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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Harvey Allen

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

**“Study to show thyself approved unto God,
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15**

**What will God think of you, when you leave this world?
How will you feel? Start now to make it better.**

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

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Everyone Welcome!
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none at present time
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“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

SEEING SATAN’S SERVANTS

God, through Paul, warned the church that Satan would try to take them away from Christ: “I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.” (2 Cor 11:3).

He continued in that chapter and told us how Satan would do this – through his (Satan’s) ministers—false teachers: “For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness;” (2 Cor 11:13-15)

God wants us to be wary and watch for these false apostles (Luke 12:37, Acts 20:29-31). He commended the church in Ephesus for doing so: “and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars.” (Rev 2:2)

How did the Ephesians do this? How are *we* to do this? Again, God tells us in that same chapter: “For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.” (2 Cor 11:4)

We are to compare what we hear from men, to what God told us through the Apostles; whose word we have recorded in the Holy Bible. And His word has not changed: “ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” (Jude 1:3) “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.” (Gal 1:8). If what a man says contradicts God’s word in any way, he is the minister of Satan.

God wants us to be like the church in Berea who: “... searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so” (Acts 17:11).

What was Satan’s lie to Eve? “And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die” (Gen 3:2). Satan contradicted God then; that’s what his servants do today.

To see Satan’s servants today, just compare what they say to the Bible. If they contradict God’s word, in any way, they are Satan’s servants! Have men told you, you don’t need to be baptized to be saved? Read Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16, 1 Peter 3:21. Have you heard: “once saved, always saved”? Not from God. Read the first paragraph here again. Satan’s servants are out there—beware!

- 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.*

- **Laura Nichols** requests prayers for some business decisions she has to make, that they be good for her spiritual life as well.
- **Pat Joyner** is suffering more from dizzy spells that have kept her from attending.
- Please continue to pray for **Sarah Stepling** (nee Kelleher) and her newborn son, **Michael**. Prayers are being answered! **Michael's** system is starting to cope with bilirubin and hemoglobin problems and might not require a transfusion after all.
- **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,
- Paula Kennedy is mostly recovered from the flu, but her cousin Jeannette's husband, Charlie has a blood cancer, that doctors say is treatable.
- Also remember **Margaret Herring** and family with many ills. **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.

"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:"- 2 Peter 1:10

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Our thanks to **Wallace Beasley** who preached for us on short notice last week, when Ed was out of town for his brother's funeral.
- **First Sunday!** All are invited to stay and share a meal together, **men's** meeting also.
- **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. Unfortunately, Ed may still be out of town then and not able to drive up as he has before.
- **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.

"Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." - Acts 14:22

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ARE YOU READY?

**“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:
and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you
a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:” - 1 Peter 3:15**

Satan Must Love Calvinism

The doctrine of Calvinism is named after John Calvin, and its main points are summarized by the acronym "TULIP" – Total hereditary depravity, Unconditional election, Limited atonement, Irresistible grace, and Perseverance of the saints. Calvinists believe that every single event, whether it is good or bad, happens because God ordained it to happen. This doctrine is deadly, and it seems to permeate nearly every denomination in one form or another. I am sure that Satan must love Calvinism, because it confuses people about the nature of God, His Plan of salvation, and so many other critical spiritual issues. Please notice some specific reasons why I believe that Satan must love Calvinism:

- **Because it teaches that God causes people to be tempted, and makes them do evil things** – However, the Bible does not teach this! (James 1:13-16; 1 Peter 1:16, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that people are basically nothing more than robots, having no free will of their own** – The Bible does not teach this! (Deuteronomy 30:19; Joshua 24:15; Acts 2:40, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that innocent newborn babies have souls blackened with sin** – The Bible does not teach this! (2 Samuel 12:23; Ezekiel 18:20; Matthew 18:3, 19:14, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that God will save certain people whom He chooses, without any conditions to be met on their part** – The Bible does not teach this! (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38, 40; 2 Corinthians 7:1; James 4:8; Jude 21, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that the Lord's invitation for salvation was only for individuals arbitrarily chosen by God to be saved** – The Bible does not teach this! (John 3:16; Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 22:17).
- **Because it teaches that Jesus only died for individuals who were fortunate enough to be predestined for salvation by God** – The Bible does not teach this! (John 3:16; Hebrews 2:9; 1 John 2:1, 2, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that God is a capricious respecter of persons when it comes to salvation, not desiring that all men be saved** – The Bible does not teach this! (John 3:16; Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11; 1 Timothy 2:4; 1 Peter 1:17; 2 Peter 3:9, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that if God chooses one for salvation, God cannot be resisted** – The Bible does not teach this! (Luke 7:30; John 12:42, 43; Acts 7:51, 13:46, etc.).
- **Because it attempts to denigrate the power of the Word and the need for spreading the Gospel** – Why labor to spread the Gospel when God will supposedly draw men to Him by a direct operation of the Holy Spirit? The Bible does not teach this! (John 6:45; Mark 16:15, 16; Matthew 28:19, 20; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; Romans 1:16, 10:17, etc.).
- **Because it leads "the elect" to believe that there is no need for them to study the Word of God** – The Bible does not teach this! (1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16, 17, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that once a person is saved, there is no possibility of falling from grace** – The Bible does not teach this! (Galatians 5:4; Hebrews 3:6, 4:11, 6:4-6, 10:25-31, 10:35-39, 12:15, 12:25; 2 Peter 2:20-22; etc.).

- **Jason Hilburn**, Minister, Luverne Church of Christ, Alabama

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