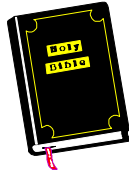


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

## LIVING WHERE YOU DO NOT BELONG

In Jesus' prayer to the Father in John 17, He states that His disciples are not of this world, just as He is not of this world. How can that be? Were we not born in this world? Of course we were. But, we have been called out of this world (2 Cor. 6:17, 1 Pet. 1:13-15), and we have been purchased with the precious blood of Jesus (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:18,19). We do not belong to this world, or even to ourselves (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

If we do not belong to this world, than how do we live in this world? Missionaries, diplomats and others could give us some insight living in a culture that is not our own, but let's learn how from one that knows more than all of these put together, Jesus - the Son of God, who left heaven and dwelt as a man in a world in which He did not belong. How did He do it, and what did He teach that will help us do it?

1. **Remember that you do not belong here** (Matt. 6:19-21; 22:17-21). Jesus knew where He was from and often spoke of returning.
2. **Do not fall in love with this world** (Matt. 6:24; 1 Jn. 2:15-17; 2 Pet. 2:20). Jesus knew a better place, heaven, and knew that He was returning there when His mission on earth was complete.
3. **Live holy lives** (Matt. 5-7; 1 Pet. 1:15). Jesus lived a perfect life, without sin, even in this dark world.
4. **Stay focused** on why you are here (Matt. 6:33; Col. 3:22-24). Jesus constantly was concerned with fulfilling the will of His Father.
5. **Stay in touch** with the home land (1 Thess. 5:17; Matt. 22:29; 2 Tim. 2:15). Jesus frequently separated himself from the mob and disciples to pray. Know the Scriptures thoroughly. He also taught others to pray, and the importance of knowing the Scriptures.
6. **Look expectantly** to going home (Jn. 14:3; Lk. 12:36-37; 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Jesus spoke about returning to the Father and taking His disciples with Him.

If we will observe and practice the way Jesus lived and what He taught, then we too can live as we should in this world to which we do not belong.

- **John Curtis**, minister church of Christ, Paul's Valley, Oklahoma

“And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again” - 2 Corinthians 5:15

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### SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

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“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, ...” - Hebrews 1:1,2

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*A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!*

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## **“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Judy Walker, Miles Johnson, Richard Ramkinson, Margaret Herring, Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier.*
- **Judy Walker** was reported still in Baptist Hospital Wed. She had been expecting to come home Tuesday, keep her in your prayers..
- **Margie DeYoung** is out of the hospital and going to rehab for a broken hip, keep your prayers going up, they're working!
- **Ellis Matthews**, Garland's surviving brother, is recovering from pneumonia, dehydration and malnourishment at home, after a brief stay in the hospital.
- Keep all these, and **the church here**, in your prayers. Our thanks and gratitude to those who watch, and work and pray for the church here. To those faithful in visiting and attendance, encouraging others by talking with them. To those quietly doing the many jobs necessary to keep the congregation functioning.

**“For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.” - Psalms 22:24**

## **“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- Stay for the **luncheon** after the morning assembly..Others have brought plenty, so don't worry if you're empty handed—give us your heart instead.
- **Day Light Savings Time** starts next Sunday. Turn you clock ahead 1 hour.
- Remember to send cards and letters to our sister **Lorraine Porter** who is unable to get out or receive visitors or phone calls due to her medical condition and sorely needs the encouragement.
- **BULLETINS BY EMAIL** sent each Friday. To subscribe, send email address to Ed.
- Remember to **send cards to our visitors.** **Marshall Mancuso** had had a bunch of nice cards printed, and **Jones Gamble** faithfully gets visitor cards posted with addresses. So help out yourself! Send a card, invite people to visit, then send more cards! Postage for a post card is \$.32, Send 3 for a dollar and keep the change!

**“If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, ...” - James 3:2**

## **KEEP YOUR HEART CLEAN IN 2013**

## **“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15**

- **Trudy Johnson** of Lower Richland, a friend of the **Richbourg's**, who was in Hospice care, passed away.

**“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,  
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;**

**but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” - Matthew 7:21**

## **OVERCOMING HUMAN TRADITION**

Many times a person will have difficulty accepting the truth taught in God's Word because it goes against what was formerly believed by the individual, and perhaps contradicts what he was always taught. This very thing happened to Alexander Campbell, who set out to restore New Testament Christianity in the 19th century. Campbell's family had always practiced infant baptism, and Campbell himself had been sprinkled. But when a child was born to Campbell and his wife in March of 1812, he determined to study the subject in light of the Bible alone.

Throwing aside the Presbyterian tradition in which he had been raised, Campbell was convinced through a study of the Bible that only penitent believers were appropriate subjects for baptism. He studied further and looked at the original language, and discovered that baptism was actually immersion.

Alexander related these conclusions to his father, Thomas Campbell, who agreed with his study. They realized that they had never been baptized into Christ. On June 12, 1812, Alexander Campbell and six others — his wife, sister, father, mother, and James Halen and his wife — were all baptized into Christ for the remission of sins.

The gospel is the power of God to save (Romans 1:16), but when men pervert the gospel it loses its power. This is the reason there are such stern warnings against changing what is revealed. "As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:9). Adding to and taking away from the message is strictly forbidden (Revelation 22:18-19).

The Campbells recognized and respected the Lord's authority on the question of baptism by immersion by penitent believers, as well as other points. While Alexander Campbell is not the founder of the church of Christ, nor is he our authority in religious matters, he serves as a good example on this point that we would all do well to imitate. Search the Scriptures for the answers to religious questions, and submit to the ordinances of God.

**- Jason T. Carter**, evangelist, Mt. Vernon Church of Christ, Park City, Kentucky

**“The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) ...” - 1 Peter 3:21**

## **CAROLINA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**Saturday March 9, 2013**, 9:00am-3:00pm, at Rock Hill. It's an encouraging thing for young and old. Just ask **Tommy White!** Men, let's especially try and encourage our young men to go - with us. **Ed Kelleher** plans on going and has room in his van for 7. We'll leave from the church building about 6:30 am, Lord willing.