

# THE BEACON OF TRUTH

December 9, 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 third [and final] 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)

(5) The Word should be preached because men shall one day be judged by the Word of God. (II Timothy 4:1). A study of eschatology (the study of the end times, TCG) emphasizes the importance of judgment. Judgment is as sure as death. (Hebrews 9:27). Hence, to the old adage, “Nothing is sure but death and taxes,” might be added, “and *judgment!*” Indeed God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world.

The New Testament clearly teaches that all will be present in judgment (II Corinthians 5:10). Jesus Christ shall be the judge. He shall separate, divide and sentence all men of every nation. (Matthew 25:31-46). But, on what basis shall he separate? What is the standard for judgement? The Judge has already declared that men shall be judged by the Word of Christ. (John 12:48). Men will not be judged by philosophy, psychology, politics, nor the opinions of educated or uneducated preachers. All men shall eventually be judged by the same standard — the Word of God!

Life is short and uncertain. Judgment is sure and final. The basis of judgment is the Word. For these reasons, preachers must not fail men or the Lord by negligence in preaching the Word. They fail both if they preach anything other than the Word! If men are to be judged by the Word and if their eternal destiny is determined by their relationship to the Word of Christ, it is imperative that preachers preach the Word!

“Men may speak of ‘the new day,’ the ‘changing times’ and ‘the enlightened age’; but the world has not outgrown the need for simple gospel preaching.... It is still ‘God’s good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe’ (I Corinthians 1:21). It is not the mere act of preaching that saves. If this were true, it would not matter so much what is preached. But this is not true. It is the thing preached that saves. Unless the gospel is preached, faithfully, the preaching will not save. It may entertain, it may tickle the ears, but it will not save” (B.C. Goodpasture, “Preaching the Gospel,” *Gospel Advocate*, CVIII (September 1, 1966), p. 546.).

## By the Numbers:

*Week of 12/2/18*

*Contribution – \$2566*

*Attendance:*

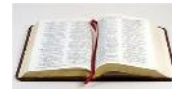
*Sunday Bible Classes – 33*

*Sunday Worship\* – 63*

*Wednesday Night – 39*

\*Total for the day

## Bible Trivia Question



Last Week’s Answer: Fornication  
(1 Cor. 5:1).

Q: Was Paul married?

Answer to be given next week!

## Sermon Spotlight:

AM - Characteristics of Preaching (Acts 8)

- 1) What are some various circumstances of preaching?
- 2) What do we preach?
- 3) What does preaching produce?

PM - Another Gospel

- 1) What is of particular note regarding the Greek words used for “another” in Galatians 1:6-7?

## 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**

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 — Stetson Ortega — Lacey & Ryan Smith, as the birth of their baby (Parker Ryan) is drawing near

**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)
- 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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***So Soon Removed***  
***Chase Green***

To be in Christ is equivalent to being a partaker of all of the blessings that are located in Christ (cf. Eph. Chapter 1). It is where all spiritual blessings are located (verse 3). It is where we are to be holy and without blame (verse 4). It is where we are adopted by Christ (verse 5). It is where we praise the glory of His grace (verse 6). It is where we are accepted (verse 6). It is where we have redemption (verse 7). It is where we have forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace (verse 7). It is where all wisdom and prudence abounds (verse 8). It is where the mystery of God's will is made known (verse 9). It is where we are gathered together as one (verse 10). It is where we obtain our inheritance (verse 11). It is where we are the praise of His glory (verse 12). It is where we place our trust, having heard the Word of truth, the gospel of our salvation (verses 12-13). It is where our salvation is sealed (verse 13). It is where we may know the hope of His calling, and the riches of the glory of His inheritance (verse 18). It is where we may know the exceeding greatness of the Lord's power to them who believe (verse 19). It is where we see the fulness of Him that filleth all in all (verse 23).

Wow! Those are a lot of blessings! And isn't it a terrible shame that some so soon remove themselves from these blessings? Paul wrote: "I **MARVEL** that ye are so soon

removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel..." (Gal. 1:6, emphasis mine, TCG). Paul was flabbergasted that there were those who had learned and obeyed the truth, but had since been duped into believing another gospel, which is not another. A close examination of the Greek words for "another" reveals an important fact: They had accepted "another gospel" (*heteros*, Greek Word meaning "another of a different sort," *Vine's*), when in fact there was NOT "another" (*allos*, Greek word meaning "another of the same sort," *Vine's*). In other words, there is no such thing as another gospel of the same sort as the saving gospel of Christ; the Galatians had fallen for a "gospel" of a different sort!

How many "gospels" of a different sort may one fall for today? Sadly, there are too many to count. One may fall for the false gospel of Mormonism (refuted by the fact that Joseph Smith could NOT have received the Book of Mormon from an angel, per Gal. 1:8-9). One may fall for the false gospel of justification by "faith only," (refuted by James 2:24). One may fall for the false gospel of many ways to heaven, (refuted by John 14:6). On and on we could go showing various false gospels which have ensnared the souls of men.

In Gal. 1:6-10, Paul points out that those who preach another gospel bring upon the hearers trouble and perversion. He reminds us of the finality of the apostle's doctrine (which is the same as the Lord's doctrine, per Mat. 28:20, Acts 2:42, Eph. 2:20, etc.). Even the angels have no authority to change it (again, Gal. 1:8-9)! "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psa. 119:89)! The Scriptures can be trusted as the only unchanging Truth, and yet today, many are soon removed from their Truth.

Indeed, it is heartbreaking when souls respond in obedience to the Gospel, only to forsake the Lord's way shortly thereafter. But God's Word tells us that this will happen, so we must not be discouraged. We must remember the parable of the sower, and how two out of three souls who initially obeyed later left the Truth, in addition to the souls who never even initially accepted it (Mat. 13:18ff). Thus, we must not blame ourselves for those who are so soon removed, but rather must continue to preach the Truth anyways! We must remember that even though many will turn back from the Truth, there are others who will obey it and then remain faithful. So let us preach! With love, Chase

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**THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"  
Mat. 28:19

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