

THE BEACON OF TRUTH

May 5, 2019

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

THE CHURCH IN YOUR LIFE

Robert Notgrass

What place does the church have in your life? A big place, a little place, or no place? Let me give you some reasons why you ought to let the church have a big place in your life.

1. We have the example of Jesus. He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and as his custom (or “habit,” TCG) was, worshipped the God of the ages (Lk. 4:16). If Jesus regularly needed worship, how much more do we?

2. When we worship, we are reminded of our link with the Divine. Man’s fighting, fussing, feuding, striving, lusting, killing — all these show man to be one of envy and strife. But man is also a spirit. He longs for God, he worships God, he is dissatisfied with himself. In worship he is brought into fellowship with God and gains power to live a constructive life.

3. Through worship, we pay homage to the one who redeemed us. God is our Creator. Jesus Christ is our Redeemer. We belong to God for both reasons. So, we come to church to thank God for all that he had done for us. In his holy presence, we have no time for mischief, for cutting up, for disturbance; we have time only for reverence and thanksgiving.

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By the Numbers:

Week of 4/28/19

Contribution – \$2692

Attendance:

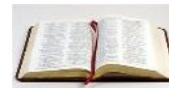
Sunday Bible Classes – 37

Sunday Worship* – 60

Wednesday Night – 24

*Total for the day

Bible Trivia Question



Last Week’s Answer: Most miserable (1 Cor. 15:19).

Q: Can flesh and blood inherit the kingdom of God?

Answer to be given next week!

SERMON SPOTLIGHT:

AM — Spotted Garments

1. What are two methods for saving souls mentioned in Jude 22-23?
2. What are some examples of things that spot our garments?

PM — When Good Men Do Nothing

1. What fate do we face when good men do nothing?
2. How has the church suffered from this?

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).

Mailing Address

PLACE
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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 PRAYER

Margie Tippen — Regina Simmons — Marcia Green — Jerry Tippen — Wendy Traweek — Tim Green — Harold Myers — Joy Skipper — John & Ruth Coston — Stetson Ortega — Lindy Brown — Kaitlyn Wilson — Kathy Lawrence — Debbie Grice — Virginia Wainwright — Jessica Hancock — Melba Tippen Creech — Dewey Young — Nathan & Victoria Bird as they await the arrival of Baby Mila — All those affected by the tornadoes in Lincoln and Union Parishes

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- We are currently in need of more items to restock our pantry. If you would like to help, please see Chase for needed items. Place your items in the barrel in the foyer.
- Youth & Young Adults — Be on the lookout for our next event! Don't miss out on these opportunities for fellowship and fun!
- Monthly Fellowship Meal — 4th Sunday of each month in between services unless otherwise noted.

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4. In worship, we have Christians who teach us to join together and praise God. This is why we sing, "Blest be the tie that binds."

5. We come to worship for rest. Just as we need physical food and eat three meals a day, so we need spiritual food and this we find in our worship of God. Here we are filled with God's Word and the power that comes from His Word.

Be Not Children in Understanding
Chase Green

"Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men" (1 Cor. 14:20). In context, Paul is talking about the church at Corinth's problem regarding tongue speaking. In essence, Paul says that this congregation needed to grow up. They were behaving very childishly in their arguing over tongue speaking. In their bad attitudes, they were childlike, but in understanding (and in turn, their actions and attitudes) they needed to be men. This could not be accomplished until they read and applied the words of Paul's epistle. Thankfully, studying Paul's second epistle to Corinth, we can conclude that much of the Corinthians' bad attitudes were corrected.

What about us? If Paul were to write a letter to the church at Beacon, would he write with a similar tone? Would he mention many problems that need correction? Would he be aware of any arguments or petty differences that need to be set aside? If so, he might write, "Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men."

The key to overcoming any sinful action must first be **understanding** that the action is sinful in the first place! How else might we know that we need to make correction if we do not understand? Lucky for us, the Bible was written for that very purpose! "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Psalm 119:130). "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple" (Psalm 19:7). The Proverbs were written "to know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; to give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion" (Pro. 1:2-4). Thus, verse 5 says, "A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels."

Are children born understanding? Of course not! They must be **taught** the things that they need to know to get through life. Spiritually speaking, a loving father and mother must patiently impart the Biblical virtues that they too practice so that the child does not sense hypocrisy or improper motivations. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Pro. 22:6). Thus, a child must MOVE PAST spiritual infancy and grow up to be a MAN or a WOMAN in the faith.

Could it be the case that there are some grown men and women, physically speaking, who are still spiritual infants? The Bible says yes. In fact, that is exactly what the congregation at Corinth as a whole was: "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?"

The very attitudes of division that were manifesting themselves at Corinth were evidence of the fact that the Corinthian Christians needed to grow up, spiritually speaking. And how could this be accomplished? Only through **understanding!** The Hebrews writer would write a very similar thought to the Hebrew Christians, who were flirting with the idea of returning to Judaism: "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is **unskilful in the word of righteousness**: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Heb. 5:12-14, emphasis mine, TCG). May these words never be said about the members of the Beacon church of Christ!

With love, Chase

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"But godliness with contentment is great gain."
1 Tim. 6:6

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