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Song Leader

Jack Calvert

Lord's Supper

Jerry Schnelle Pete Rowland

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Invitation

Psalm 3:3-5 *"But You, O LORD, are a shield about me, My glory, and the One who lifts my head. I was crying to the LORD with my voice, And He answered me from His holy mountain. I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustains me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me round about."*

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

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; 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



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Looking Like Him

Rickie Jenkins

The purpose of revelation is not simply information but transformation. The gospel affects the heart of man. It touches him at his very core. It changes who he is. In repentance the old man is crucified. That man is buried in baptism and a new man with a new relationship to God is born. Don't stop there. That is the beginning. When that new man grows up, the aim is to look like Christ (2Cor. 3:18). So what does that man look like?

First, transformation changes the character of the new man.

God is love, so man seeks to become like God. Love does not describe what a man does but who the new man is. God is pure so man seeks to become pure as He is pure. God is righteous so man does not simply do right but he seeks to be righteous. God is who we seek to become. That is why a passage like 1Corinthians 13:4-7 is so important. The

passage describes the character of God. We want to be like Him.

Second, transformation changes how the new man behaves.

There is a change in the way he treats people, even his enemies. Whereas before we might have exchanged evil for evil, now it is pray for, do good and speak well of even our enemies (Mat. 5:44-45). The new man no longer lies, now changed when he speaks, he tells the truth. When he works he labors to have to give to those who have need. He controls his anger. He is tenderhearted and forgiving (Eph. 4: 25-32).

What is the net result?

If the gospel changes the heart of man so that he looks like God and acts like God how that would help us in local churches? Aren't most problems because of carnality? Don't most problems come because the old man raises his head

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, Ann Thomas and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Please remember **Maxine Burnham** in your prayers.

Here is the current schedule of services:

Bible Study: 9:30 AM

Services: 10:15 AM

Kids Only: 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:00 PM

Additionally, we are having studies on the life of Paul:

Monday: 7:00 PM

Friday: 7:00 PM

Ladies Bible Class:

Next class will be July 14th.

again? Aren't those problems at their heart problems of character? Why would people who are trying to become like God mess with sin or even things questionable? Where is the debate on those things? Things like drinking, dancing, gambling? How do those things make me like God? When I love like He loves where is envy, hatred and strife? Transformation is not simple but it simply solves the sins of carnality that destroy us. He loves what is right and hates what is wrong (1Cor. 13:6).

What would be the net result in our homes?

If husbands are being transformed to love their wives as Christ loved the

church where is the problem of submission? If husbands sacrifice themselves for the good of their wives where is the problem with respectful obedience? If husbands are growing to look like God where is the failure to provide for his family? If wives are being transformed to look like Him where is the nagging? Where is the complaining? Where is the self-centeredness? If parents are being transformed to be like God where is the provoking the child to wrath? For children, how could there be failure to honor mother and father? Where is there room for a grudge for either a parent or a child?

Maybe this is an oversimplification but haven't we given Satan enough time and place in our hearts and lives? Can't we see the dead end of following him? A suggestion; give God and His way a fervent try. Then there will be joy and peace that passes understanding. That will produce peaceable fruits of righteousness.

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2020: Are You Worried?

Ken Marrs

This recent pandemic has turned things upside down. Leaders have been caught off guard and *experts* have no precise idea of what to do. People of faith are not immune from the turmoil, and unfortunately, some have likewise grown angry and fearful of the future.

Time to stop and recalibrate.

In *City of God* (ca. 410 AD) Augustine wrote there are two cities: The earthly city that loves self and holds God in contempt, as

well as the heavenly city that loves God and holds self in contempt. As Christians, we know and struggle with this conflict everyday. In the earthly city (governments of men), leaders may be corrupt, laws unjust and virtue scarce, but scripture tells us these are ordained by God to secure a measure of peace (Romans 13:1-3). Certain civil liberties may be lost but the citizenry will survive.

Aristotle argued that because man could speak and morally reason, he was by nature a political animal. I suppose it is only natural that Christians are interested in the circumstances around them that affect their family's daily life, but to what extent do we defend political views or civil liberties? Jesus wasn't crucified to secure voting rights.

As disciples of the Lord, we are called to citizenship in the heavenly city (Hebrews 12:22-24). We're not lost, we know where that city is and we look forward to the day when we can walk in the fullness of our new creation before the throne of God...don't we?

Have we not commented in countless Bible classes that the first-century church was able to grow and flourish throughout the world in spite of the pagan Roman government? Could that dynamic not be replicated today? What if it were the plan of God to so again? What pattern of behavior would we follow?

Having traveled more times than I can count the past eighteen years with my wife to the former Soviet Union, having made loving friendships with many Russian

Christians, having known their stories of faith in spite of their totalitarian world, I developed a deep respect for them, and I'm not worried for my grandchildren or even great-grandchildren. Let me explain.

For 2000 years no human government has successfully stood between a believer and God...some have tried but always failed. Can you imagine all the trauma these disciples had to endure, simply to worship and honor the Lord in their own lives? I don't think I can.

I turned 69 yesterday. We (baby boomers) have had the best of the best of this country (so far), and we recoil at the thought of giving that up. But in a moment of clarity, we must admit we didn't need that prosperity to serve God. *Here's my point:* Our grandchildren or great-grandchildren may never know the fullest liberties this country has provided in the past, but as long as they have the New Testament story of first century Christians, which overcame pagan rulers and unjust laws to still serve the Lord and teach the gospel, our kids can make it...under any government.

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38,39

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