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Invitation

Gerald Eaton

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons

Jon Barry Bill Brittenham
Mike Davis Dave Massey

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.
Worship6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16;
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think On These Things

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The Need for Jesus

Bryan Garlock

The Bible teaches that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom. 3.23). This happens when one gives in to evil desires and sin is born (James 1.12-15). This is called a transgression of God's law, or lawlessness (1 John 3.4). For example, anytime one breaks the laws of the land, he has transgressed (violated) the law and is now a criminal.

When one becomes a lawbreaker, how might he go about making himself right? Can he choose to keep the law perfectly from that point forward? No, he has already transgressed and cannot rely on law (Gal. 3.10). Furthermore, he must still answer for his lawlessness. If he wanted to be justified by law, he should have kept it perfectly. Perhaps he can choose to rely on his own goodness or righteousness? No, he cannot do good works so as to boast, "Look what I've done; I've tipped the scales in my favor". No amount of good deeds can

outweigh one sin; when all is said and done, he is still condemned by his act of lawlessness and awaits his sentencing.

What, then, can a lawbreaker do to be justified before God? Simply put, have faith in God. There is absolutely nothing else one can do to receive forgiveness for criminal acts but to completely rely on God for grace (receiving a favor one does not deserve) and mercy (avoiding the punishment one deserves). That is why the Bible says, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus". (Rom. 8.1) They have sought forgiveness in the only place forgiveness can be found – Jesus. Paul said this forgiveness took place when we obeyed God by faith (Rom. 3.21-31; cf. Rom. 1.5; 5.1-11; 6.3-11, 17-18; 10.9-10; Gal. 3.26-27) by accepting Christ as our sacrifice – covering our sins by shedding His blood.

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.

Joey Avance continues medical tests in an effort to determine the cause of his problems. Please always keep **Joey** in your prayers.

Melinda Prynne is scheduled to begin her treatment and therapy soon. Please continue to pray for her and **Dan.**

The doctors are running additions tests for **Bonnie Allgor.**

Belt Road has a meeting scheduled with **Jacob Hudgins** Aug. 3-5.

Our Fall Gospel Meeting is Sept. 9-12 with **Gary Henry.**

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Why, then, do we need Jesus? One can only find release from the penalty of breaking the law in Christ. No other source can satisfy God's wrath (Rom. 2.1-11). Until one acknowledges that he is a sinner worthy of eternal death (Rom. 6.23), he will not seek forgiveness in Christ. BG

Matt. 5:14 *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*

Why Go to Class?

Bryan Matthew Dockens

Besides assembling for worship on the first day of the week, this church meets regularly to study the scriptures in class settings. Some may ignore these opportunities and others may simply take them for granted, so it is worth inquiring: Why go to class?

We go to class because "*He gave some to be ... teachers*". The Lord equipped the church with people in various roles to foster its growth, as Paul penned, "*He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ*" (Ephesians 4:11-12). Certainly, each position listed — apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor — is one whose work includes teaching. Nevertheless, mentioning "teachers" as a distinct role implies that it is possible to be a teacher without being an apostle, prophet, evangelist, or pastor. Since there are teachers who are not evangelists or pastors, then there must be teaching that is neither preaching nor shepherding. A class is the setting in which such teaching would occur. By neglecting to participate in these classes, one diminishes the ability of the body to effectively edify itself.

We go to class because some need "milk" and some need "meat". Any healthy church will include members from across the spectrum of spiritual growth. There will be the mature and knowledgeable, as well as the uninformed, and those in between. Members of every standing are necessary (I Corinthians 12:14-24), and each has different needs, as it is written, "*For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age,*

that is those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:13-14). Just as a nursing infant would choke if fed a steak or pork chop, so the novice Christian may be overwhelmed by some of the controversies debated among brethren, requiring instead "*the first principles of the oracles of God*" (Hebrews 5:12). Paul explained to the Corinthians, "*I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it*" (I Corinthians 3:2).

Conversely, an adult cannot receive sufficient nourishment from milk. It will not sustain him; he needs meat. The Christian who is fed nothing but a constant repetition of "*the elementary principles*" (Hebrews 6:1) will never grow to the maturity desired by God. As Paul admonished, "*Brethren, do not be children in understanding ... but in understanding be mature*" (I Corinthians 14:20). Thus, opportunities are needed to address various members of the church at their respective levels of knowledge and growth. Classes furnished by the church are an appropriate setting in which to accomplish this.

Christians have a responsibility to "*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*" (II Peter 3:18) and the Lord has supplied the church with teachers to expedite this purpose (Ephesians 4:14-16). Members of the church need to let the teachers teach by attending and participating in their classes.

2 Tim. 2:15 *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

The Power of Influence

David Padfield

Webster defines the word influence as "the power of persons or things to affect others, seen only in its effects." Though the word "*influence*" is only found one time in the King James Version, its meaning is on every page.

In the *Sermon on the Mount*, Jesus tells his disciples that they are the "*salt of the earth*" (Matt. 5:13-16). There are many interesting things you can say about this figure of speech. Salt is totally worthless while sitting on a shelf, it has to be applied. Salt can also lose its "*saltiness*." When it loses its power to flavor, it is good for nothing and must be discarded.

Paul told the brethren at Corinth they were an "*epistle of Christ known and read by all men*" (2 Cor. 3:1-3). Whether we like it or not, every Christian is an advertisement for Christ. It is rather scary to think the honor of Christ is in the hands of his disciples. Men of the world will judge Christ by the character of his followers.

Have you ever considered what type of an advertisement you are? One of our songs suggests, "We are the only Bible the careless world will read, we are the sinners gospel, we are the scoffers creed. We are the Lord's last message, given in deed and word. What if the type is crooked? What if the print is blurred?"

The majority of worldly people will pay very little attention to what we say, but our actions will always be scrutinized. When they think of our character and reputation, our actions will speak louder than our words.