

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## When Love is Bad

Even though Jesus taught that love is the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:36-40), we are also warned that there are certain types of love that are unprofitable and evil. The following are examples of love that we should not have:

**Love of money** – “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (1 Timothy 6:10 ASV).

**Love of the world** – “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15).

**Love of prestige** – “It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory” (Proverbs 25:27); “For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted” (Luke 14:11).

**Love of idols** – “Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you” (Deuteronomy 6:13, 14).

**Excessive love of self** – “For men shall be lovers of their own selves...” (2 Timothy 3:2); “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); “...in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others” (Philipp. 2:3, 4).

**Love of strife** – “As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife” (Proverbs 26:21); “But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work” (James 3:14-16).

**Love of sin** – “That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness” (2 Thessalonians 2:12); “Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them” (Romans 1:32).

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**LOVE GOOD, LOVE WELL ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

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### SERMONS 11/21/2010

AM: Jerry Manning  
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PM: Jerry Manning  
WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

“And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight  
in burnt offerings and sacrifices,  
as in obeying the voice of the LORD?  
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,  
and to hearken than the fat of rams.” - 1 Samuel 15:22

*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:** Margaret Herring, Jean Godley, Amy Wintermute, Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- Jean Godley's cancer has returned, and it's not good. Keep her in your prayers.
- Marcella Klieves feel and hurt her shoulder.
- Margaret Herring isn't well either and covets our prayers.
- Marilyn Brooks is now closer to family. Her phone: 803-278-2170, and address: C/O Unihealth, 120 Talisman Dr, N. Augusta, SC 29841
- Lynn Manning is having some difficulty recovering from recent surgery. Her mother, Lorraine Welch, is visiting for several weeks, which is always nice.
- Lorraine Porter is still ill and not responding to medicine. She'd prefer no visitors for a spell.
- Tommie White is thankful for prayers for his sister-in-law who is doing better but still fighting cancer.
- Remember Marilyn Brooks, Margie DeYoung, Margaret Herring and Eddie Sheppard in your prayers.
- Brother Manning has many Bible studies during the week, remember them in your prayers, thank God for the power of His Word and pray he would bless our efforts.

"But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God. My times are in thy hand;" - Psalm 31:14

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

- **BIBLE BOWL 2011**—BOOK OF MATTHEW—Sign up sheets in the foyer for youth and adult teams. We need people to write out practice questions.
- **Building Cleanup** volunteers needed for December.
- **Youth Devo SATURDAYS 7 pm.**
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“Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.” - Isaiah 1:17

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

Ryan Sheppard graduated from Army basic training in Kentucky and is now at school for several months learning helicopter maintenance before serving in Kuwait. Keep him and the family in your prayers. His address for the next 3 months or so at least is:

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**SERVE GOD ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

## **THE CHURCH OF THE BIBLE?**

When the question is asked, "What is the church?", many would respond by saying, "Which church are you talking about?" We realize there does exist hundreds of different religious groups in this world. Many of which claim to have some attachment to the church of the Bible. When we speak of the church, we have reference to the church that one can read about in the Bible.

**BUILDER IS CHRIST:** Christ is the builder of the church that you read about in the Bible. In **Matthew 16:18**, Christ declared, “**Upon this rock, I will build my church.**” The church belongs to Christ. He is the foundation upon which it is built (1 Corinthians 3:11). Dear reader, did Christ build the church of which you are a member? Is the church that you are a member of built by man or Christ? You need to be a member of the church built by Christ, His church.

**BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH WAS IN JERUSALEM:** The church that you read about in the Bible began in the city of Jerusalem, on the day of Pentecost following the ascension of our Lord. This was in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies (Isaiah 2:1-4; Daniel 2:44; Joel 2). These prophecies were fulfilled in Acts 2. Dear reader, did the church of which you are a member, have its beginning in Jerusalem as recorded in Acts 2? If **not**, then you are not a member of the church that you read about in the Bible.

**BIBLE BASED:** The church that you read about in the Bible is Bible based. The Word of God is the pattern that is to be followed in all things (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:21). Everything that the church does must be based upon what God has said in His Word. When it comes to the **(1) Way of salvation** (John 14:6; John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Matthew 10:32-33; Mark 16:16); **(2) Worship** (John 4:24; Acts 2:42; Ephesians 5:19; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Timothy 4:2-4), **(3) Work of the church** (Matthew 28:18-20; Galatians 6:2, 10; James 1:27; 2 Timothy 4:2-4), **(4) Way of life for the members of the church** (Titus 2:11-12; Galatians 5:19-23; 1 John 2:15-17; Colossians 3:1-3; Matthew 6:33), the Bible has the only answer and it must be followed completely. Dear reader, does the church of which you are a member have the Bible as its **only** guide and standard of authority? If **not**, then you are not a member of the church that you read about in the Bible.

**BOUND FOR HEAVEN:** The church that you read about in the Bible is the body of Christ (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 4:4), bride of Christ (Romans 7:1-4; Revelation 19:7-8), family of God (Galatians 3:26-28), kingdom (Colossians 1:13) and the saved (Acts 2:47). Dear reader, don't you want to be a member of the church that you can read about in the Bible, because it is Heaven-Bound (Ephesians 5:23-26; Matthew 7:21-23).

by Jerry W. Joseph, evangelist, Trenton church of Christ, Tennessee

“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” - 1 Corinthians 1:10