

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



October 14, 2018

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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

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

Deacons:

Mike Bannister..... Don Smith

Evangelist:

Johnny McCaghren

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

God's Seven Water Tests

Those who ridicule God's command to be baptized in order to be forgiven would do well to consider at least seven occasions when God used water to separate those who followed Him from those who rejected Him. The first outstanding example is the flood. If one only read the Old Testament story, he could easily see that principle. It is made more certain, striking and significant when we read of it again in Hebrews 11:7 and especially in 1 Peter 3:20-21 where we are told in specific terms that the water that saved them from the wicked world is a type of the baptism that saves us.

The second outstanding example of the use of water to separate God's people from others is in the story of Israel crossing the Red Sea. In Exodus 14:30, we find, "Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians and they saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore." Paul referred to this in 1 Corinthians 10:2 when he wrote, "They were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea."

The third example is in Judges 7 where God had Gideon's army to undergo a "water test." Those who were watchful and careful and lapped the water in their hands were separated from those who did not. There are many lessons we can get from that story, such as the fact that God does not need large numbers to do any job He wishes to do, but our lesson today is simply that He used water to choose His warriors. The others he rejected.

One of the most outstanding examples is that of Naaman, the leper, in 2 Kings 5. He was commanded to go and dip seven times in the Jordan to cure his leprosy. Many sermons could be preached on the necessity of doing what is commanded, where it is commanded and in the manner it is commanded. Those are all very important lessons. No river but Jordan would do. No use of water other than dipping would do. No number but seven times was proper. One could scoff at the whole process and call it "a water cure" or any other term he may choose. The simple fact is that although he was cured by God's grace when he accepted it in obedient faith, water was the point or place where the cleansing was done.

In John 9:7 when Jesus told the blind man to go and wash in the pool of Siloam, those who stood by might have scoffed and said, "Water cannot give sight. There is no power in the water, so forget it, or wait until you are cured to wash." It is clear for any who will read it honestly that washing in the pool of Siloam stood between the blind man and his recovery. Whether they or we can see any sense in it, an honest student cannot miss the fact that Jesus used water as a test of his faith and as a means by which he received sight.

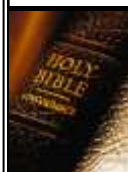
In John's baptism, we find another strong example of the use of water separating those who rejected God and those who received Him. Luke 7:29-30 says, "And all the people when they heard, and all the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected for themselves the counsel of God, being not baptized of him."

The greatest and most significant water test God used is the one in Mark 16:16, where Jesus plainly says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." If one simply wants to do God's will and reads that in connection with the cases of conversion, such as Acts 2:38 and Acts 22:16, where it plainly says that baptism is for the remission of sins, to wash away sins, one can see that God is still using the water test to separate His people from those who reject Him. Have you passed God's water test?

T. Pierce Brown (Gospel Gazette Online, Oct. 2018, p. 5)

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. **1 Corinthians 2:1-2**

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



BACK TO THE BIBLE LECTURES

October 20-21, 2018

Theme: Christ Is Our Example...

Saturday

- 2:00 pm - In Suffering... Royce Williamson
- 3:00 pm - In Compassion... David Johnson
- 4:00 pm - In Condemning Error... Kevin Cauley
- 5:00 pm - In Prayer... Ross Haffner
- 6:00 pm - Sandwich Supper

Sunday

- 9:30 am - In Speech.... Frank Briscoe
- 10:30 am - In Sacrifice... Denny Wilson
- 11:30 am - Covered Dish Luncheon

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Television

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)

Sunday @ 7:00am on KTAB

In Search of the Lord's Way (Phil Sanders)

Sunday @ 7:30am on KTAB

Life In The Light (Chris McCurley)

Sunday @ 10:00am on KTAB

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)

Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

Internet

TheGospelRadioNetwork.org
Gospel Broadcasting Network (Gbnv.org)

