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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

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

DO YOU KNOW WHAT GOD'S WILL IS?

**“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**

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

IS GOD'S LOVE ENOUGH?

Solomon was a man that God loved. Did you know that Solomon even had another name; one specially given by God? It was **Jedidiah**, which means "Beloved of the Lord" (2 Samuel 12:24-25). But was that enough to keep Solomon secure? Was he free from care about his relationship with God? *"After all, God LOVES me!"*

No, it wasn't enough. We know that Solomon fell away from God, that God's love **wasn't** enough. Solomon needed to love God also. It was the love of other things which turned Solomon away from God. A wiser man there never was, nor a richer. Yet it wasn't enough.

"For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God" - 1 Kings 11:4

The Jews were the same way. God loved them, they were His people. The Lord sent prophets to them, time and again, to warn them and bring them back. He sent JESUS to them. But it wasn't enough. They didn't love God in return. Listen to Jesus' lament, and the condemnation at the end:

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together; even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and YE WOULD NOT!” -Matthew 23:37

God wanted them, but they didn't want God—at least not on God's terms. They lost. So can we. Are we wiser than Solomon? God told us how to know we love him:

“If ye love me, keep my commandments. ... If a man love me, he will keep my words: ... He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings:” - John 14:15,23,24

God's love is enough, if we'll love Him. Then we'll show our love by obeying His commands. So, first and foremost, let's get our HEARTS right, loving God, wanting to please him. The actions will follow. Like Jesus said:

“ ... cleanse first that *which is* within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.” - Matthew 23:26

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Merrie Christmus, Dorothy Gray & family, Margaret Herring, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Stephanie Rigney.*

- A friend of **Paula Kennedy, Lisa** who evacuated in Justinville, Florida, got back to find the place she rented had been sold. She has 2 weeks to find another place, but nothing is available. This is happening to many due to the destruction in Florida from Hurricane Irma. **Lisa** just had chemo also. On a better note, **Paula** reported her cousin who had been at death's door, is now off dialysis also and doing well.
- Also remember in prayer **Stephanie Rigney** suffering from a recurrence of cancer; **Margaret Herring** with many ills; **Dorothy Gray** dealing with the many needs of her family; **Pat Joyner**, greatly concerned about leg problems; **Jan Kelleher** continuing in chemotherapy and a painful fight with metastatic disease.
- **Pray for all these**, and our search for an **evangelist** to help us with the work of the Lord here at West Columbia. Give **thanks** to God for his goodness and love for us.

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." - Isaiah 40:31

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Next **Wed PM** we will have **Steve Gober** from World Bible School here to explain how we could use the tools and resources that WBS has to offer in helping with our evangelistic outreach. The normal Wed PM Singing will be held the next Wed. 10/4.
- **MEN!** Sunday AM and PM please find **Jason**, or whoever is putting together the assembly duty roster and volunteer to help with prayer, Lord's table, singing, etc.
- **INVITE SOMEONE TO VISIT US!** Give them one of the **church cards** that are on the table in the foyer. If you take some, please use them.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." - Matthew 5:6

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“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15

- Remember those in Puerto Rico and elsewhere suffering from **Hurricane Maria**. And those continuing to suffer the effects from **Hurricanes Irma** and **Harvey**.
- A friend of Judy Cornelius in Georgia passed away

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” - Matt 11:28

“If ye love me, keep my commandments.” - John 14:15

Jesus had commandments! Do you love him?

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

“But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?” - James 2:20

Justification By Faith Includes Baptism

“By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians asaying to do were swallowed up” (Heb. 11:29 ASV). The Israelites crossed the Red Sea "by faith," but they were not on the other side the moment they believed. They spent a night of anxious toil and great fear before they could sing the song of deliverance on the other side. Here the phrase "by faith" spans the Red Sea, and includes every step they took in crossing.

By some it is thought that because Paul says we are "justified by faith" (Rom. 5:1) that baptism is excluded. But the phrase "by faith," instead of excluding the acts of faith, which, in reality, make faith perfect, actually includes obedience. And it can be plainly shown that "by faith" in this case includes baptism. Paul says, **“For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea”** (1 Corinthians 10:1-2 ASV).

They crossed the Red Sea "by faith," and in crossing they were baptized. "By faith" includes what was done in crossing. But in crossing they were baptized. Therefore, "by faith," in this example includes baptism.

- **C. R. Nichol**, 1876-1961, Gospel Preacher

**Abraham believed God—and Obeyed! Noah believed God— and Obeyed!
Want to be like them in God's sight? Have you—Obeyed?**

“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.” - James 2:17,18