

# 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 ..... On Break  
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.

## Jesus the Just Judge

By James D. Nash

Jesus preached concerning the judgment (Matthew 25:31-46). Paul preached concerning the judgment (Acts 24:25). Peter preached concerning the judgment (2 Peter 3). Jude preached concerning the judgment (Jude 3ff). Many other Bible writers taught concerning the judgment. But when was the last time you heard a sermon on the judgment?

It seems that judgment has fallen on hard times, at least when considering how little it is preached from pulpits across the land. Why is this the case? Is it because it seen as unloving or unkind? Is it seen as something our Savior would not do? This may be a common perception, but there is no truth in it. Jesus preached more on the coming final judgment than any other Bible character. In fact, our Lord mentions judgment thirteen times in Matthew alone. We are even told in John 5:22 that Jesus Christ will be our judge on that final day. Why are there misconceptions on such a basic Bible doctrine? Perhaps the answer lies in a lack of teaching on this subject. This article hopes to help correct this problem by examining three vital areas concerning the judgment: Jesus our judge, those that will be judged, and the rule of judgment.

## Jesus Our Judge

The Bible plainly and clearly teaches that Jesus will be our judge, "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son" (John 5:22). 2 Timothy 4:1 teaches this same truth, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom." Yes, Jesus shall judge.

What gives Jesus the right of judgment over mankind? First, Jesus has the right to judge man because He as Deity created man (John 1:1-3). Second, Jesus has the right to judge man because He as a sacrifice gave His life to save man (John 3:16). Third, Jesus has the right to judge man because the Father has given Him all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18). And fourth, Jesus has the right to judge man because He is a just and righteous judge (John 5:30). Concerning this point Paul penned, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day . . ." (2 Timothy 4:8).

## Jesus Judges The World

Jesus has been identified as the judge. Who then, is to be judged by Jesus? It is evident from Matthew 7:21-23 that Jesus will judge the religious:

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the king-

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*If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above,  
where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.*

*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

*Colossians 3:1-2*

# Being A Godly Man

By James Nash

“What kind of man does God want me to be?” Surely, this question has been pondered by every Christian male at least once, and hopefully on a regular basis by all those men that are truly seeking to please God. It is even likely that this question has crossed the minds of more than a few Christian women with respect to a husband, father, brother, son, friend or boyfriend.

But how important is it to examine oneself in light of God and His word, and how important is it to be an example to others? Listen to God: “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves” (2 Corinthians 13:5a). “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12). Notice, we are not only to be in the business of inspecting ourselves, but also we must strive to be a good example to others if we are to please God. With this groundwork set as a foundation, let us forge ahead and notice three general areas in which godly men must to examine themselves in light of the scriptures.

## Being A Man of Courage

Courage is named at least 26 times in the Word of God and is illustrated in a multitude of examples as well. Courage is a subject God deals with in a direct, head on manner. Look to what God tells Joshua as the new leader of Israel, “Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest” (Joshua 1:7). Friends, it takes courage to be a servant of the King. It takes courage to follow all of God’s teachings. It takes courage to resist the constant pressure of the world to turn from the path God has set.

Who would deny that it takes great courage to stand against the majority and proclaim as Joshua did, “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” (Joshua 24:15)? That took courage in his day, and that kind of stand takes courage in our day as well. Are you ready to stand up against a society that teaches our children to do whatever they what as long as it feels good?

There are far too many Christian fathers, husbands, brothers, and sons that act as if they are completely impotent when it comes to taking a stand for the teachings of Christ. Concerning this very problem the apostle Paul writes, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7). Christian men, be courageous, for God has always demanded such of His followers in every age.

## Being A Man of Strength

Just as the body without the spirit is dead (James 2:26), courage without strength has no teeth. It takes courage to take a stand for God, but it takes strength to weather the storm that will follow from such a stand. Is it just a coincidence that of the six times courage is commanded in the book of Joshua, that strength is commanded with it? Indeed strength is the companion of courage.

One of the greatest examples of strength of character combined with courage is that of Caleb. Caleb’s strength is remarkable. At the age of 85, this great man of God requests the inheritance of a mountain with great fenced cities inhabited by giants and says, “if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as

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### 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 and on Roku  
TV: Sunday @ 6:30 am on  
Dish: 267, DirectTV: 376

### 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 97

#### Psalm 99-104 & 1 Timothy 3-4

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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dom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Yes, Jesus will judge the religious. He will also judge all nations, "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, . . . And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats" (Matthew 25:31,32).

In fact, the apostle Paul forcefully teaches that everybody shall give an account before Christ, ". . . for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ . . . So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:10,12). "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10). Friends, we must all answer for the deeds that we have done (or should have done – James 4:17). No one will escape the Savior's judgment (Revelation 20:13).

