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Jerry Schnelle Melvin Potts

Invitation

Preston Ellis

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons

Jon Barry Bill Brittenham
Mike Davis Clay Morris

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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Who Do You Say That I Am?

Bryan Garlock

It is important to know who Jesus was and is. Many believe Jesus was a good man, a great teacher, and perhaps even a prophet. However, as some have said, either Jesus was and is Lord, or He was a liar for *knowing* that He was not Lord, or He was a lunatic for *thinking* He was Lord.

Unfortunately, there were many who thought evil of Jesus. They said things like, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons" (Matt. 9.34), "This man receives sinners and eats with them" (Luke 15.2), and "We know that this man is a sinner" (John 9.24). They even called Him names like, "Beelzebul" (meaning "god of dung" or "filth", or a name for Satan) (Matt. 10.25; cf. John 7.20; 8.48) and accused Him of being an "impostor" (Matt. 27.63).

Conversely, there were many who thought highly of Jesus. Matthew recorded, "...he [Jesus] asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they

said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'" (Matt. 16.13-14)

Notice that the people did not believe Him to be the Messiah – the anointed one, the one who was prophesied to come. Instead, some were under the impression that Jesus was John the Baptist resurrected (cf. Matt. 14.1-2), while others thought He was the advent of Elijah – the forerunner to the Christ (cf. Mal. 4.5). However, Jesus had already told the people that John the Baptist was the Elijah who was to come (cf. Matt. 11.12-14; see also Luke 1.17). Others thought He was Jeremiah or one of the prophets. Perhaps they believed that Jeremiah (Jer. 1.5) was the last prophet of Moses' prophecy (Deut. 18.15-22), though Jesus perfectly fulfills these words (cf. Luke 24.24; John 5.46). Additionally, the things Jesus said and did were reminiscent of Jeremiah the prophet, just as John the Baptist reminded the people of Elijah.

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 keep **Jennie Garlock's** grandmother in your prayers. She has been very sick recently.

Several of our members have fallen recently. **W.H. McFerrin** injured his shoulder but the doctor does not think surgery will help. Please remember all of our church family who are a little less steady. *(And parents, please talk to your small children about being especially careful around them at the building.)*

CORRECTION: Kingsley Cummings new address is 4109 Alana Circle, Texarkana, AR 71845.

There will be a **Gospel Meeting** in **Camden, AR** at the **Westside** church, **Sept. 9-12** with **Sean Cavender.**

There will be another **Gospel Meeting** at the **Viking Drive** church in **Shreveport, LA** with **Russ Bowman, Sept. 16-19.**

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While there may have been many opinions of Jesus' identity – some degrading and others honorable – those

with an honest heart confidently recognized His glory. Jesus "...said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'" (Matt. 16:15-16) It was this beautiful confession of faith that led Jesus' disciples to proclaim Him as Lord until their deaths.

Who we believe Jesus to be determines our response to His teachings. Was Jesus just a good man? Was He simply a prophet of God? If he was a liar, he was not a good man. If he was a lunatic, leave this crazy man alone! If you are so inclined, you may follow some of his teachings for a better life. However, if He is Lord, then we must serve Him with all our hearts and love Him over everyone and everything. Jesus warned those who would confess Him: "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" (Luke 6:46)

Our Lord has made this plain for all. "I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." (John 8:24) Who do you say Jesus is? Be careful. Your answer will not only influence your course of life; it will affect your afterlife for all eternity. BG

Global Warming

Joe R. Price

We are hearing a great deal about global warming these days. Scientists are disputing, politicians are maneuvering, and extremists are being extreme. In the meantime, lay people (that's most of us) are lining up, sometimes with good information, often with emotion outweighing reason.

The Bible has some things to say about this globe and its weather. First, God created the earth for mankind to inhabit (Gen. 1). Therefore, we may safely conclude that the earth will remain until the divine purposes are complete. Moses wrote, "while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease" (Gen. 8:22).

Life on earth is cyclical, including the globe's environment. Generations come and go; the sun rises and sets, then rises again; the wind makes its circuit above our heads while the evaporation cycle continues (Eccl. 1:3-8). The weather patterns of this planet are among the great evidences of the power, majesty and intelligence of God, its Creator.

This globe is not going to be destroyed by man, but by God. God has reserved this world for fire, the real "global warming" that should concern us (2 Pet. 3:7, 10-12).

This does not mean we should abuse our environment. It is a blessing from God that we should tend with care (cf. Gen. 2:15).

More than anything, we should tend to our souls according to the will of God who created us and blessed us with life on earth (Eccl. 12:13-14).

Note:

Beloved brethren, if we have learned anything from Gary Henry's lessons, it is that there is nothing more important than heaven. While we await our heavenly home, let us

encourage one another to remain faithful to our Father and let us *make* opportunities to tell lost souls about God's saving grace. One way to do this is to share Gary's lessons – and all our lessons – from our website (txkchurch.com) to all your social media accounts, and to give a friend one of our bulletins to read and study from each week. These little steps can create big opportunities to help those searching for forgiveness in Christ. If you heard Gary's lessons and are not serving Jesus as you ought, I plead with you to wake up from your spiritual slumber and obey Jesus today! *I love you all, Bryan*

Our Gospel Meeting

We had a very good meeting with **Gary Henry** last week. His lessons were practical, encouraging and edifying to everyone who attended.

We had several visitors, most of whom were from the community – and many were family members of the congregation.

For those who were not able to hear some of the lessons, I recommend you listen to them on our web site, **txkchurch.com**, or ask Daniel for a CD. You will be encouraged by hearing them.

Here are the titles:

Every Act Counts

The Power of God's Providence in Our Lives

Some Challenges a Congregation Must Meet

What Disciples Do

*Conversion and Commitment
In Due Season, We Shall Reap*