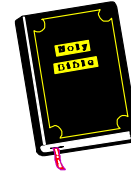


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

WHY DID THOMAS DOUBT?

Many have heard of Doubting Thomas. He was one of Jesus’ disciples, who when told by the other disciples of Jesus’ resurrection, didn’t believe them: “The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.” John 20:25

Thomas’ doubt was honest. He wanted the evidence. If he was to be a witness of the resurrection it was right that he want it. But, from a distance of 2000 years, with perfect hindsight and after countless sermons, we might belittle Thomas and his lack of faith; we might think **we** would never do anything like that. But why did Thomas doubt? The preceding verse tells us: “**But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.**” John 20:24.

He wasn’t there! He had missed being with the other disciples. Because he missed that meeting, he didn’t see the evidence and his faith was less strong. He had missed seeing Jesus and as a result—he doubted!

Could something similar happen to us? Could we doubt because of something we missed? Yes! We’re disciples of Jesus. What if we miss an assembly with the other disciples? We might very well then miss something that would build our faith. And then, like Thomas, we might want to rock the boat—honestly and in all sincerity, but still wrongly. Like Thomas, there might be a hole in our faith. A weakness that Satan **will** work upon. Let’s not cast a speck out of Thomas’ eye while ignoring the board in our own. Let’s take this lesson seriously.

The Lord, through one of His apostles, commanded us to meet together: “**Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is**” Hebrews 10:25. This isn’t just an arbitrary command. There are so many good reasons why we must assemble—for our own good. He gave one in the immediately preceding verse: “**And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:**” - Hebrews 10:24. If you miss—you lose! Don’t risk becoming a Doubting Thomas by missing the assembly of the saints.

“Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.” - 2 Peter 1:10

- Ed Kelleher, elder West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Margaret Herring, and our shut-ins Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson. Also, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack Edwards (Melissa Parks' father), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's grandson).
- Marilyn Brooks' Uncle, Earl, is in the Trauma Center after a car wreck.
- Bill Davenport, brother of Charles, is to have treatment for an aneurysm that fortunately they found in time.
- Billy Jay, cousin of Janet Boyd in Missouri is critically ill.
- Stephen Rinehart requests prayers for Miss Dunkly, his elementary school teacher who had to have emergency throat surgery and will be out the rest of the school year.
- Don Fields is doing better after a severe case of poison ivy.

"Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator." - 1 Peter 4:19

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

- Don and Marcella Klieves had their daughter Patricia, her husband Ryan and 2 grand children Nick and Ema visiting this past week from Flint Michigan. Don said that 3 hours at the Zoo with the grand children flat wore him out! (He loved it!)

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:19

Challenge For One Month

1. Resolve not to miss a single service of the church. No excuses this time but, for a change, make a few sacrifices for the Lord.
2. Try praying every time you have a problem or decision to make. If you feel the slightest need, pray! And while you're at it, try praying for your enemies (those with whom you don't get along too well).
3. Make it your responsibility to bring at least one visitor to services, preferably a family. Don't just invite them, make a date with them.
4. Take at least one afternoon or evening to go visiting. Not with the ones you know and like best. This time, visit someone you do not know too well, perhaps someone with whom you feel a "little "strained." Get to know them and see the difference it makes.
5. Read and study your Bible every day, even if you have to turn off the TV.

Follow these simple rules, and you might be surprised at the results.

-Clyde Freeman, Preacher, 9th and Main St. church of Christ, San Antonio, Texas

“Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” - Titus 2:14

Jesus died for us—what does He not have a right to expect from **us**? - The Elders.

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- A good group of West Columbia members went to Orangeburg last Tuesday to hear brother David Pharr preach at a gospel meeting there. It was a plain, simple, engaging and powerful gospel lesson that the apostles were witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus. It was good for us to have been there. Our thanks to Gerald and Janet Boyd for driving.
- **BUILDING CLEANUP** volunteers needed—sign up in foyer. If you'd like to help with someone else, or have questions, please see Billy Geiger or Gerald Boyd.
- Remember our sister Anne Louise Gordon and the work at LCDC in your prayers. Brother Manning has been able to teach regularly and reach many who want to obey God and be baptized into Christ but are prevented from doing so. Also remember William Haron, an inmate in Pod G, who is teaching others the truth and wants to be baptized himself, but is hindered by the authorities.

"And be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" - 1 Peter 3:15

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:24

- Youth Rally—Thompson church of Christ, Fri-Sat 4/20-4/21.
- Gospel Meeting, Union church of Christ with JC Watkins of Chattanooga, TN. Sun-Thurs 4/15-4/19. Curtis Gilbert preaches there. Car pooling is encouraged.
- Gospel Meeting, St. Andrews Road Sun-Thurs 4/15-4/18 with W.T. Allison.
- Youth Retreat, 4/27-4/28, Fri-Sat at the home of Jan and Ferah Glott. Topic: "So run, that ye may obtain." - 1 Corinthians 9:24
- Senior Rally, St. Andrews Road, Saturday 4/28/2007 with Mickey Burleson on "PAUL'S PATTERN FOR GROWING OLD"

"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love;" - John 15:10

Strive to get **CLOSER TO HEAVEN IN 2007!**

EVANGELISTIC WORK PLANNED WITH MANY CONGREGATIONS:

- A door knocking evangelistic campaign is being planned to build up the church in Woodruff, Saturday April 28. We'll leave early Sat AM to get there by 9:30AM.
- A campaign to reestablish the church in Newberry is being planned for the fall.
- Our Fall Gospel meeting will be September 16-19, Sun-Wed, with Keith Mosher, Dean of Academics at Memphis School of Preaching—if the Lord wills.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 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.” - Matthew 28:19,20