### Jesus Judges By The Word

Jesus will be the judge all of mankind. We can be certain of this truth, but what will His standard of judgment be? Has Christ informed us as to the rule of judgment He shall use to determine our eternal destiny? Yes, He has. Jesus stated with simplicity that His teachings shall be our standard in judgment. No surprises, no last minute changes, no gimmickry or slight of hand, just His word: "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the

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### Visitation Meeting

Remember our visitation meeting each Sunday night following the evening worship to sign cards and discuss the work going on. Last week **24 contacts** were made.

### Benevolence Request

As many of you know, Denny Wilson, the preacher for the DeLeon congregation, suffered a heart attack a few months ago. He is doing much better and has returned to most normal activity but since he had no insurance at the time, his hospital and doctors bills have been quite high. If you would like to contribute to help Denny, you may contribute to the church here by November 3 and earmark your donation for him and it will be forwarded on to him. Thank you in advance.

### Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Today: 1st Sunday Lunch**...we hope you can join us after the morning worship in the fellowship.
- ◆ **Nov. 3-6th:** Gospel Meeting at **Rising Star** with Michael Light.
- ◆ **Nov. 24th:** Bible Bowl at Rising Star beginning at 2 PM.



*Study to shew thyself approved unto God,  
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of truth.*

2 Timothy 2:15



## Celebrate

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

**November Birthdays:** Linda Jimenez (08), Horace Hooper (09), Emilee Evetts (13), Juanita Barnum (15), Terry Teague (17), Kevin Wilcox (27), Xavier Martinez (28).

**November Anniversaries:** Barbara & Gene Bannister (06), Jack & Judie Turner (18).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Records	Oct. 20, 2013	Oct. 27, 2013
Bible Class	57	55
AM Worship	73	75
PM Worship	59	64
Mon. PM	73	NA
Tues. PM	87	NA
Wed. Class	24	NA
Wednesday PM	61	46
Contribution	\$1872	\$1901

# Privileged To Serve

"...be ready to every good work" (Titus 3:1)

	This Week: 11/3/13	Next Week: 11/10/13	November 2013	
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<b>Make Announcements:</b> Don Smith	
<b>Greeters</b>	The Maninger Family	Jim Moore & Hank Wheeler	<b>Prepare Communion:</b> Billy & Peggy Chism	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Allen Griffith	Gene Bannister	<b>Clean Building:</b> The Smithey Family	
<b>Communion</b>	Ken Maninger*, Chase Churchwell Hank Wheeler, Garrett Barnum	James Fuller*, John Barnum Jim Moore, Don Smith	<b>Keep Grounds:</b> Tom Wilcox	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Barnum	Allen Griffith	<b>December 2013</b>	
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Caleb Dennis/Seth Smithey	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	<b>Make Announcements:</b> Joe Dennis	
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	<b>Prepare Communion:</b> Jim & Peg Moore	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Thomas	Garrett Barnum	<b>Clean Building:</b> Jessica Stultz	
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Jim Moore	Kevin Wilcox	<b>Keep Grounds:</b> Tom Wilcox	
<b>Communion</b>	Ken Maninger	James Fuller		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Mike Bannister	Billy Chism		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	November 6 Jim Moore	November 13 Joe Dennis	November 20 Allen Griffith	November 27 Tom Wilcox

# 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)

<b>Studies for the week of November 3, 2013</b>	Sunday Class and Sermons by..... Jim Nash Wednesday PM..... Redemption Through The Bible
<p>(Continued from page 2)</p> <p>the LORD said" (Joshua 14:12). Notice, that when faced with this colossal task, Caleb simply states that with the Lord's help he will be victorious. May we all strive to attain the strength of character seen in Caleb.</p> <p><b>Being A Man of Compassion</b></p> <p>Courage and strength are two of the traits most needed in the Lord's church today if we are to beat back the devil's influence. However, as needful as these traits are, may they never be used as an excuse to overlook compassion. I do not know of anyone who would claim that our Lord lacked courage or strength. Yet, Jesus was the most compassionate man who ever lived. Our Lord often took compassion on those around him, the sick, the hungry, and the lost. Truly, Jesus was compassionate. Through Peter, He commanded his followers to be compassionate as well. "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another" (1 Peter 3:8). Being a godly man demands courage and strength, but may we never forget, it also calls for tender compassion. Let us inspect ourselves for these traits as we strive to be godly men and set an example for others.</p>	<p>(Continued from page 3)</p> <p>same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). Paul reinforced this truth when he declared by inspiration, ". . . God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel" (Romans 2:16).</p> <p>The Gospel of Jesus Christ shall be our standard in judgment. This being the case we can appreciate more fully the statement, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). We understand the necessity of studying God's word when we come to know that we shall be judged by it. But the question comes, "What of those who do not obey the Gospel?" The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus shall come "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord . . ." (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). Yes, Jesus shall be our just Judge, and He shall judge all of us and His word shall be the standard.</p>