

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

SACRIFICE

Sacrifice comes from a Greek word that means "to kill". When we kill something, it's dead and gone; we don't have it anymore—we give it up, we **sacrifice** it. Consider this list of those who've sacrificed something.

ABRAHAM	gave up country and kindred	Genesis 12:1,4
MOSES	gave up a rich life in Egypt	Hebrews 11:26
JEPHTHA	gave up his only daughter	Judges 11:35
The WIDOW	gave up all her living	Mark 12:44
PAUL	gave up all things	Philippians 3:8
TIMOTHY	gave up caring for himself	Philippians 2:20
GOD	gave his Son	John 3:16
JESUS	gave his Life	Matthew 20:28

They all sacrificed and for someone else, not themselves. It cost them—greatly! Not unreasonably then, Jesus told us he **requires** the same from us: “**And he said to them ALL, if ANY man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.**” (Luke 9:23).

Jesus took up his cross to die. So do we. But not in a physical sense, as we're told: “**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 reasonable service.**” (Romans 12:1) God wants a **living** sacrifice, one that keeps on giving. As Jesus said, we need to take up our cross “daily”.

We might think of things that are “sacrifices” for us. But they can't substitute for what God has told us He wants us to kill: “**Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth; fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness ... But now you also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;**” (Colossians 3:5-9) All those things we do to please ourselves; the Lord has said—lose them, so we might gain Christ.

“**But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.**” - Philippians 3:7
Don't be sad, instead **rejoice** and take comfort in the thought that those things we **lose**, are **gain** to Christ, and He and His Father will then be glad to welcome us home.
- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

Out with self and ... **OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

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RECORDS 1/31/2010

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 33
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 63
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 43
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 36
CONTRIBUTION: \$1561

SERMONS 1/31/2010

AM: Jerry Manning
A WILL TO LIVE
PM: Jerry Manning
THE OLD PATHS

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him,
If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;
And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” - John 8:31,32

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- Trevia Parks has incipient pneumonia. Marilyn Brooks just had a liver biopsy. Margie Banks is home recovering from back surgery, Ron Banks is recovering from a fall. Also, Vernicia Matthews, Margaret Herring, Jean Boyd, Anna Porter, Sue Eiland, Anna Porter, Craig Robinson, Carolyn Lee, Margie DeYoung. Remember all these in your prayers. Write them a card, give them a call, let them know you're praying for them and see if they'd like a visit:
- Brother Manning has many Bible studies during the week, remember these, those that are recovering from loss, in your prayers.

**"I intreated thy favor with my whole heart:
be merciful unto me according to thy word." - Psalm 119:58**

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Luncheon after the assembly, all are encouraged to stay!
- Lord's business meeting 1:30 pm, men are encourage to attend.
- College age Bible study now on TUESDAYS at 7 pm.
- Volunteers needed to clean building in February 2010.
- Transportation needed for sisters Betty Mathis, Jean Boyd and Marilyn Brooks.
- Pantry items to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.

2/7 Chef Boyardee ABC/123 w/Meatballs **1/31** DelMonte Citrus Salad

It is important for **ALL** to attend **Sunday Morning bible study!** If you feel you're missing something, Bible class is a good place to go and find it.

“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

The example we set others, in everything we **do**, or **don't do**, is important. The Lord was able to use Paul to encourage other brethren, even when he was in prison:

"And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear." - Philippians 1:14

We have great classes on Evangelism for the teens and adults using the *Searching for Truth* DVD and book.

Be sure to attend Sunday 10am and Wed. 7pm each week!

Study! And ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

DEATH OFFERS HOPE

To some that statement is a shock. Most people feel there is no hope in death, but notice what the apostle Paul said in First Thessalonians 4:13, **“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.”** Unlike the world which has no hope, the Christian has a lively hope — a hope built upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead: **“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” - 1 Peter 1:3**

In First Corinthians 15:55-57, the apostle Paul again enlightens us as to death. In this passage, Paul teaches us that there is victory over death of which the faithful will be a part. He said, **“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

It is through death that we gain the victory! Heaven is not ours until we pass from life unto death. We cannot be with the Lord until we are raised, and we cannot be raised until we die. Therefore, death offers hope because through death we gain life eternal. It is with these thoughts Paul said, **“Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” (1 Thess. 4:18).**

Death sometimes catches us off guard and shocks us back to reality as to what is really important. We can all be thankful that certain incidents happen in life that help us to keep a proper perspective on life and on death. These incidents help us deal with the cold reality of death. Yes, they come as a shock, but with God's help and instruction, we are able to deal with them trusting in Him to carry us through.

- Chuck Northrop, minister Mayflower church of Christ, Arkansas

DEATH MUST BE PREPARED FOR

Life is actually a preparation for death. Jesus said, **“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” (Matt. 6:19-20).**

The things of this world will be consumed in a fervent heat (2 Pet. 3:10), but we will live on — **“they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation” (John 5:29).** Since we will live on, we must prepare for death. We prepare for death by obeying God in becoming a Christian and by obeying Him in faithful living. We become a Christian by obedience to the plan of salvation. God has made the way for us by sending forth His Son to pay the price of sin. We live faithfully by worshiping and serving the Creator according to God's word with the motivation of love and faith. When we come to the realization that life is a preparation for death, we will have the proper outlook on life and on death.

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