

SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

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

**"But my God shall supply all your need
according to his riches in glory
by Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:19**

SO WORK ON GETTING TO HEAVEN THEN!

Wake up! Strengthen the things that remain!

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WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Where In The Bible Will I Find... We are to Preach Christ, Not the Church?

The church of the Bible is not a denomination. In fact, the only reference to denominationalism in the New Testament condemns division (1 Corinthians 1:10-13).

"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

Many and various are the teachings of denominations concerning their thoughts on God's plan for saving the world. The different plans offered by men do not change God's divine plan in the least. Some teach babies should be "baptized" by sprinkling or the sinner should pray instead of obey or faith alone saves, which is expressly condemned in the Bible (James 2:14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26) or that Jesus saves and not the church and one can be saved outside as well as in the church of Christ.

None of these are the plan brought to the earth by God. God sent His only begotten Son to seek and save the lost (John 3:16, Luke 19:10). God's plan was that Jesus should seek the lost by establishing the church. The church was planned, prophesied, promised, and predicted for several hundred years before its establishment. In Acts 2, the church is an established reality, and is represented as being the place prepared by Christ for the saved (Acts 2:41, 47).

The church is not a part of the plan of salvation. It is the plan of salvation. According to the Bible, men cannot be saved outside of Christ, the church, or body of Christ, which terms all refer to the place of salvation. The plan for entering the church of Christ includes a man hearing, believing in Christ with all of his heart, repentance, confession, and being baptized (Acts 8:35-39).

Jesus, in carrying out God's will, never promised to save anyone outside the church which He built with His teaching and purchased with His blood (Matthew 16:18-19; 28:19-20; Acts 20:28). The church is the only institution over which He is head (Ephesians 1:22-23) and the only one on the earth now that He promised to save eternally (Ephesians 5:23).

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Merrie Christmus, Dorothy Gray & family, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Betty Mathis, Gwen Pittman, Anna Porter, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Tommy White's** sister **Gloria**, who is a great help to him, has shingles about the eyes—a serious condition.
- **Anna Porter** is in LMC with pneumonia but it is responding well to treatment. She's in North (new) Tower Room 783, phone 739-3783
- **Remember also:** **Betty** and **Bill Voss**, **Stephanie Rigney's** aunt and uncle; **Debbie Sightler**, daughter of **Vince** and **Helen Reusser**; **Mattie and Suzie Charney**, relations of **Paula Kennedy**; **Barbara Shives**, a friend of the Gamble family; and **Mary Ann Mancuso**, **Marshall's** mom, diagnosed with Parkinson's..
- **Pray for all these**, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia. Give **thanks** to God for his goodness and love for us.

"The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil." - Proverbs 19:23

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **NEW PICTURES!** Of members are being taken to post on the bulletin board. **Congregational picture** is scheduled for first Sunday in June (5th). **Marshall Mancuso** will have his camera with him every Sunday. Be prepared and please see him to get your picture made.
- **Spencer** and **Amy Strickland** wish to be indentified and work with the congregation here at West Columbia. Welcome them and encourage them in the work!
- **See thank you and visitor cards on bulletin board in foyer.**
- **Scrap Booking class**, at the building 4th Saturdays 12-3, see **Paula or Faye.**
- **Bible Study at Church Building, Saturdays 3 pm**, all are invited and please invite visitors to come! It's a good way for people to learn more of us. An informal session around a table with everyone using their bibles and Strong's Concordances.
- **Men!** Check bulletin board for worship assignments—if you can't make it, find someone to fill in. We're counting on you.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." - Romans 12:10

Are you doing all you can? If so, be happy for God knows!

**“For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”
- Hebrews 6:9,10**

If not ... God knows!

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” - Galatians 6:7

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With these thoughts clearly before us, one expresses his ignorance of the Scriptures who might say, "I am so glad to hear someone preach Jesus as the Saviour and not the Church as the Saviour." When deadly persecution arose with the stoning of Stephen, the members of the church at Jerusalem were "scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria..." and "went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:1-4).

Preaching Christ and preaching the Word are one and the same (Acts 8:4-5) and the same as preaching the church or kingdom (Acts 8:12). It is important for us to study to be approved of God (2 Timothy 2:15)

- Gary Colley, Gospel Preacher, Teacher, Memphis Tennessee

“... even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” - Ephesians 5:23-27

WHAT CAN THE WORLD DO FOR YOU?

KILL YOU!

“..., which, when they have heard, they go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection” - Luke 8:14

Which you might be ok with, till you consider this:

**“Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.”
- Matthew 7:19**

**Knowing the world can kill you then, for eternity, don't you think you'd rather:
“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**

Which is why we remind you to ...

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