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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

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

**“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ
have put on Christ.” - Galatians 3:23**

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

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

WHY STUDY THE WORD OF GOD

- 1) The Word of God will not pass away, it will last forever: “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.” - Matthew 24:35 (also John 12:47,48)
- 2) The Word of God makes one wise to salvation: “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” - 2 Timothy 3:15 (also James 1:21, John 17:17)
- 3) The Word of God is necessary to prove or test all things: “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:21 (also Hebrews 4:12)
- 4) The Word of God makes one approved to God: “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15 (also John 12:42 and Hebrews 12:9)
- 5) The Word of God makes one grow spiritually: “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.” - 1 Peter 2:2 (also 2 Peter 3:18)
- 6) The Word of God is what we need to teach others: “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” - 2 Timothy 2:2 (also Hebrews 5:12)
- 7) The Word of God lets us detect error: “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” - 1 John 4:1 (also Matthew 7:15,16, Hebrews 4:12)

- From Gospel meeting sermon at Orangeburg church of Christ, South Carolina by **Mel Futrell**, Gospel preacher, Shades Mountain church of Christ, Birmingham, Al.

**“Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love
which is in Christ Jesus.: - 2 Timothy 1:13**

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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.

- **Gail Allen’s mother** fell and had to be taken to the ER last Saturday.
- **Adler** still having some bad days. **Katie** and **Paula** are visiting Japan
- **Janet** is still suffering with shingles.
- **Pat Joyner** is suffering greatly from dizziness. Pray for her relief.
- **Barbara Reeder** is soon to start dialysis. She and **Melvin** want to get to the assembly, but it will be better for her if they can get a ride Sunday PM.
- **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.**

"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content." - 1 Timothy 6:7,8

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- The **new sign** is in place. Please give Ed comments and suggestions.

"This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men." - Titus 3:8

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UNBELIEF OF MOSES AND AARON

On one occasion, Moses turned his confidence from God to self. The people were thirsty in their journey. God commanded Moses to assemble the people and to speak to the rock that it bring forth its water (**Num. 20:8**). Moses and Aaron assembled the people before the rock, but he did not speak to the rock, but to the people: **"Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?" (Num. 20:10).** **"Must we"** — thus leaving God out of the transaction.

Then God said to Moses and Aaron, **"Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them" (Num 20:12).**

Moses had no more doubt then of the existence of God than he had any other time. Yet, God says he and Aaron did not believe in Him. They did not have sufficient confidence in God to do what He said, but followed their own way; and no man does that except through lack of faith in God.

R. L. Whiteside, 1869-1951, Gospel preacher
(Do you believe in God?)

THE VALUE OF ENDURANCE

The conquest of nations, mountains, and other goals can be attributed to endurance regardless of external problems and difficulties. Jesus challenges us with these words found in **Matthew 10:22**, **"He that endures to the end shall be saved."**

To turn back because of problems would be cowardly and vain. To persevere regardless of the difficulty is the mark of courage and victory. To overcome obstacles is the background of heroic victory for athletes and explorers. Often success is a marathon and not a sprint is a message we all need to learn. Some one has well said, "A person lost in his work probably found his future!"

Christ warns us to put our hand to the plow and never look back (**Luke 9:62**). When the men sailing with Columbus as he explored the new world wanted to turn back home, Columbus gave a restless urgency to "sail on and on and on." Heaven is a far greater destination than America, and we dare not seek the comfort of temporary ease and lose the glory that awaits us on eternal shore

To overwhelm the toils and woes of this wicked world may be arduous and demanding but very much worth our diligent efforts. To surrender to Satan might be easy but never profitable. **"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23).**

The great apostle Paul was in jeopardy every day because he faithfully walked with the Lord, but he knew if there were no difficulties there could be no triumphs! In **2 Timothy 4:7**, we thrill to his famous departing words, **"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."**

A wise statesman reminds us that the world is not interested in the storms you encountered but whether you brought in the ship. So many people spend their days talking about problems they encountered in life rather than how God blessed them with joy and peace and purpose day by day.

"For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it" (Romans 8:24-25). The abundant life Christ provides gives us meaning and depth in our sojourn here below and urges us to press on to a far better place (John 10:10). **The value of endurance will mean heaven for us!**

- **Johnny Ramsey**, Gospel preacher, 1930—2006, Texas

"And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city." - Hebrews 11:15,16

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