

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

THE NEW PREACHER

Imagine for a moment we were considering hiring a new preacher. During the “try out” process a certain applicant is asked to teach an adult level class. The following is a summary of how his hypothetical class went:

1. He began by teaching that children are born sinful and added that man is sinful by nature.
2. He then said that all people have a measure of faith and can be saved according to what they believe to be true.
3. He also said that each is to preach their own version of the gospel.
4. He taught that the Old Testament Law was still in force today.
5. He clearly said that a man or woman who divorces may remarry regardless of the reason for the split.
6. He tried hard to persuade the class that Jesus never said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...”
7. He also taught that one is justified and saved prior to baptism.
8. He declared that man cannot accept God’s Word unless he is directly guided by the Holy Spirit to do so.

Now, let me ask you a question: Would you ever allow such a man to serve as your preacher? Obviously, the answer is a resounding, “No!”

Yet, in the Lord’s church I know of more and more good folks who want to do the right thing yet unwittingly condone **such teachings** via their acceptance and use of the **NIV Bible**. You see, each of those false doctrines listed above are to be found in the **NIV**. The passages are as follows:

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| 1. Psalm 51:5; 7:5, et al. | 5. Matthew 19:9. |
| 2. 2 Peter 1:3. | 6. Cf. footnote after Mark 16:8. |
| 3. 1 Corinthians 1:6. | 7. Romans 10:17. |
| 4. Matthew 5:17. | 8. 1 Corinthians 2:14. |

It appears that all versions of the Bible are not safe; please choose the one you use wisely.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” - 1 Peter 5:8

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<u>RECORDS 11/11/2007</u>	<u>SERMONS 11/18/2007</u>
Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 51	AM: Jerry Manning
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 88	SET THY HOUSE IN ORDER (2 Kings 20)
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 66	PM: Jerry Manning
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 67	REHOBOAM’S FOOLISHNESS
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“But in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” - Philippians 4:6

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

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's grandson), Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Sister Marilyn Brooks** requests the prayers of the church that she be better able to resist temptations. Her phone number is 414-6717.
- **Dianne Dillard** is still suffering but was able to get out Wednesday night.
- **Paul Dillard** and **Tom Rinehart** were down for a few days with reactions to flu shots.
- **Brother Klieves** is working double shifts at the moment. Pray his strength and health holds out.
- **Megan Stoyk** requests prayers for **Megan Culver**, a friend of hers in Illinois who is to have brain surgery the 21st.
- Remember brother **Manning** and his bible studies at LCDC.
- Remember all these in your prayers.

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.” - Psalm 27:1

PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:24

- **Jerry** has started a weekly Bible study on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. at the Harbison Hall Assisted Living facility where our sister Phyllis Johnson lives. The address is 534 Wil-Stel Road off Piney Grove Road which is an easy drive from I-26. The studies have been well received with several requesting baptism. Our youth attended one session and filled the halls and hearts with harmonious spiritual songs. This helped to generate a real interest and we were so pleased with their evident faith and love, extended to the elderly. All are welcome to be part of this wonderful work; come if you can, send cards if you'd like, and pray if you will.

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” - Matthew 6:19-21

“IN HONOR PREFERRING ONE ANOTHER ” - Romans 12:10

- **Get together!** The Friday after Thanksgiving about 7 pm at the church building for a time of fellowship and singing. The Manning boys will all (except Kirby) be here and it'll be a good time. Bring some board games if you'd like to play.

“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” - John 13:34,35

Strive to get **CLOSER TO HEAVEN IN 2007!**

Beware of False Teachers

Our Lord warns us of false teachers in Matthew 7:15, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves." They will appear to be godly, but they are not. "For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14). What makes false teachers so dangerous to our souls, is their appearing to be righteous. "For many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). We have many false teachers today with all of their differing false denominational doctrines. We also read in Acts 20:30, "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves." False teachers are becoming more prevalent within the churches of Christ with the apostasy that is now occurring. 2 Peter 2:1 says, "there will be false prophets among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies." Notice they do it secretly and people are unaware of what is happening. They are destructive because of all of the souls that will be lost.

How do false teachers spread their false doctrine? "By smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple" (Romans 16:18). Also "By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words" (2 Peter 2:3). What they say may sound good, and they will get many people to follow after them. We are not to be "tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting" (Ephesians 4:14).

We are warned, "Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines" (Hebrews 13:9). Why? Because we are to "Let no one cheat you of your reward" (Colossians 2:18). We can be cheated and lose our souls forever in eternal punishment if we follow any of the many false doctrines that are being promoted today.

How should we treat those who are promoting their false teaching? 2 John 10-11 says, "If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor bid him God speed; for he that bids him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." We must never give anyone encouragement in their false teaching. If we do, we also become guilty with them. So we must beware of false teachers for they are very dangerous to our souls. We must "search the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). Because it is "the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation" (2 Timothy 3:15).

- Ron Boatwright, church of Christ, Conway, Arkansas