

<p>Schedule Of Services</p> <p>Sunday Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. & 2:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Website Beaconcfc.com (under construction)</p> <p>Preacher Chase Green 318-608-7418</p> <p>Elders Bill Schooley 318-396-7296 Tim Green 318-547-4026</p> <p>Missions Supported Ronnie Goodam - India Marlon Retana - Panama Brad Harrub - Focus Press</p>	<p>WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 6/9/19

Contribution – \$2731

Attendance:


Sunday Bible Classes – 31

*Sunday Worship * – 58*

Wednesday Night – 41

*Total for the day

Bible Trivia Question



Last Week's Answer: Timothy (1 Cor. 16:10-11 cf. 1 Tim. 4:12).

Q: In 1 Cor. 16:14, Paul said, Let all your things be done with what?

Answer to be given next week!

SERMON SPOTLIGHT:

AM — The Dignity & Downfall of Fatherhood

1. What things sometimes get in the way of biblical fatherhood?

PM — The Parables of the Mustard Seed & the Leaven

1. What is the meaning of these parables?
2. How can small things impact the kingdom in big ways?

THE BEACON OF TRUTH

June 16, 2019

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

The Lord Knows the Nature of Our Hearts

Tim Dooley

The old saying goes, “You can fool some of the people some of the time, but you can’t fool all the people all the time.” We are often very good at putting on a facade and fooling others, but we need to remember that we cannot and will not fool God. “Do not be deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap” (Galatians 6:7). “And be sure your sin will find you out” (Numbers 32:23). The saddest thing is that some have fooled themselves into thinking their hearts are right with God when God knows the true nature of our hearts.

While King Saul ignored the true causes of his troubles, God saw everything clearly. So many of us need to do some serious introspection and consider the true nature of our hearts in humility and fear. Only when we clearly see our hearts as God sees them can we begin to understand God’s will for us.

As Saul pursues David in an attempt to kill him, David is afforded an opportunity to kill Saul in a cave. Yet, even though he is encouraged to do so by his men, David refuses to “put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the Lord’s anointed” (1 Samuel 24:10).

An important spiritual application for us to re-member is that Jesus declares those who are not with Him, are against Him (Matthew 12:30). In other words; those who are not faithfully serving the Lord are putting forth their hands against the Lord’s anointed. The Lord knows our hearts and who is on the Lord’s side. Are you faithful?

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 — Ruth Coston — Lindy Brown — Kaitlyn Wilson — Kathy Lawrence — Debbie Grice — Virginia Wainwright — Jessica Hancock — Melba Tippen Creech — Dewey Young — Andrew Brown (away at internship in College Station, TX) — Stetson Ortega

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Youth & Young Adults — Be on the lookout for monthly events! See Chase if you would like to help with food or in other ways.
- Monthly Fellowship Meal — Today in between services

James 1:12-17
Chase Green

Verse 12: “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.” We don’t need to look at trials as curses, but rather blessings, and periods of proving. Jesus Himself said in Mat. 5:10-12, “BLESSED are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. BLESSED are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. REJOICE, and be EXCEEDING GLAD: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you” (emphasis mine, TCG).

Persecution (one of several types of temptations, or TRIALS, generally speaking) is a **guarantee** for those who are living faithfully (2 Tim. 3:12), so the presence or absence of persecution in our lives can be a good indicator of whether or not we are on the right track (although it is certainly not the ONLY indicator; also, the presence of persecution is not a guarantee of faithfulness). Thus, we need to rejoice to know that persecution likely indicates that we are doing something right! Not only that, but in the face of persecution, we have the joy of knowing that we can that much more look forward to our reward in heaven!

Trials also have a way of proving us. In other words, they make us stronger. See again James 1:3: “...The trying of your faith worketh patience.” Why? Because difficulties in life force us to seek the Lord for help, drawing us ever closer to Him in the process!

Verse 13: “Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted

with evil, neither tempteth he any man.” Temptations (whether in the form of trials or temptations to sin) do not come from God; they come from the Devil. The word “tempter” is used twice in the Bible (Mat. 4:3; 1 The. 3:5), both in obvious reference to Satan. While it may be the knee-jerk reaction for some to blame God for their troubles and various temptations to sin, this should never be the case. We need to be blaming two individuals: 1) Satan, the one doing the tempting, and 2) ourselves, the ones falling for his tempting. Does it make sense to blame God (as many often do) for all of the world’s ills, or does it make more sense to blame the Devil, and also ourselves, because SIN is what brought those ills into the world?! And yet one of the first charges an atheist has against God is the question of why pain and suffering are in the world. Don’t blame God! Blame sin! Blame the devil! Blame OURSELVES for that!

Verse 14: “But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.” The type of temptation under consideration here is enticement to sin. “Lust,” here, is another way of saying, “temptation.” Lust sometimes refers to sin itself — see 1 John 2:16 — but here, it evidently refers to the temptation leading up to sin, as seen in the progression from lust (temptation) to sin (see next verse). The temptation itself cannot be sin, for Jesus Himself was tempted (Matthew chapter 4), but never sinned (1 John 3:5). The word “lust,” then, is being used accommodatively here. Even though the temptation itself is not a sin, to continue to DWELL upon the temptation, PURSUING it in thought, is oftentimes referred to as “lust,” or “evil concupiscence” (“evil desires,” 1 The. 4:5), which IS in fact sin. This verse, then, helps us understand these two different connotations of the word, “lust.”

Verse 15: “Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” Again, notice, sin takes place AFTER the lust (TEMPTATION in this usage). Again, usually we use the term “lust” in reference to evil desires which ARE in fact sin. But James uses the term in THIS verse and the verse prior to mean “temptations.” Temptations, when dwelled upon long enough and then acted upon, produce sin. And what are the wages of sin? Death (Rom. 6:23).

Verse 16: “Do not err, my beloved brethren.” Quite frankly, to blame GOD for the temptations that come from SATAN is egregious ERROR, of which James is teaching us to avoid. It is ERROR to blame God for anything bad that happens in our lives. It is ERROR to blame Him for temptations to sin, as well. One common verse that is sometimes misunderstood, regarding this, is 1 Cor. 10:13: “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” Notice that passage says nothing about God being the One Who PUTS the temptations in our way. It simply says that God is the One Who has the power to make sure too much is not put on us ... **but He’s not the One putting those bad things upon us**, and will allow a way of escape. There’s a difference! And to not understand this is error. Again, may we never blame an all-good God for evil!

Verse 17: “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” Not only does this reaffirm our understanding that only GOOD things come from God, but also notice that there is “no variableness, neither shadow of turning” in Him. In other words, God is not FICKLE. He does not change (Mal. 3:6)! Therefore, He can be trusted to provide for His faithful children, and He can be trusted to punish those who are unfaithful!

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

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James 1:15

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