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 Reading Schedule

Oct. 14 Matthew 19—20

Oct. 15 Matthew 21—22

Oct. 16 Matthew 23—24

Oct. 17 Matthew 25—26

Oct. 18 Matthew 27—28

Oct. 19 Mark 1—3

Oct. 20 Mark 4—5

Oct. 21 Mark 6—7

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

(2 Timothy 2:15)



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **36 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ The **21st Annual Lubbock Lectureship** is today through Wednesday. Johnny will be speaking tomorrow at 3:00pm.
- ◆ The **Back to the Bible Lectures** at Hamilton begin this Saturday.
- ◆ Next week, Foy Forehand will be our guest speaker, while Johnny takes a vacation week.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ November 3—Ladies' Day w/ Evelyn Bonner
- ◆ March 24-27—Spring Gospel Meeting w/ Rick Brumback

Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ Oct. 21-24—Gospel Meeting @ Bangs w/ Lee Wright: *"God's Lost and Found (Lk. 15)"*
- ◆ Nov. 10—Ladies' Day at Oldham Lane (Abilene): *"Broken But Blessed"*

If You Love Me

Many proclaim they love Jesus. How many really do will be determined by the Righteous Judge at the Last Day (2 Tim. 4:8). Those who *"love His appearing"* will be those who have been prepared according to Jesus' terms. Those terms are revealed; they are not secret. The revealed words of Christ will be the standard of judgment in the Last Day (John 12:48). These words include those revealed to the apostles and the prophets by the Spirit poured out after Jesus' Ascension (John 16:13; Acts 2:33; Ephesians 3:5; Hebrews 1:1-3). There is no guessing as to what is required of us.

Of course, one may prefer to guess (I speak sarcastically). Many people appear to so prefer. There is an attitude in the world of Christendom that emphasizes love, but that love is re-defined in terms of a postmodern world. Postmodern—some say post-Christian—societies emphasize the equality of all belief systems. There is no truth in this worldview (except, of course, the doctrine-devastating irony that "the truth is that there is no truth"). Love is defined as full acceptance and endorsement of all worldviews.

This worldly philosophy spills over into the mindset of the Christian who desires minimal friction with the world. Just love. Don't study on disagreements. Don't aim to *"speak the same thing"* (1 Cor. 1:10). Just love. Love Jesus, and love people. That is all you need. This is the Postmodernism absolute doctrine.

However, the Savior of the world defined love. *"If you love Me, keep My commandments"* (Jn. 14:15). That simple admonition could not be surpassed in its profundity [wisdom]. It is augmented on almost every page of Scripture. For brief examples, think of James 1:22. *"Be doers of the word, and not hearers only..."* Think of Matthew 7:21, which reads, *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."* Meditate on the multiple illustrations of how *"faith without works is dead"* (Jas. 2:14-26).

These passages, and the multitude of others, are devastating to the *"faith only"* doctrine, the *"grace only"* doctrine and the *"love only"* doctrine. The combination of John 14:15 and John 12:48 necessitates the lover of God dig deeply into the Word constantly, honestly and diligently to see what those commandments are. The one who loves the Lord will want to please Him. One cannot please Him without knowing His commandments. The "think-so" mentality won't work. The commandments are revealed. That knowledge, then, must result in obedience.

It seems that the study in the Word is a test of love in itself. Does the one who claims to be a disciple have love enough to put in the effort to seek the will of the Lord?

Andy Robison (Gospel Gazette Online, Oct. 2018, p. 9)

Celebrate

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

October Birthdays: Lisa Greer (5), Matthew Churchwell (7), Jo Maninger (12), Hank Wheeler (13), **Tina Barnum (14)**.

