

THE BEACON OF TRUTH

July 21, 2019

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

Sharing Our Faith

Tom Steed

Matthew 28:18-20: "And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the World Amen."

1. PRAY FOR THE LOST. On a regular, recurring basis we must ask God for opportunities to share our faith, receptive hearts to hear the message, and wisdom in accomplishing the task. When God understands that we truly seek to do His will He will give us opportunities to bless others.

2. PLAN TO REACH THE LOST. Any worthwhile endeavor takes intelligent planning. We need to understand the needs of those who don't know Jesus. We need to make sure that we understand the gospel message clearly ourselves. We need to organize our time and energy in order to engage in productive activity. We need to think of who might benefit from the saving message of Jesus and pray for them regularly.

3. PRESENT THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS. Our world is filled with people who are hurting. There are many times in our daily conversations when we can share our faith in the course of normal conversation. There is a place for organized Bible studies and specific presentations, but we get to those by talking with people in everyday life.

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By the Numbers:

Week of 7/14/19

Contribution – \$2491

Attendance:

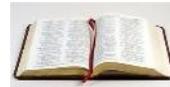
Sunday Bible Classes – 25

Sunday Worship* – 48

Wednesday Night – 37

*Total for the day

Bible Trivia Question



Last Week's Answer: Fables & endless genealogies (1 Tim. 1:4).

Q: What is the end of the commandment (1 Tim. 1:5)?

Answer to be given next week!

SERMON SPOTLIGHT:

AM — Guest Sermon by Ronnie Gootam

1. N/A

PM — The Parable of the Wicked Husbandmen

1. Who is the Householder?
2. Who are the servants and the Son?
3. Who are the wicked husbandmen?

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

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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, Marcia Green, Kevin Green, Jerry Tippen, Wendy Traweek, Harold Myers, Joy Skipper, Ruth Coston, Lindy Brown, Kaitlyn Wilson, Kathy Lawrence, Virginia Wainwright, Melba Tippen Creech, Dewey Young, Andrew Brown (away at internship in College Station, TX), Stetson Ortega, Mike Jones, Kenneth Hendrix, Tim Green, Mildred Allhands, Anthony Ortega, Debbie Grice, Several of our youth are away at Bible camp this week in Alabama (Lauren, Alex, and Lane Green, & Anabel and Scarlet Schooley)

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Food Pantry: We have been blessed with opportunities to help several families with food recently. Consequently, we are in need of food for restocking (all items currently needed, including canned meats, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soups/chili, pasta noodles, etc.)
- 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: 4th Sunday each month unless otherwise noted.

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4. PERSIST IN SHARING WITH OTHERS. Often it takes great efforts before people understand that we are serious about our desire to share our faith. We often begin talking about very serious matters with jokes and humor, but then some life situation presents the opportunity to truly make a statement about Christ. If we quit after the first, second or third try, we will not likely be successful.

Pray, Plan, Present, and Persist and God will bless.

James 2:10-13
Chase Green

Verse 10: “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.” I’ve said this before, and I’ll say it again: No matter if I have committed only one sin, or 10 million sins, my sin has separated me from God and rendered me worthy of death (Isa. 59:1-2; Rom. 6:23). It is only by the grace of God through faithful obedience to His Word that I have any hope of overcoming sin.

Sometimes, I fear that we tend to look at the big picture of our lives and think “I’m MOSTLY a good person,” as if that’s enough. We will never truly be ENOUGH to deserve salvation. But if we have the attitude of “I’m MOSTLY a good person, so surely God will save me,” we are in trouble! “MOSTLY a good person” doesn’t cut it. We have to strive to be perfected in Christ. How can we do so? Through the completion that God offers us through mastery of His Word (See 2 Tim. 3:16). Yes, even then, we still won’t DESERVE salvation, but we must continually strive for perfection/completion as Christians. If we are not growing (see 1 Pet. 2:2), if we are not striving to sin less and less (see Rom. 6:12), if we are not walking in the light (1 John 1:7), if we do not acknowledge our weaknesses and strive to improve upon them (see 1 John 1:8-10), then something is very wrong with our so-called “Christianity,” and we better examine ourselves and repent.

Verse 11: “For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.” Contrary to certain doctrines that try to differentiate between “deadly sins” and those which are “not deadly,” the Bible teaches that any sin can separate us from God. Both of the sins mentioned in this verse are sins that people tend to categorize as “big sins.” But how many people understand that the supposedly “little” sins (not so!) of gossip or “little white lies” or cheating on their taxes or grumbling and complaining are sins just as condemning?! Again, see Isaiah 59:1-2.

Verse 12: “So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.” This verse clearly refutes the false doctrine that Christians are not under any law. False teachers take several passages, mostly in the book of Romans (especially Rom. 6:14), and teach that Christian liberty is the opposite of law. They say that the Old Testament was all about strict adherence to rules (i.e. the Levitical food laws, circumcision, animal sacrifices, etc.), and that the New Testament is all about liberty (i.e. “Do what you want”). This is NOT true! Yes, the New Testament took away the food laws and circumcision and animal sacrifices, etc. (Acts 10:9-16; 1 Cor. 7:19; Heb. 10:1-18; Col. 2:14), but we are still under a LAW: the perfect law of liberty (the New Testament law) and that New Testament law OVER AND OVER AGAIN demands obedience to the things contained therein!

Verse 13: “For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.” Looking back at the judgment mentioned in verse 12, we need to remember the principle of Mat. 7:1ff: “Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged...” This is NOT saying don’t make judgments at all. It is, however, saying don’t judge HYPOCRITICALLY, for with the strictness that we judge others, we will receive the same strictness. Thus, if I am hypocritically pointing out others’ sins without addressing my own, I’m going to be in trouble on the Day of Judgment! Christians, then, of all people, should have a good understanding of the mercy of God, and should be merciful people themselves. This does NOT mean make excuses for sin. It DOES mean, however, to patiently forbear others and always be willing to forgive those who repent, and try to show them a better way. With love, Chase

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

“Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.”
James 2:24

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