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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!

WHAT DOES GOD EXPECT OF US?

“Till we all come in the unity of the faith,
and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man,
unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:” - Ephesians 4:13

DO YOU MEASURE UP ... TO CHRIST?

“Test all things; hold fast that which is good.” - 1 Thess 5:21

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TODAY,
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INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY

On Request
Everyone Welcome!
Bring your friends & Bible questions

EVANGELIST

Other than the members
none at present time
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“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

What Does God Say About Women Preachers?

Jesus NEVER called upon a woman to be an apostle or preacher! The apostles, who spoke as they were inspired by the Holy Spirit ([II Peter 1:20-21](#)), NEVER appointed a woman to preach. The New Testament nowhere gives instructions (authority) for a woman to preach! Not only can NO AUTHORITY be found for "women preachers," the Bible even forbids it! Read it for yourself! *"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law...for it is a shame for women to speak in the church"* ([I Corinthians 14:34-35](#)). Timothy was told to *"let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence"* ([I Timothy 2:11-12](#)). "Usurp authority" means: "one who acts on their own authority, to govern one, or to exercise dominion over one." Thus, when a woman teaches or preaches where men are present, she is certainly one who has dominion over them. Will the Bible allow it? NOT AT ALL! There's no Scripture for it!

In His holy inspired word, God has "...given unto us **all things that pertain unto life and godliness**" ([II Peter 1:3](#)). And, since we do not read about women preachers anywhere in the Scriptures, then God has not given them to us. They are an addition to God's Word and therefore not authorized ([Revelation 22:18-19](#)).

Paul said, *"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed"* ([Galatians 1:8](#)). Their presence is "another gospel" and stands accursed! If God has given authority for a woman to preach, then men are accursed if they teach against it. On the other hand, if God has not authorized "women preachers," then men are accursed to promote them! If we are going to believe and follow the instructions of the Holy Spirit, then we must say as the Bible says, *"let them be accursed"* ([Galatians 1:8](#)).

Women preachers and those who teach and allow that women can preach and teach over men have absolutely no Scriptural ground upon which to stand. What will they say come judgment day? They act on their own authority.

Garland Robinson, Gospel Preacher, the church of Christ at Leoni, Tenn

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Don Blackwell, Merrie Christmus, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Barbara and Melvin Reeder, Stephanie Rigney.

- **Lauren Beard** requests continued prayer for her family.
- **Pat Joyner** and **Amy Strickland** were with us last week, but still need our prayers.
- **Laura Nichols** continues to do better as she recovers from her traumatic fall
- **Steve Rigney** continues to face uncertainty in his job situation.
- **Keep ALL these in your prayers**, that the Lord be merciful and pray also that we **all** grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge**.

"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being." - Psalm 104:33

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Check the **Pantry Announcement** on the bulletin board in foyer.
- We have greatly appreciated brother **Wallace Beasley** preaching for us for sometime now as we continued our search for a full time evangelist. He has helped during a difficult time and we thank him for his zeal, encouragement and good example. **Spencer Strickland** and **Ed Kelleher** will be preaching as we double down on our preacher search. **Harvey Allen** will continue to preach the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings, if the Lord wills.
- **What does God Require of us?** Check the bulletin board for member's responses to this question, and add your own.

"For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." - Romans 14:8

WHAT IS NECESSARY TO SALVATION?

“And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.” - Acts 6:7

The word of God: It tells us of the faith, that we might obey it—the Gospel of Christ!

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;” - Romans 1:16

And when we learn of the faith in the Gospel, how do we avail ourselves of its power?

“But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” - Gal 3:25-27

Can we then be saved before we put on Christ?

EXAMINE YOURSELVES

Self-examination is one of the most important things individuals can do in regard to their physical and spiritual health. The word “examine” means “to inquire into and determine; to inspect; to scrutinize; to explore; to investigate; to interrogate” according to Webster’s Dictionary. It is recommended by all physicians today for our physical well being, but the great Physician Jesus wants us to examine ourselves daily concerning our spiritual health.

To the Corinthians Paul wrote, “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.” ([II Cor.13:5](#)). He wrote to the Roman Christians, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your spiritual service. And be not conformed to this world: be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God” ([Rom.12:1-2](#)).

Perhaps we may suggest a little test that will help in this matter. Please take a pen and underline the proper answer in the sentences below as you examine yourself:

“I (am, am not) a Christian, having (submitted to, rejected) obedience to the Gospel, therefore I (have, have not) a reasonable and blessed hope for the eternal welfare of my soul. My family (knows, does not know) me to be a person of prayer and sincere devotion to God. I (am, am not) a person who regularly (attends, ignores) the worship services and Bible study periods, and (could, could not) be counted on to serve to the best of my ability for the Lord. I (was, was not) always concerned with the lost souls about me, the poor, the afflicted, the homeless, and always (encouraged, discouraged) missionary efforts to preach the Gospel. I (loved, did not love) my fellow-travelers in life, and it was evident by the way I treated them. I was (a true friend, a two-faced hypocrite) to those who trusted me, and always made a real contribution to the (happiness, unhappiness) of people wherever I went. My family (rejoiced, dreaded) to see, me come home. I (possessed, did not possess) honesty, integrity, humility, sincerity, dependability, and love. I knew the Truth, and (tried, did not try) to obey it and teach it to others. My family, brethren in Christ, and friends, (will, will not) miss me very much, because I (did, did not) fight the good fight of faith, finish the course, and keep the faith; henceforth, there (is, is not) laid up for me a crown of righteousness in Heaven.”

We exhort each one to examine themselves closely, sign this document, and leave orders for these things to be given to the preacher doing our funeral.

Gary Colley, Gospel Preacher, Getwell church of Christ, Memphis Tenn

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” - Galatians 6:7,8