October Anniversaries: Ryan & Caitlin Settles (7), **Rafe & Becky Smith (16)**, Mike & Patti Bannister (27).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Sept. 30 2018	Oct. 7, 2018
Bible Class	43	51
AM Worship	54	64
PM Worship	38	49
Wednesday PM	42	47
Contribution	\$1,747	\$2,241

	This Week: 10/14/18	Next Week: 10/21/18		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<p>October 2018 Make Announcements: James Fuller Prepare Communion: John Barnum Family Clean Building: M. & P. Bannister / Greer</p> <p>November 2018 Make Announcements: Don Smith Prepare Communion: Churchwell Family Clean Building: Randy & Laura Huckaby</p>	
Greeters	Mike & Patti Bannister	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich		
Opening Prayer	Allen Griffith	Ken Maninger		
Communion	John Barnum*, Ryan Settles Ken Maninger, Chase Churchwell	James Fuller*, Kevin Ross Ryan Rudloff, Hank Wheeler		
Closing Prayer	Tom Wilcox	Gene Bannister		
Attendance Cards	Ian Barnum	Jaceten Evetts		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Joe Dennis		
Opening Prayer	Randy Huckaby	Tom Wilcox		
Scripture Reading	Don Smith	John Barnum		
Communion	John Barnum	James Fuller		
Closing Prayer	Gene Bannister	Don Smith		
Wednesday Devotionals:	October 17 Rafe Smith	October 24 Don Smith	October 31 5 th Wednesday Video	November 7 Prayer Night

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 October 14, 2018

Sunday Class **Romans 14:21**
 Wed. Class **Old Testament History—Genesis 34:18**

<p style="text-align: center;">Jesus Christ and Him Crucified</p> <p>Text: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. Context: "For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect" (1:17).</p> <p>I. The Foundation of The Gospel: "I declare to you the gospel ... that Christ died for our sins, ... that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day..." (15:1-4).</p> <p>II. The Focus in Solving Problems.</p> <p>A. Since the message of Jesus Christ and Him crucified is the foundation of the gospel and the life of the child of God, then it should go without saying that the solving of problems should be found in this same message.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The book of 1 Corinthians is filled with problems that were present in the congregation at Corinth. Paul emphasizes Christ and/or His cross throughout the book as the focus of how to solve the difficult problems in the church. <p>B. The major problem in the book of 1 Corinthians was the problem of <i>division</i>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The fruits of that division were manifested in the other problems which stemmed from that division. Notice 1:12-13. Notice 3:9-11. <p>C. Other problems stemming from the division.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sexual immorality (5:1-2). Man's earthly callings, such as marriage or even being a slave (7:22-24). The matter of meats offered to idols (8:10-13). Loyalty to the Lord and fleeing anything associated with idolatry (10:14-17). Upholding the divine arrangement of authority (11:3). The abuse of the common meal (11:23-34). The resurrection (chapter 15). <p>D. All of the problems that faced the Corinthian church were approached with Christ as the solution.</p> <p>III. The Fundamental in The Success of The Church.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> "If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed" (16:22). Where there is no love for "Jesus Christ and Him crucified," all activity is in vain. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Being Renewed in the Spirit of the Mind (2) – Ephesians 4:25-32</p> <p>III. The Practice of the Glorious Church (4:1 – 6:20).</p> <p>D. Being Renewed in the Spirit of the Mind (4:17-32).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Turn from falsehood to truth (25). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Therefore, links what Paul was about to say with what he had just written. The Greek words for <i>putting away lying</i> indicate that lying was to be put away once and for all. Turn from anger to control (26-27). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Be angry, and do not sin. Not all anger is wrong, but anger many be dangerous. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Paul prohibited a settled disposition of anger: <i>Do not let the sun go down on your wrath.</i> Nor give place to the devil. Turn from stealing to working (28). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Let him who stole steal no longer. The antidote for stealing was hard work – <i>but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good.</i> Paul's motivation for work was twofold. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It is beneficial. It provides the means to <i>have something to give him who has need.</i> Turn from corrupt words to edification (29). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the place of words that corrupt unity and tear down others, speak words that are <i>good for necessary edification.</i> Words like these will always <i>impart grace to the hearers.</i> Turn from grieving the Spirit to bringing Him joy (30). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In essence, "Stop grieving the Holy Spirit of God by continuing to do the things just prohibited". Paul added, <i>by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.</i> Turn from bitterness to tender-heartedness (31-32). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Six specific vices are to be avoided: <i>bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, ...evil speaking ... [and] malice.</i> In place of these vices, three virtues were to be added to their lives: <i>be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.</i>
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