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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM:

PM: cancelled

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



WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

**“And if the righteous scarcely be saved,
where shall the ungodly and sinner appear” - 1 Peter 4:18**

DON'T LIKE SURPRISES?

**“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith;
prove your own selves.” - 2 Corinthians 13:5**

**"It is good to be zealous always in a good thing" -Galatians 4:18
(but make sure it's the RIGHT thing!)**

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**JOIN US IN
PRACTICING
NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY,
COME SEE!**

SERVICES

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study
Sunday 11 AM , 6 PM Assembly
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study
Office Phone (803) 794-5320
Nursery provided

INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY

Any Time On Request
Everyone Welcome!
Bring your friends & Bible questions

EVANGELIST

Other than the members
none at present time
Full time man wanted

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THE RIGHT KIND OF CONVERSION

The word "convert" simply means to change, to turn. The word is so translated in the American Standard Version. When persons are converted they are changed. They must be changed, and the Bible leaves no doubt as to where this change takes place. The Holy Spirit says, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Cor. 5:17).

We may be converted from one sect to another sect. We may turn from our drunkenness to a sober life, and we may quit our swearing. But this is not enough if our change does not bring us into Christ. You will find that in the first century the change was always the same. Those men and women, whether Jew or Gentile, were translated into the kingdom or church.

In all of those conversions much of modern procedure was lacking. Note this: None was given the choice as to which church he should join. That choice belongs to the Lord and He adds to His church (**Acts 2:47**). So your conversion or change was not right somewhere if you were left with the choice that belongs to the Lord.

Those converts were not told to "pray the sinners' prayer." Prayer has its place and purpose, but its place and purpose is not in the salvation of the alien sinner. Cornelius was a prayerful man and a good man, but he was told to send for Peter and he would tell him words that would save his soul (**Acts 11:14**).

Paul was praying for three days and nights, but he, too, had to hear words to save his soul (**Acts 22:16**). These people were not converted by signing a card, praying, or raising their hands. Instead, they obeyed from the heart the form of teaching that was delivered to them (**Rom. 6:17-18**).

You may have been converted — made a change — but was it the right change? Did you do the will of the Father in heaven? Jesus said, “Except ye be converted and become as a little child” (**Matt. 18:3**). I have met people who were converted. I do not doubt that. But they were not converted the right way. When I was a little child, my father knew everything. I wondered how anyone could be so foolish as to belong to a different church than my father's. I never thought of questioning what he taught on any subject. That's the way one who becomes as a little child in his conversion views God's commands. — (*Continued on page 3*)

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

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

MEETING PLANS: Lord willing, members who choose to will meet at the building for the worship assembly at 11. There's plenty of room in the auditorium for people to space themselves out as they wish. We'll be using alternate rows of pews to help with that. Masks, hand sanitizer and alcohol wipes will be available. The Lord's supper will be provided in individually packaged servings. Pick a package up when you arrive. After, we can discuss restarting Wednesday and Sunday PM meetings. If you're going grocery shopping, you should be able to attend.

“And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them “ - Acts 20:7

We want to share news on members in this bulletin — How they're doing and any needs they might have. Members are calling each other, which is a good thing we all should be doing. Some members don't have family they can count on for help.

Here are some who are **NOT** connected electronically and need to be checked on by phone regularly. Call them, see how they're doing and then let **Paula** know so it can get in this bulletin:

- Trevia Parks 673-8411, 129 Duchess Trail, Lexington 29073
- Judy Cornelius 606-6401, 2402 Breeze Rd, Cayce 29033
- Pat Joyner 807-9332, 5 Chicorana Rd, W Cola 29169
- Margaret Herring 926-1786, 1146 Pinecroft Dr, W Cola, 29169
- Barbara Reeder 834-4265, 216 Burlie Ct, Apt K, W Cola 29169

- **Ferah Johnson Glott** and her daughter have COVID-19, as does **Jon and Isharah Macon's** daughter. Keep them in your prayers.
- **Gail Allen** had surgery Tuesday to repair her shoulder. It went better than expected.
- **Katie Kennedy** will be flying to Anchorage, Alaska on Tuesday. She will be the Interim Director for the USO of Alaska. She will be based at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage but will be traveling the state. Please keep her in your prayers especially traveling during this pandemic. She should be there 4 to 6 weeks.

IMPORTANT! If you have news on members, even just to say you've contacted them and they're ok, please share it with **Paula Kennedy** by call or text to 260-2000 or by email to **KennedyPaulaM@Gmail.com**. She will summarize it on Thursdays to be included in the next bulletin.

This will greatly help maintain our fellowship during this troubled time!

**“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another”
- John 13:35**

THE RIGHT KIND OF CONVERSION - (cont. from page 1)

But many "converted" people today do not accept what God says about baptism, repentance, the Lord's Supper, nor do they think He was right to leave instrumental music out of New Testament worship. Now, if you are one of those, can't you see that you have never been properly converted? Remember, it was Jesus who said we must become as little children.

I sometimes disagree with my father now. I'm not exactly a little child any more. As much as I love and respect him, I do not think my father is infallible any more. But with God, the passing of years only confirms my belief that God is always right and man is always wrong, sinfully wrong, when he disagrees with God.

Let me be fair with you, my friend. If your conversion does not measure up to the divine standard, if it is not like those recorded in the book of Acts, I believe, and sincerely so, that it was wrong. I do not like for you to quarrel with my Father about anything. I do not like to hear you say that God's way is wrong about anything. You will not be able to contradict Him when we all stand before His judgment bar, so why not submit to Him now?

There are those who teach that once a man is converted, he cannot be lost. Conversion does not destroy man's power of choice. There are many scriptures showing this teaching to be sinfully wrong. But here is a verse that, with those who believe the word of God, settles it forever: **“Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins” (James 5:19-20).**

- **J.C. (John Carlos) Bailey**, 1904-2001 Gospel Preacher, missionary to India

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Faith Alone Is Not Belief In God

“He that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life” (John 3:36 ASV). This truth is seen when **“Jehovah said unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed not in me, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel” (Num. 20:12 ASV).** They had not the "conviction" to do just what God said do. God said unto them, **“...speak ye unto the rock before their eyes” (Num. 20:8 ASV).** But they **“smote the rock” (Num. 20:11).** Hence God says, **“Ye believed not in me” (Num. 20:12 ASV).**

What is it to "believe in" God? It is to do trustingly and lovingly just what He says. This "faith alone" system is the popular doctrine in pulpits and on rostrums of the modern pastor and money-loving evangelist. There is nothing that they put over with a show that is more deceiving and soul-blighting.

- **A. G. (Arvy Glenn) Freed**, 1863-1931, Gospel Preacher, educator