in Bible classes and in worship assemblies, manifesting an ethical approach that is clearly based on Christian principles, and deeds that match our profession of faith.

Do we care what others see? Do we use every opportunity to let them see that spiritual matters are the greatest priority in our lives? Do our lives mirror our profession? May we be those who cause others to see Christ in us and His word paramount in our lives.

Television

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)
Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB

In Search of the Lord's Way
Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB

Gospel Broadcasting Network
Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org

Good News Today: Sunday @ 6:00 am on
Dish: 259, DirectTV: 364, Harris: 208

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)
Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

God's Plan for Redeeming Man

Hear Learn the saving message of Christ's sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).

Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)

Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)

Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)
Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being **baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)

Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

Bible Study Schedule

Week 45

**1 Samuel 29—2 Samuel 3
& John 21—Acts 1**

Study sheets are available at the back of the auditorium.

Also anyone interested can join us at 5 PM each Sunday in the fellowship hall to discuss the questions and answers.

"...desire the sincere milk of the work, that ye may grow thereby;" (1 Pet. 2:2)



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while rejecting the ones that require water baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21). They take **some** and not the **sum**. There are others who laud Paul's epistles and yet reject Christ as the sole head and legislator of the Church (Colossians 1:18). They further ignore God's arrangement for qualified elders to lead the Church and substitute a board of deacons with a "pastor" as head in its place. Are they taking **some** of God's Word or the **sum** of God's Word? Many observe the Lord's Supper but ignore the pattern of frequency set forth in Acts 20:7. Is this approach **some** or **sum**?

Does My Preacher Preach Some of God's Word or the Sum of God's Word?

When preachers preach on first principles but fail to preach on moral issues, they are preaching **some**, but not the **sum** of God's Word. When preachers preach on the love, grace, and mercy of God, while never bothering to mention His holiness and severity (Romans 11:22), they are preaching **some** of God's Word but not the **sum** of God's Word. Likewise, when preachers focus exclusively on "doctrinal" preaching while failing to address the subjects of brotherly love, grief, overcoming discouragement, joy in Christ, security in Christ, grace, mercy and forgiveness, etc., they are preachers of **some** of God's Word, but not the **sum** of God's Word. And finally, when Church leaders muzzle the preacher from preaching on certain controversial issues they are showing respect for **some** of God's Word, but not the **sum** of God's Word.

Paul did not shrink from declaring the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27; 2 Tim. 4:2-4, ESV). We are to do no less! Are you embracing just **some** of the Word, or the **sum** of God's Word? The only way to live, love, preach, and teach is to do so while adhering to the sum of God's Word. Every bit of it is Truth. May we never be a Jehoiakim and take only part; but instead, like the Psalmist, declare our love for its sum.

Visitation Meeting

Remember our visitation meeting each Sunday night following the evening worship to sign cards and discuss the work going on. Please join us each time. Last week **29 contacts** were made.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Remember the **Ladies Class** started against last Wednesday. They would love to have all the ladies that can join them each Wednesday at 10 AM in the high school room.
- ◆ Nov. 18: Bible Bowl hosted at Dublin here at 2 PM.
- ◆ Dec. 1: Blood drive here for David Harris.

What To Do With Your Bible

*Know it in the head; stow it in the heart;
show it in the life; sow it in the world;
read it to be wise; believe it to be safe;
practice it to be holy.*

~Author Unknown

Celebrate

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

November Birthdays: Linda Jimenez (08), Emilee Evetts (13), Juanita Barnum (15), Xavier Martinez (28).

November Anniversaries: Barbara & Gene Bannister (06), Bennie & Charles White (19).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Records

	Oct. 21, 2012	Oct. 28, 2012
Bible Class	54	57
AM Worship	69	72
PM Worship	57	54
Wednesday PM	42	46
Contribution	\$1591	\$2101

