

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

WHAT CAN I DO?

Have you ever felt left out? That you weren't important and not worth much? That maybe people didn't think much of you because you couldn't make some big contribution? Maybe you've felt that way in the church: "Oh, I wish I could teach like that person..." or "Oh, I wish I could quote scripture like so and so ..." or "Oh, I wish I was a leader in the church like what's his name ...". Have you ever felt like that? Maybe a little? WELL DON'T!!!

It's the **Lord** we want to be pleased with us; not other people. If the Lord is pleased with us, we should be pleased also. If He is pleased with us, what then does it matter what other people think of us? And conversely: If the Lord is not pleased with us it doesn't matter how popular or respected we are.

Our only aim should be to please the Lord. We can! He tells us how in his Word. The things He delights in are things that each and every one of us, without exception, can attain, possess and use:

"Thus saith the Lord,

Let **NOT** the wise man glory in his **WISDOM**,
NEITHER let the mighty man glory in his **MIGHT**,
Let **NOT** the rich man glory in his **RICHES**:

But let him that glorieth glory in this,
That he **UNDERSTANDETH** and **KNOWETH** me,
That I am the Lord, which exercise
LOVINGKINDNESS, JUDGEMENT, and RIGHTEOUSNESS,
in the earth:

For in **THESE** things I **DELIGHT**, saith the Lord." - Jeremiah 9:23,24

Young or old, rich or poor, great or small, man or woman, let's *all* strive and hunger for knowledge and understanding of God and His ways—the *spiritual* ways of Lovingkindness, Judgment, Righteousness, Mercy. He gives us all these and more in His word—the Bible! Study it, because He said:

“for if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” - 2 Peter 1:8

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

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: HARVEY ALLEN

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“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom,
but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men,
but in the power of God.” - 1 Corinthians 2:4,5

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Judy Walker, Miles Johnson, Richard Ramkinson, Margaret Herring, Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier.*
- Prayers are requested for **Caleb Sams** 19, son of **Kirk Sams** preacher at the Kannapolis NC church of Christ. Caleb is fighting bone cancer that has metastasized. He's already lost a leg to it. He's going through a severe regimen of chemotherapy that is very trying. Pray for him and the family, that God will be merciful
- **Connie Richbough** is getting better after from knee replacement surgery, was able to make it to he assembly, as was **Anna Porter** for the 2nd week in a row.
- Continue to remember these in your prayers, and: **Judy Walker** who continues to grow in strength; **Stephanie Rigney**, also going through chemotherapy and who will be having a PET scan in a few weeks; and **Audrey Williams** as she requests the prayers of the church as she faces many difficulties in life.
- Please keep all these, and **the church here**, in your prayers. Our thanks and gratitude to those who watch, and work and pray for the church here. To those faithful in visiting and attendance, encouraging others by talking with them. To those quietly doing the many jobs necessary to keep the congregation functioning.

"And so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words" - 1 Thessalonians 4:18

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- A severe storm with power outages and downed trees resulted in us cancelling last Wednesday nights Bible study. This doesn't happen often and unfortunately some did not get the word. We'll be setting up a call list, based on the directory, to ensure when we must spread the word quickly about something, it will reach all the members.
- Check the bulletin boards at the building, lots of information is posted there about the new preacher (**TJ Bolen**) and member activities.
- We need someone to pickup **Tommy White** Sundays while **Connie Richbough** is recovering from surgery.
- **BULLETINS BY EMAIL** sent each Friday. To subscribe, send email address to Ed.
- Remember to **send cards to our visitors!** Brother **Gamble** posts a list each week of visitors and those of our number who need encouragement.

**“But to do good and to communicate forget not:
for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” - Hebrews 13:16**

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**“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;
but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” - Matthew 7:21**

THE BIBLE IN SATAN'S HANDS

The Bible in the hands of *sectarians* is being made to "teach" every imaginable contradiction known to religion. In *their* hands, it "teaches" Christian Science, Mormonism, Catholicism, Episcopalianism, Universalism, Trinitarianism, Spiritualism, Baptistism, Methodism, Presbyterianism, Premillennialism, Adventism, and a hundred more like "isms", all contradictory and agnostic. No two of them can be reconciled. Each claims God as its author. Each asserts that it is carried on by the "work of the Holy Spirit." Each believes that *it* is right and all the others wrong.

Now, who can believe that anyone but the devil endorses and "blesses" such contradictions and religious confusion? The Spirit of God *hates* and *condemns* all such divisions and emphatically says that **"they who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."** (Gal. 5:19-22). But the Spirit of Satan says, "they who practice such things *shall* inherit the kingdom of God."

Denominational divisions are *not* the servants of Christ, though they *think* they are. They are deceived and Satan is deceiving them. They say they are not being deceived, but they are liars and Satan is behind it.

They may shout "intolerance" at me, but that only intensifies their sin, for all I say, I quote from the Holy Spirit's teaching in the Bible. To accuse *me* of anything is dodging the force of the Spirit's indictment -- an effort to get me in the same boat with them. What if they succeed? Will that remove their guilt? Why not *repent* and *renounce* the divisions of denominationalism and become Christians instead of servants of Satan? Thousands living today have done this.

The Lord's church today is largely filled with persons who were once in denominationalism but who, seeing they were lost, fled from it and became disciples of Christ -- *Christians only*. They simply obeyed the Spirit and came out of Babylon. What about you?

Those who want you to *remain* in denominational confusion and continue to practice division in spite of the Spirit of God will tell you anything to hold you in sin and away from Christ.

They will tell you that if you quit the practice of denominational division and become a disciple of Christ or Christian, you will become a "Campbellite." They tell you that to hold you in sin. They are moved by no other motive. They will hate you if you become a Christian, and will love you if you remain in sin with them.

Such is the universal spirit of sectarianism, though they simply do not know that themselves. When they ask you to become a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, etc., they do not realize they are asking you to *commit sin against Christ*. And if they should find you determined to obey Christ alone -- as the people did on the day of Pentecost -- they will actually get mad at you because they cannot lead you to do something else.

Denominations are hostile to Christ, though they, like Saul, *think* they are "doing God service." But as Saul persecuted Christ in ignorance (**Acts 23:1; 1 Tim. 1:13**), so are they. That means they, like Saul, must turn from their sinful course and become obedient to the faith of Jesus Christ and leave denominations. May God help us in aiding them to see their duty and turn before they are eternally lost.

- E. C. Fuqua, Gospel preacher ~ 1910

“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” - 1 Corinthians 1:10