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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Spencer Strickland

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

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

"Walk worthy of the calling with which you are called" - Eph 4:1

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WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Where In The Bible Will I Find... We are to Preach Christ, Not the Church?

The church of the Bible is not a denomination. In fact, the only reference to denominationalism in the New Testament condemns division (1 Corinthians 1:10-13).

"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

Many and various are the teachings of denominations concerning their thoughts on God's plan for saving the world. The different plans offered by men do not change God's divine plan in the least. Some teach babies should be "baptized" by sprinkling or the sinner should pray instead of obey or faith alone saves, which is expressly condemned in the Bible (James 2:14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26) or that Jesus saves and not the church and one can be saved outside as well as in the church of Christ.

None of these are the plan brought to the earth by God. God sent His only begotten Son to seek and save the lost (John 3:16, Luke 19:10). God's plan was that Jesus should seek the lost by establishing the church. The church was planned, prophesied, promised, and predicted for several hundred years before its establishment. In Acts 2, the church is an established reality, and is represented as being the place prepared by Christ for the saved (Acts 2:41, 47).

The church is not a part of the plan of salvation. It is the plan of salvation. According to the Bible, men cannot be saved outside of Christ, the church, or body of Christ, which terms all refer to the place of salvation. The plan for entering the church of Christ includes a man hearing, believing in Christ with all of his heart, repentance, confession, and being baptized (Acts 8:35-39).

Jesus, in carrying out God's will, never promised to save anyone outside the church which He built with His teaching and purchased with His blood (Matthew 16:18-19; 28:19-20; Acts 20:28). The church is the only institution over which He is head (Ephesians 1:22-23) and the only one on the earth now that He promised to save eternally (Ephesians 5:23).
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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.*

- **Amy Strickland** continues to have physical difficulties, pray for her relief.
- **Judy Cornelius** made it back safely from Georgia. Her friends are better and were able to attend the assembly of the church again.
- **Frank Sheppard** a Gospel preacher in North Carolina passed away. **Don Blackwell** was severely injured in a car accident in Virginia where he was preaching at a Gospel Meeting.
- Remember also in prayer: **Margaret Herring** with multiple ills; **Janet Boyd** recovering from a sprained her ankle; **Keep ALL these in your prayers**, and pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**

"The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil." - Proverbs 19:23

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- The men will meet briefly after the morning assembly to determine when they can meet to discuss **Jack Pinckert** working with the church here as an evangelist. Keep our preacher search in your prayers.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." - Romans 12:10

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

- **Lauren Beard** graduated last week with a Doctorate in Pharmacy. She'll be working 2 days a week in St. George. Be happy for her and pray.

"... choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" - Joshua 24:15

HY 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

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We are to Preach Christ, Not the Church? —(cont. from page 1)

With these thoughts clearly before us, one expresses his ignorance of the Scriptures who might say, "I am so glad to hear someone preach Jesus as the Saviour and not the Church as the Saviour." When deadly persecution arose with the stoning of Stephen, the members of the church at Jerusalem were "scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria..." and "went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:1-4).

Preaching Christ and preaching the Word are one and the same (Acts 8:4-5) and the same as preaching the church or kingdom (Acts 8:12). It is important for us to study to be approved of God (2 Timothy 2:15)

- Gary Colley, Gospel Preacher, Teacher, Memphis Tennessee

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ARE YOU LISTENING?

Here's a verse that ought to get our attention:

“Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: - John 15:2

God, being spirit, wants (and requires!) **spiritual** fruit from us. Fruit that will make **us** more **pleasing** in **His** sight and **valuable** to Him and **worth** keeping. When we, as branches in Christ, have and abound in the spiritual qualities of: Mercy, faith, faithfulness, love, patience, meekness, hope, zeal, joy etc. God will be pleased because these are the things He **wants** from **us**. Here's what you should do:

1. First, you must **want** to bear good fruit (Proverbs 16:9)
2. Get your **heart** (the soil) ready (2 Peter 1:5-8)
3. Plant the right **seed** (Luke 8:11, Colossians 1:5,6)
4. Water and **nurture** the seed and the soil (1 Corinthians 3:6, 1 Peter 2:2)
5. **Recognize** good fruit, reject the poorer (Colossians 1:10, Titus 3:14)
6. Remember, the fruit is for **God**, we're just the servants (John 15:8)

That ye might be ... Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness" - Colossians 1:10,11

DO WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO DO! ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

“Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.” - Luke