

THE BEACON OF TRUTH

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“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17

What Does the Bible Say About Cussing?

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Note: This is the third in a series of articles regarding moral issues, entitled “What Does the Bible Say About...”

“Potty mouth.” “Cuss like a sailor.” “Pardon my French.” We all have heard terms such as this. They all refer to foul speech. Sadly, in today’s society, such uncouth talk is not only permitted, but encouraged. (If you don’t believe me, just go down to the movie theater and try to find a movie that doesn’t have a single cuss word. They are rare!).

Some may say, “But cussing really isn’t that big of a deal. We are all flawed individuals, so why does it matter?” We use such arguments to justify foul language in our everyday speech, in our music, on our television screens, and so forth. Well, let me tell you why it matters.

Paul wrote: “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one” (Col. 4:6; NKJV). Paul says it matters! Notice the word “ought.” Merriam-Webster online defines this term as “used to express **obligation**” (emphasis mine). The Greek meaning here is “necessary, binding, must be met, needful, should.” Do we really want to try to argue against Paul and say that our speech doesn’t really matter?

Notice also and make application from the following: “A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.” (Prov. 15:4). “The lips of the wise disperse knowledge (not foolish and vulgar banter, TCG): but the heart of the foolish doeth not so” (Prov. 15:7). “Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones” (Prov. 16:24). Compare this with the words of James in James 3:10-12: “Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? (Emphasis mine, TCG). Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.”

Brethren, it matters how we speak! If those who are seeking Christ look at our speech, will they see the reflection of Christ, or Satan? Will they see someone who is dwelling on the Word of Christ (Col. 3:16), or on the sins of this world? Will they see someone who loves the Lord with all of his heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30), or someone (cntd. on pg. 2)

By the Numbers:

Week of 5/20/18

Contribution – \$2450

Attendance:

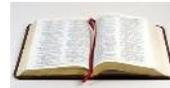
Sunday School – 24

Sunday Worship* – 49

Wednesday Night – N/A

*Total for the day

Bible Trivia Question



Last Week’s Answer: The church at Sardis (Rev. 3:1).

Q: Which congregation was encouraged to remain faithful even though they faced terrible persecution?

Answer to be given next week!

Speakers this Week:

AM: Jarrod Schooley

PM: Xander Schooley

Wednesday Devotional:

Tim Green

Schedule Of Services

Sunday
Bible Study 9:45 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible study 7:00 P.M.

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED

1. Hear the Gospel (Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17).
2. Believe (Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6).
3. Repent (Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30).
4. Confess Christ (Matt. 10:32, 33).
5. Be baptized (immersed) (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16).
6. Continue faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).

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NEWS AND NOTES
TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dewey Young — Margie Tippen — The family of sister Pete Varner, who passed away last Sunday — Buster Keeton — Ruth Coston — Regina Simmons — Wendy Traweek — Lisa Morris — Mildred Allhands — Marcia Green — Judy May — John Motherspaugh — Bill & Sharon Schooley (Traveling) — Chase & Lindsey Green (traveling)

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Please join us for a fellowship meal after morning services today
- Youth & Young Adults — Be on the lookout for monthly get-togethers! Our next get-together is scheduled for June 29th at Jarrod and Bessie's house — (If you would like to host or help with an event, please let Chase know)

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who loves iniquity (1 Cor. 13:6). They *will* be pointed one way or the other when they look at our speech!

Jesus said in Mat. 12:35: "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." When one examines his every day speech, he must realize that what he is really examining is his heart. A good man brings forth good things from his heart (including his speech). An evil man brings forth evil things. There's not really a middle ground!

Let us all strive to season our speech with salt (ref. Mat. 5:13). If our salt has lost its savor (including our speech), what does the Lord say about us? He says we are "thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Let that sink in for a moment! I know that none of us want those words said about us, so let us ensure that we use proper speech, and that we encourage others to do so also! If you find that repentance is in order in this area of your life, then please do so today (2 Cor. 7:9-10) — With love, Chase

Family Matters

Derek Broome

There are so many decisions to make and so many factors to consider when it comes to families. Let us take a moment and see what the Bible teaches us about families.

We must start with two distinct individuals: a man and a woman. They are two people, two souls and two life stories. They have sin; they struggle, and they need a Saviour, like all of mankind (Romans 3:23). Will they obey God's Word (Acts 2:38)? Will they be faithful to Him always (Revelation 2:10)?

Now we see a married couple. That which were two have now become one (Genesis 2:24). Husbands should love their wives as Christ loved the Church (Ephesians 5:25). Wives should submit to their husbands as to the Lord (Ephesians 5:22). The husband should be the head of the family as Christ is the Head of the church (Ephesians 5:23). Will they be faithful to each other (Hebrews 13:4)? Will they get a divorce (Matthew 19:9)? Will they love and submit?

A couple decides to have children. The family is to be provided for and given the proper care (1 Timothy 5:8). The Father is to still be the head of the family and to teach his children the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Both parents should actively raise and train their children in the right ways (Proverbs 22:6). Discipline should be used in the home because the children are loved, and it is important for their training (Proverbs 13:4). Will the parents provide the care, training and discipline that is needed in the Lord?

Then, we have the children. Children are to honor and obey their parents (Ephesians 6:1-2). They are to take the training they have received and be an example to other believers (1 Timothy 4:12). Children, just like their parents and every other individual, will fall prey to sin (Romans 3:23). It is ultimately going to be their decisions, which they make as individuals, whether they are going to follow the Word of the Lord. What will they choose?

The Word of God is pretty clear when it talks about families. God has always had a plan for families. The Bible shows us that families are important for so many reasons: faith, love, training, instruction, care, etc. It teaches us that it is up to each individual to choose to follow God and to fulfill his or her role in the family. The reality is that there is only one perfect family, and that is the family of God. As we live and work in our families at home and at church, decisions will come our way. Even when those around us choose the ways of the world, let us always choose the ways of God. May we always live as children of God.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Genesis 12:3

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