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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Spencer Strickland

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

Is there something keeping you from God? Remember ...

“We ought to obey God rather than men.” Act 5:29

Who’s your master?

YOU CAN ONLY KNOW IF YOU CONSTANTLY:

Examine yourself! Are you really in the faith? (2 Cor 13:5)

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

“GIVE BACK A PORTION . . .”

"Give back a portion of the things you've so richly blessed us with..." is a phrase you'll hear often in a prayer before an offering is collected. It's good for us to be reminded, and remember, where what we have comes from.

But are we thinking of the most important things God has given us? We need to remember all the Lord had given us, so we'll return a portion of everything He's given us and not leave anything out. Yes, He provides us with food, clothing and shelter, but these physical things are nothing when compared to the spiritual blessings He gives us each and every day. Things like: righteous **JUDGEMENT**, **MERCY** when we're helpless, **FAITHFULNESS** in His promises, **FORGIVENESS** of sins against Him, **GRACE** to be like Him, **PEACE** with Him, **HOPE** for an eternity with Him, the knowledge of His sure and certain **LOVE** for us.

Say each one of these aloud. Thank God for them. Each one is an incomparable gift from Him. And God wants us to give a portion of these back to Him also! The Lord rebuked the Pharisees for not doing this and He will us also:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, JUDGEMENT, MERCY and FAITH: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." - Matthew 23:23

How might we give these things back to the Lord? He told us:

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." - Matthew 25:40

Have you given anyone FORGIVENESS? Have you given anyone MERCY? Have you been FAITHFUL to others? Have you shown anyone GRACE? Have you sacrificed for someone out of LOVE? Have you given anyone HOPE of eternal life? Remember:

"Freely have you received, Freely give." - Matthew 10:8

It's good that we give of the physical things the Lord has given us. We ought to; it's necessary for the work of the church. But let's not leave the other things undone for these are the spiritual works of God that will last forever.

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

Examine yourself, whether you are in the faith ... or not! (2 Cor 13:5)

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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, Gwen Pittman, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Amy Stickland** came forward Wed PM requesting the prayers of the church.
- **Jan Kelleher** continues to be in pain from bone cancer and the chemotherapy she is taking. All thanks and glory to **God** that the cancer is still not spreading,
- **Margaret Herring** requests prayers for her grandson's wife **Angela**, who has been diagnosed with leukemia and has slipped into a coma. Also, for her oldest daughter, **Anne** who has a spinal injury and having an MRI. Remember **Margaret** also.
- **Judy Cornelius** is doing better, **Pat Joyner** also from dizzy spells.
- **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.

“ ... when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;” - Heb. 5:7

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **MEN!** Sunday AM and PM please find **Jason, Jones** or whoever is putting together the assembly duty roster and volunteer to help with prayer, Lord's table, singing, etc.
- **Contact** those on the Directory list that you've not seen recently (like last Sunday).
- **Save the Date! Carolina Men's Fellowship**, Saturday 3/10/18 at church of Christ at Gold Hill Rd, Fort Mill, SC. Lord willing, **Ed** will be driving a van full of men to it.
- **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.

“ ... be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” - 1 Timothy 4:12

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“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:

- **Jan and Ed Kelleher** are grandparents again as daughter **Sarah Stepling** gave birth to son **Michael** 1/11/2018, 8 lbs and very healthy. The birth was by C-section, as she had been in labor 26 hours. But mother, son and father **Ross Stepling** are all doing very well, as are grandparent **Jan and Ed**, and **Ray and Mary Stepling** of Columbia. Please keep them in your prayers. Cousin **Jack**, son of **David and Hale Kelleher** of Nashville, will have his first birthday in March.

THE GOSPEL—1 Corinthians 15:1-4

“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:”

THE CHURCH OF THE BIBLE?

When the question is asked, "What is the church?", many would respond by saying, "Which church are you talking about?" We realize there does exist hundreds of different religious groups in this world. Many of which claim to have some attachment to the church of the Bible. When we speak of the church, we have reference to the church that one can read about in the Bible.

BUILDER IS CHRIST: Christ is the builder of the church that you read about in the Bible. In Matthew 16:18, Christ declared, "Upon this rock, I will build my church." The church belongs to Christ. He is the foundation upon which it is built (1 Corinthians 3:11). Dear reader, did Christ build the church of which you are a member? Is the church that you are a member of built by man or Christ? You need to be a member of the church built by Christ, His church. (continued top of next page)

BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH WAS IN JERUSALEM: The church that you read about in the Bible began in the city of Jerusalem, on the day of Pentecost following the ascension of our Lord. This was in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies (Isaiah 2:1-4; Daniel 2:44; Joel 2). These prophecies were fulfilled in Acts 2. Dear reader, is the church of which you are a member, have its beginning in Jerusalem as recorded in Acts 2? If not, then you are not a member of the church that you read about in the Bible.

BIBLE BASED: The church that you read about in the Bible is Bible based. The Word of God is the pattern that is to be followed in all things (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:21). Everything that the church does must be based upon what God has said in His Word. When it comes to the (1) Way of salvation (John 14:6; John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Matthew 10:32-33; Mark 16:16); (2) Worship (John 4:24; Acts 2:42; Ephesians 5:19; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Timothy 4:2-4), (3) Work of the church (Matthew 28:18-20; Galatians 6:2, 10; James 1:27; 2 Timothy 4:2-4), (4) Way of life for the members of the church (Titus 2:11-12; Galatians 5:19-23; 1 John 2:15-17; Colossians 3:1-3; Matthew 6:33), the Bible has the only answer and it must be followed completely. Dear reader, is the church of which you are a member has the Bible as its only guide and standard of authority

BOUND FOR HEAVEN: The church that you read about in the Bible is the body of Christ (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 4:4), bride of Christ (Romans 7:1-4; Revelation 19:7-8), family of God (Galatians 3:26-28), kingdom (Colossians 1:13) and the saved (Acts 2:47). Dear reader, don't you want to be a member of the church that you can read about in the Bible, because it is Heaven-Bound (Ephesians 5:23-26; Matthew 7:21-23).

by **Jerry W. Joseph**, evangelist, Trenton church of Christ, Tennessee

“... upon this rock I will build my church;” - Matthew 16:18

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

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