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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.

Preacher

Chase Green  
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Brad Harrub - Focus Press

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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By the Numbers:

Week of 11/25/18

Contribution – \$2424

Attendance:


Sunday Bible Classes – 25

Sunday Worship \* – 43

Wednesday Night – 29

\*Total for the day

Bible Trivia Question



Last Week's Answer: Timotheus (Timothy) (1 Cor. 4:17).

Q: What sin was commonly reported among the Corinthian congregation?

Answer to be given next week!

Sermon Spotlight:

AM - Wolves to Watch For

1) What makes wolves so dangerous?

2) Can you think of any other wolves that we need to watch out for?

PM - What Motivates a False Teacher?

1) What are three common motivations for false teachers?

2) What chapter in 2 Peter goes into great detail about false teachers?

THE BEACON OF TRUTH

December 2, 2018

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17

Scriptural Reasons for Preaching the Word

Thomas H. Holland

(This is the second in a series of excerpts from the chapter of the same name from Brother Holland's book *Sermon Design and Delivery*; Scriptures referenced from the ASV)

(3) The Word should be preached because the Bible is the standard of authority in doctrine and morality. (II Timothy 4:2). From the days of the skeptical Pilate who asked, "What is truth?" until the present time, men have sought truth. The current and prevalent notion that everything is relative and that, therefore, there is no fixed, absolute, final and abiding truth, is but frank admission that worldly philosophy, modern psychology, twentieth century sociology, advanced education, etc., are limited and powerless to give men truth that does not change. It is rather tragic to know that the only thing some men are absolutely certain of is that one cannot be absolutely certain about anything! Certainly there can be "dogmatic ignorance," but there can also be "educated uncertainty." Any education, or educational philosophy, which equips men to pose problems, and critically evaluate the status quo and yet gives no methods for arriving at intelligent solutions to problems and constructive change of the status quo, is indeed a weak system.

The preacher is commanded to "reprove" with the Word. The word "reprove" implies that one is in error and needs arguments presented to convince him of the truth. This implies a criterion for measuring lives. God's Word is that standard.

The admonition to "rebuke" implies that one must be warned of wrong done. Again, a standard of judgment is necessary. If everything were relative, obviously there would be no right or wrong *per se*. Yet, the preacher has a standard by which he can both "reprove" and "rebuke" — the Word of God which he has been charged to preach...

There are at least three scriptural principles that should be of genuine benefit in helping the preacher decide the proper way to apply God's Truth. In the first place, there are some things specifically condemned by God, such as the "works of the flesh" — adultery, fornication, hatred, drunkenness, etc. (Galatians 5:19-21). The preacher can plainly condemn any of these practices as sinful; hence, he can reprove and rebuke those guilty of any of the works of the flesh. In the second place, there are some things right or wrong depending on various circumstances, such as the influence of the Christian on weak brethren. (Romans 14; 1 Corinthians 8). In this area, one may exercise Christian liberty to the extent that he does not lead a weak brother into sin or harm his Christian influence. In the third place, there are some things that are difficult to classify. Here a general rule would be: when in doubt, don't. (Romans 14:23).

The preacher must reprove and rebuke, but he must also "exhort." In chapter one (of Brother Holland's aforementioned book, TCG) the observation was made that mere criticism of people without a genuine effort to inspire them to do better and be better has not really helped those people... (cntd. on pg. 2)



**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**

Margie Tippen — Regina Simmons — Wanda Hendrix — Marcia Green — Jerry Tippen — Ruby Weaver — Wendy Traweek — Tim Green — Harold Myers (will be taking radiation treatments over the next several weeks) — Joy Skipper — John & Ruth Coston

**OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- Monthly Fellowship Meal — Every 4th Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted
- Youth & Young Adults — Be on the lookout for monthly get-togethers (If you would like to help with or host a get-together, please let Chase know)
- There will be a baby shower for Lacey Smith in the annex today at 1:00 pm.
- We have had a couple of families contact us with benevolence requests recently. If you would like to help, please see Jarrod.

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(4) The Word should be preached because men will turn to fables if the Word is not preached. (II Timothy 4:3-4). In an earlier chapter of II Timothy, Paul had discussed false teachers who would employ words that subvert. He mentioned “profane and vain babblings,” i.e., empty speculations and suppositions. These things, he declared, will “increase to ungodliness.” (II Timothy 2:15-19). If men become pre-occupied with vain speculations and try to fathom the secret things which belong to God (Deuteronomy 29:29), their attention can easily be diverted from their responsibility to God as set forth in God’s plainly revealed Will.

Religious fables cheapen religion. Many fables have plagued men and still trouble men. Why? Because preachers were then and are now not content to abide in God’s revealed Will. Therefore, the “new birth” is made a mystery. (John 3:5). Conversion to Christ become a mysterious operation of the Holy Spirit. Consequently, the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian becomes an emotional operation. Religious characters with their cheap “clap-trap” sensationalism and super-showmanship relate their experiences and accomplishments. Finally, there are the poor deceived and deluded people who are led to believe that God’s Will has been miraculously revealed to pseudo-prophets today by a still, small voice or by trips to heaven or by plants dug out of a mountain!

Therefore, the conclusion is inevitable: unless God’s Word is constantly and faithfully preached, men will turn to fables.

(To be concluded next week)

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***A Three Year Warning, But Still They Fell Away***

*Chase Green*

In Acts chapter 20, we find out that Paul spent three years with the church at Ephesus. Verse 31 tells us that Paul spent those three years constantly warning every member there about the possibility of false teachers coming in. Paul preached this with passion, “night and day with tears.”

Paul had preached everything that they needed to know. He “kept back nothing that was profitable” unto them (Acts 20:20), and declared unto them “all the counsel of God” (Acts 20:27). Thus, Paul would not be to blame for Ephesus’ eventual falling away (Acts 20:26).

And make no mistake about it, Ephesus did indeed fall away. Paul said that it would occur (Acts 20:29-30), and Revelation 2:1-7 shows this falling away in progress. It is truly a shame the congregation that Paul loved so much succumbed to the carnivorous teachings of false teachers.

Why did this take place? Because two opportunistic groups took advantage of Paul’s absence: the wolves that came in, and the eldership itself, which became corrupted. Paul warned that this would be so. “For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them” (Acts 20:29-30).

It is incredibly sad that, although Paul gave a clear warning about this, this congregation still neglected to “watch and remember.” If a congregation that was heavily influenced by an APOSTLE for THREE YEARS could fall away, how much more so should we be careful not to do the same?

The sad situation of Acts chapter 20 serves as a sobering reminder that we can never become complacent with God’s Word, nor the shepherding of His flock. Let us ensure that we heed the words of Paul from Acts 20:32, endeavoring to be led by the Word of His grace which is able to build us up and to give us the inheritance among the sanctified!

With love, Chase

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**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”  
Mat. 28:18

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