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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Wallace Beasley

PM: Harvey Allen

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

DONE THESE THINGS?

“And he said unto them,

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;” - Mark 16:15,16

GOOD! THEN, AS PAUL TOLD THE CORINTHIAN BRETHREN:

Examine yourself! Whether you [still] are in the faith? (2 Cor 13:5)

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

WHY DO YOU TROUBLE HER?

Have you ever done something good and had others laugh or mock or criticize you for it? How did you feel about it? Did it make you want to do more? No, something like that tends to discourage us from doing more. That's too bad because that's **exactly** what Satan wants.

In the Bible (**Mark 14:3-6**) is the account of a woman that gave a tremendous gift to our Lord Jesus by anointing him with very precious ointment. (If a man worked a whole day for a penny back then, then 300 pennies worth of ointment would be worth at least a year's salary, very conservatively at least \$10,000.)

The Lord was pleased, but others criticized her and said "What a waste, this could have been sold and given to the poor". How do you think this woman might have felt at this. How would **you** have felt if you had just given \$10,000 to someone and were criticized for it?

This was a woman of great faith and understanding because she realized that Jesus was to die, something the other disciples hadn't quite grasped yet. Jesus spoke up for this woman, to encourage her (and us), saying, "Why do you trouble her?". He said that this thing she had done was a **good work**. One that would be remembered wherever the gospel was preached. And we know of it today. What a memorial, one that will never fade because she didn't let men trouble her.

The point is—we can have the same! **If** we don't let ourselves get discouraged in our good works and, in thinking of what others might say, not do them. Let's not consider the praise **or** the reproach of men. Instead, let's remember who our Master is, what He is like, and serve Him only:

"God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have shown toward his name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." - Heb. 6:10

Men may forget what we do. Men may misunderstand us. Men may criticize us for showing them up. But God knows our hearts and will **never** miss or forget what we do in His name. Let's take courage from this and not be afraid to do what we think is right and good. Don't let people trouble you—look to God for your reward.

Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Merrie Christmus, Dorothy Gray & family, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Pat Joyner** is still having dizzy spells and pain but was able to be with us Wed.
- **Lauren and Jordan** will be traveling to Vanderbilt tomorrow for **Lauren's** doctor appt. on Friday.
- **Lauren** asks for prayers for her Grandma who has congestive heart failure.
- **Amy** was not able to make it to services Wednesday night.
- **Judy** will have her carpal tunnel surgery on Tuesday next week.
- Pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**
- Remember our search for an **evangelist** to help us with the work of the Lord here at West Columbia. Give **thanks** to God for his goodness and love for us.

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”- Philippians 4:6

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **HURRICANE FLORENCE: We are expected to get 6-10” of rain and tropical storm winds (40 mph) or more. If you need help pass the word to other members of the church. We can open the church building if needs be, which being on high ground and US #1 in the city, is more likely to be habitable. Pray the Lord will be merciful.**
- **ALL! Contact** those on the Directory list you've not seen recently (like last Sunday).
- **ALL! INVITE SOMEONE TO VISIT US!** Give them one of the **church cards** that are on the table in the foyer. If you take some, please use them.

“Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life” - Romans 2:6,7

Examine yourself! Are you really in the faith? (2 Cor 13:5)

DON'T BE DISCOURAGED BY OTHERS

Don't be discouraged by what others do or don't do. Our prime responsibility is our **own** heart and what **we** do. We can pray for our brothers and sisters to be more faithful. And we certainly should be encouraged by the faith of others, as Paul was:

“And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage” Acts 28:15, This encouragement is **God's** work—so strive to encourage others also.

But to be **discouraged** or **lose heart** because of others is **Satan's** doing, don't give in to it! Guard your heart against this discouragement.— **Ed Kelleher**

TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION (1)

We refer here to the fact that Truth (the Word of God, the Holy Bible, the Scriptures) is deed more strange than fiction. Truth is the Word of God as Jesus said: **“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” - John 17:17.**

Fiction in religion is fabricated by men, or man. Fiction in the realm of religion is a narrative or story or directions that men have compounded which cannot be read in God's Word. There is a great, very great deal of fiction in religious teachings.

There is no other way to account for the variety in so called Christianity other than to realize and know that there is a great deal of fiction taught as Christianity when actually it is not. Or to look at it another way – all the varieties of teachings in religion cannot possibly come from one and the same source - unless God is against Himself! Verily, He is not the author of confusion, but of peace.

Consider perhaps the greatest fiction in religion — it is telling people how to be saved, how to become a Christian, how to have their past sins forgiven.

Fiction says, “Simply trust the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal savior, and he saves you”. That is simply and only a pure piece of fiction. Why is it? Because it is not in God's Word. They who teach it can, at best, only claim that it is a conclusion drawn, they can never quote it from the Bible. Yet it is the most popular teaching. It may have “accept” instead of the word “trust” and may vary slightly from preacher to preacher, but only slightly.

On the other hand, what is the Truth (the Word of God, the gospel of Jesus) on that matter of being forgiven and becoming a Christian? Anyone who wants to preach the gospel of Jesus can quote the answer from The Word, such as 2 Thess. 1:8 where it is said that Jesus will come (and receive His own in the air, not on earth) “rendering vengeance on them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus.” Obeying the Gospel is quite a different statement from, “Just accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior“. Obey can be read from the book, and the actions necessary to obey the gospel can be read and quoted. But “just accept” cannot be read nor quoted.

Then truth, when presented by a gospel preacher is strange, very strange to all ears who have always heard, “just accept.“ Make the wise choice!

C.R. Franks, Gospel preacher, West Columbia church Bulletin, Jan 23, 1975.

“ ... when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. 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,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ”

- 1 Peter 3:20,21