

MARC'S REMARKS

“Poor, Blind and Naked”

This past Wednesday night, the auditorium class concluded its study of the seven letters written to the churches of Asia Minor (Rev 1–3). We especially emphasized the similar structure of these letters but spent half the class actually reading the contents of each letter.

The church at Laodicea (Rev 3:14–22) was told that they were “poor, blind and naked” (v. 17b). These three harsh observations were followed by helpful suggestions from Jesus in the next verse.

- “Poor.” Even though they are spiritually poor, the sinful Laodiceans are advised to buy gold from the exalted Christ. This is reminiscent of the language of Isa 55:1–2, where poor people are encouraged to buy food from the Lord with no money and eat.
- “Blind.” According to the *Word Biblical Commentary*, there was a famous ophthalmologist, Demosthenes Philalethes, who had a successful medical practice in Laodicea during the first century A.D. It is possible that Jesus is referring to this doctor’s famous eye medications.
- “Naked.” The Laodiceans are encouraged to receive white garments from Jesus. White garments are frequently referred to in Revelation (3:4–5; 4:4; 6:11; 7:9, 13–14; 19:8, 14).

Revelation is rich. I’m looking forward to studying chs. 4–22 with you.

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:15 A.M.
Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

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THE PLAN OF 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 8:35–39

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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Errors on the Lord’s Supper

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The Lord’s Supper is of vital importance to every Christian. It is a “communion of the body of Christ” and the blood of Christ (1 Cor 10:16). It is done “in remembrance” of the sacrifice of Christ (1 Cor 11:26). It is to be done in anticipation of His coming again (1 Cor 11:26). It is not to be eaten unworthily (without proper reflection and appreciation for what it signifies) (1 Cor 11:27). It is to be observed on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7).

During the last few years I have observed some misconceptions about the Lord’s Supper entertained by some brethren. Here are three of them.

1. Therapeutic Value. It is the practice of some to take it to members who are too sick to attend the services. This springs from the same mistaken concept which causes the Catholic priest to box it up and cart it around to give to sick or dying Catholics. Jesus placed the Supper in the kingdom

(Luke 22:16, 18, 30). Early Christians observed it by *coming together* (Acts 20:7) 1 Cor 11:23–34 regulates an action when they came together. The Supper of the Lord belongs *in the assembly*. Whatever reason *justly* keeps one from assembling excuses him or her from whatever is done in that particular assembly.

2. Salve the Vacationer’s Conscience. I knew of a preacher who went off with some brethren duck hunting on Sunday. He later told about how they called everything to a halt about the middle of the morning to “break bread” there in the duck blind. Having dutifully eaten the bread and drunk the fruit of the vine, they continued their vigil for the ducks! Others have taken it to the lake or river, paused to break bread and drink the cup and proceeded with fishing. The Supper was not instituted to suit the convenience of those who would forsake the assembling of saints for their own pleasure.

Thanks for worshipping with our church family!

FAMILY TALK

Our Deepest Condolences

For some time now, we've been mentioning **Cathy Monaghan's** brother-in-law, **Bill Self** and his on-going battle with cancer. He succumbed to it last week. The funeral was Thursday afternoon. We are truly sorry for the family's loss.

About Our Sick

Lahron McJunkins has been experiencing some dizziness for the past several days. Medical tests have been run and the **Ellis** family are awaiting results.

In a week from Monday, July 26th, **Gladys Winters** will undergo hip replacement surgery.

Continue to remember **Lenita Lansford's** husband, **Charles**, during his struggles with cancer.

John Haley's sister needs our prayers as she recently started chemotherapy.

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Rodney Ellis

Song Leading
Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper
Bill Brittenham
Wendell Mobley
Dave Massey
Jon Barry

Prayers
Dee Minter
Mike Davis

Scripture Reading
Hayden Ellis

Bulletins
Josh Moore
Hayden Ellis

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements
Joey Avance

Song Leading
Josh Moore

Lord's Supper
Mike Davis
Dee Minter

Prayers
Jon Barry
Sonny Monaghan

WEDNESDAY

Announcements
W.H. McFerrin

Song Leading
Phillip Moore

Prayers
Gerald Eaton
John Marc Hinds

Invitation
Marc Hinds

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3. Commune, then leave.


Some have come to believe that the only item of worship required of them is the Lord's Supper. This is "the most important act of worship" to them. Like Catholics who think their presence at the mass is all that matters, these misinformed Christians think that as long as they have broken bread, they may then leave and omit the other acts of worship planned for brethren when they come together.

Where on earth did brethren ever get such an idea, if not from the distorted view



that nothing else matters much as long as we break bread? That is not the only action which God ordained by which our devotion to Him is expressed. Have they sung all the songs of praise which their weary spirits can tolerate? In Acts 20:7, there was a preaching

service as well as the breaking of bread. Prayers and fellowship accompany a worship assembly—and for good reason. We need them.

There are other false views of the Lord's Supper, but these are glaring mistakes that we need to think carefully about. 

Cry Room Etiquette

Marc Hinds

Very recently, two new mothers welcomed precious little baby boys into the world. **Cullen** and his mommy, **Amber Easley**, as well as **Zane** and his mommy, **Laci Morris**, have been using the cry room for its intended purpose: crying! (Well, the babies have, anyway.)

In a couple of months, another new

mom—**Miranda Massey**—will be welcoming a baby girl, **Eden**, into the world. That will be three nursing babies that need some much-needed privacy during our worship assemblies.

In order to help remind us of this special need, there is a new sign on the door to the cry room which reads—



If the door is closed and this sign is posted, please do not enter. Instead, you may use the regular restrooms designated for men and women.

Sermon Notes