

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

WHEN DOES GOD MEAN WHAT HE SAYS?

If what we are hearing in some circles, the answer would be: "Whenever the subject of grace enters the picture."

You probably thought that you have to be baptized in order to be saved, since that is what the Son of God said, along with the inspired writers who wrote the Bible (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21). But now we are being told that to teach the essentiality of baptism for salvation is to be legalistic even though the Bible teaches it.

You also probably thought that repentance is necessary for salvation, since that is what Christ taught (Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 17:30-31). But supposedly only self-righteous people now teach that, because grace covers all our mistakes.

Perhaps you also thought that faith is absolutely demanded of mankind in order to be saved (John 8:24; Heb. 11:6), but even faith is a work (John 6:29), and that would bring us back to the legalistic charge being hurled once again! However, since the works that God demands of us are not the meritorious works of men, then we are still obligated to work the works of God.

No, we cannot earn our salvation, but doing what God says is not earning salvation. It is loving the Lord (John 14:16; Luke 6:46). Since Paul taught that we are not to "continue in sin, that grace may abound?" (Rom. 6:1-2), we better just keep on trying to obey God, truly relying upon the grace of God, instead of accepting man's perverted version of a cheap grace that makes no demands (Titus 2:11-12). Cheap grace ultimately leads to universalism!

- **Wayne Price**, Gospel preacher, Radford Virginia

“If ye love me, keep my commandments” - John 14:15

“And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not:

for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him:
the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” - John 12:47,48

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RECORDS 3/15/2009

Sun 10 AM Bible Study:
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 86
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 55
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 53
CONTRIBUTION: \$2165

SERMONS 3/22/2009

AM: Jerry Manning
PM: Jerry Manning
LAST WORDS
A RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT

“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:
Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught,
abounding therein with thanksgiving.” - Colossians 2:6,7

SERVICES

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study
Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study
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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Lamar Reeves, Beryl Parks, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Diane Manz** is recovering from surgery she had last Friday.
- **Natalie Cobb** has been confined to bed rest for the duration of her pregnancy. The baby shower is postponed till after the baby arrives.
- **Deborah Stoyk, Michael** mother, is to have cyber-knife surgery soon.
- It was good to have **Kenya Harley** back last Sunday for Spring break from school in Alabama.
- **Melvin Sapp**, Gospel Preacher and director of the school of preaching at Sumter is in need of a lung transplant.
- **James Meadows**, Gospel preacher and teacher who has held several Gospel Meetings here at West Columbia is being treated for a melanoma.
- Remember our brother **Darius Silbawa** who has not been with us.
- Remember all these and brother **Manning** and those he studies the Bible with, in your prayers.

"He that loveth his life shall lose it;
and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." - John 12:25

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **POSTPONED!** Baby Shower for **Natalie and Landis Cobb**.
- **CANCELLED!** Gospel Meeting at SAR due to **Melvin Sapp's** illness.
- **PLEASE ATTEND!** Lord's Business meeting for all the men of the congregation, at the building, 4:30 pm this Sunday. Please plan to attend.
- **Foundation Class**, Saturdays 11 am at the building. All are invited.
- **Visual Aids** help needed for VBS, see brother Manning.
- **Homecoming**, 20th year, **Twin City church**, 4/26 with **Mike Hinrichs** preaching.
- **Gospel Meeting** in Walterboro with **David Pharr**, 4/26-4/30.
- Seven from West Columbia were able to make it to the **Carolina Men's Fellowship** last Saturday, joining about 650 other men of the church. It was edifying and encouraging. The first Saturday in March, save the date for 2010!

“If God be for us, who can be against us?” - Romans 8:31

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

- **Gwen Pittman's** brother **Charlie** passed away. She is in Tallahassee for the funeral.
- We were all shocked last Friday (3/13) morning at the sudden passing of our dear brother in Christ, **Billy Geiger**. This is just 6 weeks after the passing of his close friend, and our beloved brother, **Gerald Boyd**. Billy was working in the yard and fell unconscious after an apparent heart attack. He was taken to the hospital but could not be revived. The funeral was Monday at Thompson funeral home. The auditorium was full. Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery. He was such an integral part of this congregation and of all our lives, for so long, we all are still adjusting to the loss, which is so great. Remember the family, and all of us, in your prayers.

“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;” - Ecclesiastes 3:1,2

Preaching The Truth In Love

Much is said about preaching the truth in love, and so it should be preached. But in love of what? The preacher should so love the truth that he will not sacrifice any of it nor pervert it, and he should so love people that he will not withhold from them even an unpleasant truth. He that does either of these things loves neither the church nor the people.

We frequently fool ourselves, thinking we do thus and so to spare the feelings of others when it is our own feelings that prompt us. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Tim. 4:2-4).

- R. L. Whiteside 1869-1951, Gospel Preacher

“... PEOPLE, ZEALOUS OF GOOD WORKS.” - Titus 2:14

WORK TEAM SCHEDULE: 3/22—C 3/29—D 4/5—A 4/12—B

All members in the congregation are assigned to a Work Team

Check your Work Team assignment—your participation is vital!

Work Team C will meet at the Klieves' Home

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