

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

What does it mean to “call on the name of the Lord?” Legion are they who teach that this means to approach Christ in prayer, asking him to forgive one’s own sins and come into one’s heart for the purpose of being his or her “personal Savior.” Usually, **Romans 10:13** is quoted as a proof text for this teaching: “**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**” However, this phrase is used in other places in the Bible and to understand its meaning in Romans, the phrase should be studied in the other contexts as well.

In Romans 10, Paul is quoting Joel 2:32 emphasizing the universal nature of the Gospel. Another New Testament spokesman who quoted Joel was Peter on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:21). Peter was preaching to those who were guilty of shedding the innocent blood of Jesus. Upon realizing the severity of their crime, the convicted crowd cried out, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” They knew they were guilty and they knew they needed forgiveness. In addition, they had heard Peter quote Joel, saying, “**Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**” So, what was Peter’s response to their question? Did he tell them to pray to Jesus for forgiveness? Did he command them to ask Christ to come into their hearts as their personal Savior? No! He told them to “**Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins**” (Acts 2:38). Here is inspired commentary on the phrase, “call on the name of the Lord.” According to Peter, who was speaking by inspiration, calling on the name of the Lord is obeying the gospel.

What about you? Are you one who calls on the name of the Lord (1 Cor. 1:2)? That is, are you one who obeys the Christ? If not, why not determine to follow the example of those 3,000 on the day of Pentecost, and call on his name today and continue to do so all the days of your life.

- **Preston Silcox**, Gospel preacher, Eastside church of Christ, Muskogee, OK

“**Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:**” - 1 Corinthians 1:2

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: **HARVEY ALLEN**

PM: **K.C. DUNBAKER**

JOIN US IN
NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY!

“Follow peace with all men, and holiness,
without which no man shall see the Lord:” - Hebrews 12:14

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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.*
- **Chris Parks** is ok after having his wisdom teeth removed. **Marshall Mancuso** is still under the weather. **Jason Parks** is laid up with migraines.
- **Judy Walker** has moved to Agape Rm 206B for rehab. Pray she regains her strength. Prayers are requested for **Al Summers**.
- **Margie DeYoung** is out of the hospital and at National Healthcare Rm 108A for rehab for a broken hip, keep your prayers going up, they're working!
- 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.

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" - Titus 2:13

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Ladies Bible Camp**, Kannapolis church of Christ, Fri-Sat 3/22-23, see **Jan Kelleher**.
- 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!

**"Blessed is that servant,
whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing." - Matthew 24:46**

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**“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**

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

- **Denise Cobb** who used to worship here and has been living in California, is getting married in December, in Columbia. Her sister **LaTasha** is a member at the Sunset church of Christ.

PLAN B?

A while back, I wrote about a message displayed on the sign of a local interdenominational church. That message proclaimed that baptism is a non-essential in God's plan to save mankind. The thrust of the article was to prove how that particular proclamation contradicts the Bible. Well, they're at it again. This time, however, instead of contradicting the Scriptures with their sign, they've contradicted themselves!

The latest message that grabbed my attention was something to this effect: Jesus does not have a plan B. While all who are familiar with the Bible know the truthfulness of this point, the group who proclaimed it on their sign is a part of a movement that teaches not only does God have a plan B, but He also has a plan C, plan D, and plan E (to name just a few). Denominationalism, of which this local church is an obvious part, glories in the false notion that we're all going to heaven; we're just taking different routes. If this idea doesn't promote a multiplicity of plans, then I don't know what does.

The fact is, the New Testament condemns the denominational philosophy. Jesus prayed that His followers be united (Jn. 17:20-21). Such unity necessitates mutual adherence to the Scriptures. Inspiration requires that all who follow the Savior speak the same thing, have no divisions, and be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment (1 Cor. 1:10). It's one thing to proclaim that God doesn't have a plan B. But it's quite another to actually give up denominational error in order to demonstrate it.

- Preston Silcox, Gospel preacher, Eastside church of Christ, Muskogee, OK

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

“THE LURE OF THE GOOD ENOUGH”

Someone has written, "There is no more insidious danger than the lure of the good enough." This is particularly true in the realm of the spiritual. Self-satisfaction is the mother of complacency. Complacency is the mother of sloth. And sloth brings condemnation. Well did Paul warn Christians, "**For if anyone thinks himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself**" (Galatians 6:3). One who thinks he knows enough will cease to study. One who thinks he gives enough will not increase his giving. One who thinks he does enough will cease from doing. The feeling that we are "good enough" is the grave of growth. Growth is the law of life. Like Paul of old, we should rather say, "**I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus**" (Philippians 3:13-14). Like an old Scots preacher, we should pray: "Lord, keep me alive as long as I live." Let us not be seduced by "the lure of the good enough."

- James W. Adams, Gospel Preacher