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ABOUT US

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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; Romans 10:9-10

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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Do Not Grieve the Holy Spirit of God

Bryan Garlock

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4.30)

In the Greek, to grieve is “to make sorrowful; to affect with sadness, cause grief; to throw into sorrow” (Thayer’s Greek Lexicon).

How is it that we sadden the Holy Spirit? After teaching that we are a new creation in Christ (vv17-24), Paul wrote, “Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up,

as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” (vv.25-32)

From time to time, we have all brought our parents sorrow. Typically, parents are not disappointed in their children when they fail after trying their best in whatever they put their mind to. It is when their children disobey their instructions or exhibit a disrespectful attitude that they are truly sadden. Likewise, those of us that have been born of the Spirit (John 3.5; James 1.18; 1 Peter 1.22-23) cause Him grief and sorrow when we disobey His word. Even more so, notice that the Spirit’s teachings are

FAMILY TALK

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

The next **Ladies Bible** Class will be Tuesday, **Mar. 12th.**

Our Gospel Meeting: Singing, March 29th and **Meeting** with Tim Stevens, March 31st-April 3rd.

Please pick up some invite cards and ask for Bible studies. See Bryan if you need any help with home studies.

Directory

Several new family pictures are needed to complete the new directory. If you are new to the congregation, have children (that have grown in 2 years) or just would like a new photo, please get with Bill as soon as possible. Thank You.

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beneficial to us and our neighbor. Complete obedience never brings any harm to our physical well-being, and more importantly, to our soul. Thus, one reason we cause the Spirit to grieve is that we hurt ourselves when we sin.

Why should we not grieve the Spirit? While we enjoy “redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses” through hope (Eph. 1.7), Paul connected the admonition against grieving the Spirit to the judgment where our redemption in Christ will be eternally realized. Elsewhere, Paul wrote, “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory” (Eph. 1.13-14) and “...God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are his,’ and, ‘Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.’” (2 Tim. 2.19)

Since we have been sealed for this day, why would we throw it away and return to a condition that is futile and ultimately without Christ and without hope (see Eph. 2.11-13; 4.17-24)? Let us bring the Spirit ultimate delight by loving Him and our neighbor. BG

SUCH A WASTE!

Bill Brittenham

Years ago, I had a friend that refused to eat leftovers. I felt sorry for his wife, but the waste of good food bothered me even more. And yes, I like leftovers. (Except Brussel sprouts. I don't like them even the first time!) But the waste I'm referring to is not food or any other “thing” in this life. I am talking about the waste in someone's life

who is not a Christian. Consider the scope of such a person's waste.

Waste of God's creation. God's created all of us. (Gen. 1:26-27) And He has a purpose for us. (Ecc. 3:1) That purpose, along with the rest of His creation, is to glorify Him. (Psalm 97:6) When we refuse to submit to Him in obedience to His will, we are saying, “God, you wasted your time and creative power on me.”

God is also ready to give us all spiritual blessing when we are holy and blameless before Him. (Eph. 1:3-4) He has been ready to do this even before creation. But when we stubbornly reject Him and His blessings, we are saying, “God, your efforts to provide me with Your blessing was a waste of Your time.”

Waste of Jesus' blood. God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus to earth to die for us when we are the ones who deserve death. (John 3:16) When we do not accept the gift of Jesus' saving blood, we are saying, “God, you sent Jesus to earth to waste his blood and His death.” And we say to Jesus, “Your life and your blood were wasted and are worth nothing.” (Heb. 10:29)

Waste of the Holy Spirit's revelation. The Spirit of God has spent centuries revealing the mind of God to men throughout the world. He has empowered men like the apostles to ensure all know of God's love and care for us and how He expects us to glorify Him. When we refuse to heed God's words in the Bible, we are

saying, “God, you have wasted Your Spirit in delivering your messages.” And we directly insult the Spirit by ignoring His revelations. (Heb. 10:29)

Waste of your life. And least of all this waste, we throw away our selves. We deny God's value of us. We turn our backs on His love and promises. We ignore Jesus' saving blood. We are saying, “God, You, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and Your Bible are a waste of **MY** time. I do not want you. I do not need you.”

Is this really what you want to say to your Creator? Do you really want to waste your soul in hell because you refused to listen to your eternal Judge?

WHAT A WASTE!!!

Noah was a drunkard. Abraham was too old. Isaac was a daydreamer. Jacob was a liar. Leah was ugly. Joseph was abused. Moses was a murderer. Gideon was afraid. Samson had long hair. Rahab was a prostitute. Timothy too young. David had an illicit affair. Elijah was suicidal. Isaiah preached naked. Job was bankrupt. John the Baptist ran around in a loin cloth and ate locusts. Peter was hot tempered. The disciples fell asleep while praying. Martha fretted about everything. Mary Magdalene was demon possessed. The boy with the fish and 5 rolls of bread was too obscure. The Samaritan woman was divorced more than once. Zacchaeus was too small. Paul too religious and Lazarus was dead. NO MORE EXCUSES!!!! Author Unknown