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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Wallace Beasley

PM: Harvey Allen

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

MAN'S "WISDOM" VS. GOD'S

**"Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly,
than to divide the spoil with the proud." - Proverbs 16:19**

WHO ARE YOU BETTING ON?

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these ...” Matt 6:33

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

**Where In The Bible Will I Find:
That One Church Is As Good As Another?**

Newspapers and billboards often advertise "Attend the church of your choice." These suggest, and many tell us, that one church is as good as another. To those who are moving into new communities and searching for churches to attend, it may be an impressive building that attracts their attention, or a friend might invite them, but most seem to believe that one church is as good as another. If one church is as good as another, then attend the church of ones choice would be correct. BUT WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES? (Rom.4:3).

The Lord said he would build His church (Matt.16:18). Could a man-built church be as good as the church Christ built? Christ is the foundation of His church (1 Cor.3:11). Could any other foundation be as good as this foundation? Christ established His teaching in His church (Matt.28: 18-20). Could the division and confusion of denominationalism made by the creeds of men be as good as the "unity of the Spirit?" (Eph.4:1-6; Matt.15:13). Christ shed His blood to save man and purchase His church (Heb.2:9; Acts-20:28). Can any man claim that his blood could purchase his church and cleanse as Christ's blood does?

Christ proclaims that He is the head of his church (Eph.1:22-23; Col.1:18). Now, men claim to be-the head of their churches, and one even claims to be the pope over his. But who would claim that a human head is as good as the divine head Jesus Christ of His church?

The Lord commanded his apostles to teach people who obeyed the Gospel by faith, repentance, confession, and baptism, "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, Amen" (Matt:28:20). This included His commands for His worship. The five items He commanded were singing, preaching, giving, partaking of the Lord's supper each Lord's Day, and praying (Acts 2:42; 20:7).

There are many different kinds of worship in the many man-made churches. Would any be foolish enough to contend that what man has commanded in worship equals what Christ commanded in worship? (Jn.4:24; Matt.15:9).

No, one church is not as good as another! Let us choose the church of Christ's choice!

- **Gary Colley**, Gospel Preacher, Getwell church of Christ, Memphis Tennessee

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” - Matthew 16:18

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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.

- **Laura Nichols** is having many difficulties whelm up with her business.
- **Judy Cornelius** stumbled and tore here Achilles tendon. She's been in a cast for several weeks, but is not letting that stop her.
- **Paula Kennedy** is to have rotator cuff surgery 3/28, she's not looking forward to it.
- **Pat Joyner's** back is worse and it's hard for her to get around, even in her house.
- **Amy** is having good days and bad days; tough for the mother of two little girls.
- **Bob Horton** is not well. His daughter **Karen Melton** has come down to stay with he and **Edith**.
- **Margaret Herring** is suffering from multiple debilitating conditions, send her a card or give her a call to go visit.
- **Ellis Rail** who attended here many years ago passed away last week. Keep his wife Trudy and family in your prayers.
- Keep ALL these in your prayers, and pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge**.

“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:* “
- 1 Peter 1:22

Challenge For One Month

1. Resolve not to miss or be late to 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 Gospel's Power To Save

There must be some connection made between power and the thing to be moved. There is great power in a locomotive, but it cannot move the train of cars till proper connection is made with power.

There is sufficient power in the gospel to move every sinner out of sin into the blessings of salvation, but that power moves no one until proper connections are made. Preaching is the means of establishing that connection. It is God's way of bringing the sinner under the influence of his saving power. For that reason, Paul was not ashamed to preach it. **(Rom. 1:16)**.

The gospel exerts no power over the heathen who has never heard it, nor over the infidel who will not hear it, and it exerts but little power over him who looks for the power to come some other way. It exerts a power over us for good to the extent that we place ourselves under the influence of its teaching. The cyclone has no power over the man who is safely hidden away in his storm cellar, but it would be foolish for him to come out after the storm and confidently affirm that there was no power in the cyclone, but no more foolish than for a man who will not heed God's word to affirm that there is no converting power in it.

Genuine Faith

Genuine faith is based on evidence that admits of no doubt, and to believe in a person means more than to believe that such a person exists. **"He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him"** (Heb. 11:6). In addition to accepting the truth that God is, we confidently trust Him for the fulfillment of His promises. In all genuine faith there is, therefore, the element of confidence and trust. We trust Him to fulfill His promises, and we confide in His wisdom and goodness.

It is true that Abel heard God's command and obeyed, and therefore he made his offering by faith **(Gen. 4:4; Heb. 11:4)**. But there was something back of all that. Why did he do what God said, and why did not Cain do what God said? Abel had confidence in God's wisdom and goodness. Cain had confidence in his own wisdom and way. Hence, Abel followed God's way and Cain followed his own way. Abel did what God commanded because he had more confidence in God than in himself.

(both by) - **R. L. (Robertson Lafayette) Whiteside**, 1869-1951 Gospel preacher

WHY WAS JESUS A MAN OF SORROWS AND GRIEF?

“He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:” - Isaiah 53:3a
Here's one reason:

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!*” - Matthew 23:37

Don't YOU add to His sorrow. Be involved in the Lord's work. Do more! He knows.