	This Week: 11/4/12	Next Week: 11/11/12	November 2012	
Sunday AM:	Lead Singing: Jim Moore	Lead Singing: James Fuller	Make Announcements: Gene Bannister	
Greeters	John Barnum Family	Tom & Carol Wilcox	Prepare Communion: Jim & Peg Moore	
Opening Prayer	Ken Maninger	Garrett Barnum	Clean Building: John Barnum Family	
Communion	John Barnum*, Garrett Barnum Don Smith, Jim Moore	Joe Dennis*, Hank Wheeler John Barnum, Tom Wilcox	Keep Grounds: Ryan Smithey	
Closing Prayer	James Thomas	Jim Moore	December 2012	
Attendance Cards	Seth Smithey/Caleb Dennis	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Make Announcements: Garrett Barnum	
Sunday PM:			Prepare Communion: Don & Darlene Smith	
Opening Prayer	Billy Chism	Don Smith	Clean Building: Cindy Fuller	
Scripture Reading	Joe Dennis <i>1 Peter 3:1-4</i>	Allen Griffith	Keep Grounds: James Fuller	
Communion	John Barnum	Joe Dennis		
Closing Prayer	Gene Bannister	John Barnum		
Wednesday Devotionals:	November 7 Garrett Barnum	November 14 Joe Dennis	November 21 James Fuller	November 28 Jim Moore

Search the Scriptures

Be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

Studies for the week of November 4, 2012		Sunday Class Colossians (Chap.3)	Wednesday Class Redemption Through The Bible
<p>What They Saw (John 20)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> An Empty Tomb that changed uncertainty to knowledge (v1-10). Mary, John, and Peter all saw the empty grave where Jesus had been laid. It was a testimony to the fact He was dead but was now risen. Mary and John perceived it (v1, 5), Peter entered and looked carefully (v6), Then John entered and understood what was seen (v8). A Risen Jesus that changed sorrow to joy (v11-18). Mary was looking for the physical body of Jesus but sees Jesus Himself, alive again, recognizing Him as her great teacher (v16). But she is not to cling to Him but go with the joyous news of this encounter. A Risen Christ that changed fear to boldness (v19-23). Next John tells of Jesus appearing to the disciples (except Thomas) when gathered in fear. But Jesus comforts them and reminds them of their mission to take the soul saving gospel into the world which they begin to do in Acts 2. A Risen Lord that changed doubt to faith (v24-28). Later Jesus again appears with Thomas present and He presents the evidence requested prompting a confession of faith from Thomas that He is Lord—the message of this book (John 1:1, 14)! The Risen Savior that brings hope and life to the world to a lost and dying world (v29-31). It was this wonderful news of the gospel that the apostles would testify to and spread forth in the world (1 Cor. 15:1ff; Rom. 1:4). <i>How has what they saw changed our lives?</i> 	<p>Adorning The Doctrine (Titus 2:10)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adorning is not: just believing, though such is necessary (Heb. 11:6, John 8:24; Mark 16:15-16), merely staying out of the way, though we must not hinder the gospel (1 Thess. 1:6, Heb. 5:11-14, Rev. 2-3), simply contending for the faith, though we must do so (Jude 3; Rom. 16:17-18). Adorning is: From the word kosmeo: the idea of putting something in proper order, prepare it; to ornament, adore, decorate; to embellish with honor. Other uses in KJV (adorned: Lk 21:5; 1 Pet. 3:5; Rev. 21:2; garnished: Matt. 12:44, Lk 11:25, Rev. 21:19; adorn: 1 Tim. 2:9; garnish: Matt. 23:29; trimmed: Matt. 25:7). Satan knows the value of adorning sin: 2 Cor. 11:13-15, Matt. 7:15-20; 2 Pet. 2:1-2. He and his ministers beautify sin and make it look attractive. We must adorn the doctrine of God: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It is a challenging task for it is already beautiful beyond measure—the wonderful gospel, the good news of salvation in Christ Jesus (James 1:25; 1 Pet. 1:22-25; Acts 20:32; Rom. 1:16; Gal. 1:11-12; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). But it is a rewarding task as well for we live at peace with God and shine a lights and examples to others around us (Phil. 4:9; Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:15-16; 1:27; Eph. 4:1; 1 Pet. 2:12, 3:16). <p><i>Do people see in our lives the effects of the beautiful gospel of Christ? By the way we live are they attracted to the gospel? Let us give diligence to adorning the doctrine of God!</i></p>		