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ABOUT US
<p>Elders Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis</p> <p>Deacons Jon Barry Bill Brittenham Mike Davis Dave Massey</p> <p>Evangelist Bryan Garlock</p>
SERVICE TIMES
<p>Sunday Bible Study9:30 A.M. Worship10:15 A.M. Worship6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study7:00 P.M.</p>
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<p>GOD’S PLAN FOR SALVATION</p> <p>Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17</p> <p>Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24</p> <p>Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38</p> <p>Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30</p> <p>Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12</p> <p>Walk in newness of life and be faithful unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10</p>



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Abiding in Jesus’ Words

Bryan Garlock

“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, ‘If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’” (John 8.31-32, ESV)

What does it mean to abide in Jesus’ words? “Abide” is a word that simply means to remain in, continue in, or not to depart from. Accordingly, we must continue in the words of Jesus and never depart from them.

What happens when we do not abide in Jesus’ words?

We will be rebuked by God: “Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.” (Proverbs 30.5-6)

We abide in the words – and folly – of men: “This people honors me with their

lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” (Mark 7.6-9)

We are damned to hell: “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.” (Galatians 1.6-9)

We are proud and know nothing: “If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Willie Margaret Mobley, Bob Buls, Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Please remember **David Massey's** brother, **Dillon**, in your prayers.

Melinda Prynne is scheduled for surgery June 26. **Dave** and **Debbie** left Saturday to drive. They plan to be there for the surgery and stay for her recuperation.

Gladys Winters had surgery on her hand on Friday in Little Rock.

Joey Avance had more tests on his heart and the doctors have changed his meds.

Jaden Avance had surgery Tuesday and is recuperating.

Please pray for the **Minter's** daughter's mother-in-law who has advanced cancer.

Clay Morris will preach for us this evening during Bryan's absence.

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accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing..." (1 Timothy 6.3-4a)

We do not have God: "Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God.

Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son." (2 John 9)

Jesus *echoes* a message of proving our love and discipleship. "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" (Luke 6.46) "If you love me, you will keep my commandments... Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me... If anyone loves me, he will keep my word... Whoever does not love me does not keep my words..." (John 14.15, 21, 23-24) God blesses all who prove their love through obedience from the heart by permitting them to abide in the love of Jesus (see John 15.10). It would do every disciple well to obey – or abide in – Jesus' words. BG

Wake Up O Sleeper

Aaron Kemple

But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

(Ephesians 5:13-14)

*Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." **Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.***

(1 Corinthians 15:33-34)

*Besides this you know the time, **that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and***

sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (Romans 13:11-14)

Sometimes its just hard to wake up. We're groggy, stiff, not fully aware, and shuffling across the floor to the bathroom. Certainly not ready to have coherent conversations, and certainly not ready to be at peak job performance! After a shower and a "few" cups of coffee, then we begin to feel human again.

Here are three occasions where Paul tells the Christian to "wake up." They all are connected to living holy lives. As you can see in these Scriptures he talks about waking up from the dead, waking up from a drunken stupor, and waking up by turning on the light.

The first picture is of a Christian zombie, he is alive but dead. Dead in sinful works. Dead to righteousness. He's walking around, and he makes the claim to be a Christian but the life of God is not in heart.

The second image is of a drunken man stumbling around. The alcohol has taken over his brain, and his motor skills and brain power are completely taken away.

The third image is of waking up and turning on the light. I imagine that most people don't sleep with the lights glaring in their faces. Usually people sleep at night, and its dark. Paul compares the darkness to living in sensuality and wickedness. We have to turn the lights on through the word of God and expose the darkness. It's not to be nighttime for the Christian, we are to be living in the light of Christ in the daytime, living holy lives and making pure choices.

For us, Paul says, it's time to wake up!

• **Wake up and let Christ shine on us.** Come to Him in prayer and ask Him to shine His light upon you. Shine on our darkness, Lord. Bring your light into our hearts (2 Cor. 4:6).

• **Wake up to the company you are keeping.** Paul said, "*Bad company ruins good morals.*" Part of waking up spiritually is deciding to choose new friends and influences.

• **Wake up to the environment you are choosing to live in.** Wake up to the provisions you are making for the flesh. If you are tempted to drink, stay away from bars, your drinking buddies and the liquor aisle. If you are tempted to lust and commit sexual sin, you will have to create a different environment that helps encourage purity, not sensuality.

• **Wake up to the fact that time is precious and limited.** "*Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.*" "*You know the time,*" Paul said. I love this. It's just like when you go in to your son or daughter's room and ask, "Do you know what time it is? You're late, you need to get up and get going!" When that has happened to us, we might get that adrenaline rush along with panic and rush around to get out the door to work or school (or church). We know what time it is and we are laser focused! That same has to be for the Christian, we have to constantly be reminded "what time it is." We must seek with God's help and with the help of our godly friends to keep that sense of urgency. Time is of the essence.