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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Jason Parks

PM: Harvey Allen

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

WE HAVE A CHOICE TO MAKE

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve;

whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood,

or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell:

But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." - Joshua 24:15

Could someone tell what your choice was ...

By watching or listening to you?

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Bring your friends & Bible questions

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

ARE YOU REALLY LIVING LIKE CHRIST?

Some would be shocked and indignant if it were suggested that they were not living like Christ! Yet, their lives do not seem to include His principles. The term Christian means to be Christ-like. His teaching is our rule of conduct. Check the following to see some areas in which we may need to improve.

1. Do we do unto others as we would have them to do unto us? (Mat. 7:12). Is this our constant practice?
2. Do we rebuke our brother who has sinned against us with the hope that he will repent, or tell everybody but him? (Luke 17:3).
3. Are we busy-bodies in other men's affairs? (1 Pet. 4:15).
4. Lately, have we been praying for those who revile us, persecute and say all manner of evil against us falsely? (Mat. 5:11-12).
5. Do we do good unto all men, and especially those of the household of faith? (Gal. 6:10).
6. Have we forgotten to pray without ceasing? (1 The. 5:17).
7. Do we obey them that have the rule over us? (Heb. 13:7,17).
8. Do we serve the Lord heartily with all our might? (Col. 3:23-25).
9. Do we love the Lord our God with all our soul, heart, and mind? (Luke 10:27).
10. Do we visit the sick and help the needy? (Mat. 25:31-46).
11. Do we keep our appointments with the Lord for worship over our appointments with men? (Mat. 6:33; Heb. 10:25).
12. Are we willing to suffer with Christ in His cause? Are we ashamed when we do? (Rom. 8:17; 1 Pet. 4:16).

The question, "Are you a Christian?" does not always direct itself to those outside the church. Let us adorn the Gospel by lives that are truly faithful to the Lord.

- Gary Colley, Gospel preacher, missionary, and teacher, Tennessee

"It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master ..." - Matthew 10:25

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

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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.

- **Stephanie** had another surgery last week. Keep her and Steve in your prayers.
- **Susan Lewis, Anne’s (Paula’s daughter)** mother-in-law had a mild stroke.
- **Janet** is still suffering with shingles, but is able to get our more.
- **Pat Joyner** was bedridden with her dizziness, but is now able to walk around some.
- **Barbara Reeder** had surgery in preparation to start dialysis. Someone is needed to sit with **Melvin** while **Barbara** is undergoing the treatments.
- **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 lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.” - Psalms 121:1,2

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- It was a very nice time at the **Gambles**. Our thanks to them for the opportunity to meet and chat with our brethren.
- The **new sign** is in place. Please give Ed comments and suggestions.

“But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.” - Galatians 4:18

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

“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15

- **John Beasley’s grandmother (Dot Parris)** passed away Monday night. Funeral service is Friday.

“Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

When Ye Pray

We are praying the wrong kind of prayers when we endeavour to reverse the proper relationship between God and man. Properly speaking, God is the Creator, man is the creature. If this is true, as we glibly assert, then our prayers should respect and exemplify that relationship.

But how often are we found praying as if God lives to provide us with what we want; so that, instead of seeking divine guidance, our obvious efforts are to obtain divine reinforcements. Prayers which are "thing-centered" or "self-centered," rather than "God-centered" are wrong kinds of prayers.

- **Leslie G. Thomas** 1895-1988 Gospel preacher

CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” - Romans 10:13

Many people think *“calling on the name of the Lord”* means something like saying, *“Lord Jesus, please save me!”* — as long as it is sincere and from the heart.

But is that what Jesus meant when he had the apostle Paul write this? It’s good we recognize we are lost and that Jesus can save us. Indeed calling on the name of the Lord **will** save; but we need to call on the Lord in the way he intended!

Satan would be perfectly happy to have everyone *“calling on the name of the Lord”* ... in a way the Lord did not recognize. Don’t be deceived, it’s the most important thing you’ll ever do, but you need to do it right! ... as the Lord (not Satan) wants.

The Lord gave us an excellent example of what *“calling on the name of the Lord”* means in the accounts of the conversion of the Apostle Paul. If we truly want to be pleasing to God (as the Bereans in Acts 17:11), we’ll seek out what He said he wants in the Bible and not be lazy and just rely on our own assumptions, or those of others.

In **Acts 9**, the first 20 verses, and in **Acts 22**, the first 16 verses, the conversion of Paul is described. Read both passages to get the full account.

Paul loved God but was acting ignorantly. Jesus appeared miraculously and spoke to Paul (Acts 9:3,4 Acts 22:6,7). This was not enough to save Paul.

Paul acknowledged that Jesus was the Lord (Acts 9:5, Acts 22:8) This was not enough to save Paul.

Paul went three days without food or drink (Acts 9:9), praying (Acts 9:11). Fasting and praying was not enough to save Paul.

The Lord chose Paul to be an apostle (Acts 9:15, 22:14). Being chosen by God was not enough to save Paul.

Paul asked and was told to go into the city to hear what it was he must **do** (Acts 9:6, Acts 22:10). To be saved, Paul had to first hear, then obey. In the city, a disciple chosen by Jesus laid hands on Paul and Paul received his sight and was filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:17, Acts 22:13). Even this was not enough to save Paul, for in Acts 22 and verse 16 the disciple instructed by Jesus, said:

“And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” - Acts 22:16

Baptism was needed to wash away Paul’s sins. This is how we *“call on the name of the Lord”*: By our belief that indeed Jesus is the Son of God, that He rose from the dead; By our repentance—turning away from our former lives to instead serve Jesus, and finally; By obedience to his commands!

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” - Mark 16:15

Are you better than the apostle Paul? Have you called on the Lord as He has showed us how to do? If not, the Lord has not heard you.

- **Ed Kelleher**, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

“The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:” - 1 Peter 3:21