

THE BEACON OF TRUTH

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

Getting Our “Want To” Fixed

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Fondly, I remember these words from my grandfather. Sometimes, I long to hear his loving voice telling me, “Jeff, you need to get your want to fixed.” It took countless years to finally hear the love, wisdom, and hope in his words and I am grateful for them.

His words remind me that motivation is a funny thing and often we do not want to do something because our motivations are askew, or, other things are competing with the important things in our life. These words of wisdom from grandfather remind me to examine my motives and inspire me to give it my all, even when I do not feel like it or want to.

In 2 Cor. 13:5-6, Paul encourages us to examine ourselves to see if we are really living up to the standard that God has set for us, to see if we are really in the faith. In all fairness, I should say that it gets easier with time and experience, but it never gets easy. I think this is why God continually reminds to look within and examine our motives. Let me share with you some things that should help us as we strive to “get our want to fixed.”

Something that should motivate us to keep going is knowing that we’re not alone in this journey. Surrounded by a huge family who loves us, cheers, and supports us; we are encouraged to keep trying. Just remember that all of us are at different points in this journey of faith but we are striving for the same goal of Christlikeness.

Something else that motivates us is the Lord’s Supper. Every time we gather around the Lord’s Table, we’re reminded to look inward. Reflecting on the sacrifice of Jesus helps us to get the world out and replace it with more of Jesus. It reminds us to live in such a way, that we glorify and honor the One who loved us and died for us.

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By the Numbers:

Week of 1/20/20

Contribution – \$18,316

Attendance:

Sunday Bible Classes – 34

Sunday Worship* – 51

Wednesday Night – 30

*Total for the day

WORKS SUPPORTED:

Marlon Retana - Panama
Brad Harrub - Focus Press

The Gospel of Christ TV Program
Sundays:

6:30am - Ch. 8.3 (CW) 7:00am - Ch. 39.1

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FM 102.5 KCXB-LP - The Beacon of Truth
Available online 24/7
at beaconcofc.com

Sermon Spotlight:

AM — A House Divided

1. List various types of division mentioned in the sermon.
2. Are any of these even remotely good?
3. How can we help heal division?

PM — Hebrews Chapter 4

1. How many times does the word “rest” appear in this chapter?
2. Do you want to enter into eternal rest?

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, Joy Skipper, Kaitlyn Wilson, Tim Green, Debbie Grice, Virginia Wainwright, Stetson Ortega, Bettie Young, Wendy Traweek, Dewey Young, Scarlet Schooley, Judy May, Martin Hattaway, Marcia Green

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Youth & Young Adults: Be on the lookout for monthly get-togethers. If you would like to help host an event in the future, please let Chase know!
- Monthly Ladies' Luncheon: 6 of our ladies got together for a great fellowship luncheon on the 17th. They plan to make this a monthly occurrence. See Sharon for more details!
- Monthly Fellowship Meal: Today in between services.
- Church Security Meeting: 1:30 PM today after the fellowship meal.
- VBS & Gospel Meeting with Dr. Brad Harrub: July 19th to 22nd. Will be here before we know it! Be planning to attend and help support this great event!

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Something else that helps us is the worship services. Every time we gather together to worship and praise our great God and Christ, we are reminded to look inward. We should take worship services seriously because it is the primary way God will motivate and encourage a deeper walk with Him.

These are a few of the things that should motivate us to consider our motivations and get it fixed. I am sure you can think of others that I don't have the space to even consider but I hope you get my point.

It is my prayer and heart's desire that we will all be motivated to serve Jesus, His people, and this church with all the love that we can muster. What will it take to get your "Want To" fixed?

Blessed are they which do Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness

Chase Green

Matthew 5:6 - "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

Jesus now discusses those who hunger and thirst. However, He isn't talking about physical hungering and thirsting; He is discussing spiritual hunger and thirst — hungering and thirsting after righteousness.

Righteousness should be our every aim. Righteousness characterizes men and women of God. But what is righteousness? Psalm 119:172 says, "My tongue shall speak of thy word: for **all thy commandments are righteousness**" (emphasis mine throughout, TCG). Job said: "I have esteemed the words of his mouth **more than my necessary food**" (Job. 23:12). Solomon wrote: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and **keep his commandments**: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecc. 12:13-14).

Simply put, the kind of hungering and thirsting that leads to being blessed, Jesus says, is hungering and thirsting after keeping the commandments of God! But which ones? The Ten Commandments? The commandments of the Law of Moses? The Law of Moses, including the Ten Commandments, were taken out of the way, being nailed to Jesus' cross (Eph. 2:14-15; Col. 2:14; 2 Cor. 3:1ff). That said, nine out of the ten do still apply today (all of them but keeping the Sabbath Day are repeated in the New Testament).

So what is it then? Jesus said in John 14:15: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." In John 15:10, He said: "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." Jesus was talking to an Old Testament audience, who would soon be living in the New Testament. People living under the Old Testament proved their love for God by living their lives in OBEDIENCE to His commandments, and people living in the New Testament do just the same! While some of the particulars have changed (from Old Testament to New), the principle of righteousness being true love for God and obeying His commandments still applies!

Thus, those who HUNGER and THIRST after righteousness, that is to say, those who have STRONG DESIRE for righteousness equal to (and, really, even greater than) their desire for necessary FOOD and DRINK, will lead the kinds of lives that are pleasing in God's sight. Therefore, they will be blessed by God! May we all have this intense desire to be righteous in God's sight, keeping all of the commandments that God gave to us in His New Testament!

With love, Chase

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."
Matt. 5:6
