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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Wallace Beasley

PM: Harvey Allen

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

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK OR SAY

"Not everyone 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." - Matt 7:13

Examine yourself! Whether you [still] are in the faith. (2 Cor 13:5)

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

SHOULD WE BURN THE KORAN?

A couple of years ago, Ralph Williams and I were left in a parked, older model SUV in downtown Chittagong, Bangladesh, while a couple of local Christians and the driver went to get us some luchi frybread and Coca-Colas for breakfast. It was morning rush hour, and the streets were filled with Muslims including not a few clerics and imams. I admit that the sight and experience was unsettling. I have heard the harrowing Muslim calls to prayer in such cities as Banderban, Nairobi, Arusha, and Dar es Salaam, and I cannot agree that it is either comforting or beautiful. Many of the world's trouble spots and areas of conflict center around at least one side adhering to Muslim ideology. In its fundamental form, Muslims who are true to their book will read encouragement to be violent and oppressive. For example, Qu'ran (8:12) says, "I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them." Later, one reads, "So when the sacred months have passed away, then slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them captives and besiege them and lie in wait for them in every ambush, then if they repent and keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate, leave their way free to them" (Qu'ran 9:5). Some (see www.thereligionofpeace.com) say at least 109 verses in the Koran call for Muslims to war against those they regard as infidels (unbelievers).

This Saturday, September 11, 2010, marks the ninth anniversary of the attack by Muslim terrorists on New York City, Washington, D.C., and another target thwarted in western Pennsylvania. To mark this infamous date, a community church pastor named Terry Jones is going to burn a few hundred copies of the Koran. Should we commend this response that has drawn international attention and caused many in Iraq and Afghanistan to burn this man in effigy? Is that courage and conviction, and is it that with which our Lord would be pleased?

While I certainly cannot speak for Him, I can look at His Words and follow His example (1 Pet. 2:21; see context). *(Continued on page 3)*

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:" - 1 Peter 2:21

Examine yourself! Whether you be in the faith (2 Cor 13:5)

“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.

- Continue to remember in prayer: **Amy Strickland, Pat Joyner, Lauren and Jordan Beard, Jan Kelleher.**
- Pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**
- Remember 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.

“For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.”

-Philippians 2:27

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Next Sunday** is the First Sunday of October. Plan on staying to share a meal and get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ better, including our newest sister, **Ping.**
- **David Paher**, missionary to Guyana, spoke and preached here last Sunday. We provide monthly support to **David.** He told us of the work he is able to do through our support. This was encouraging and good for us to hear, provoking us to continue to grow in love and good works. Remember **David** and his family in your prayers as we bid him Godspeed in his work for the Lord. You should be thankful we can share in that.
- **ALL! Contact** those on the Directory list you've not seen recently (like last Sunday).
- **ALL! 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.

“Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law”

Romans 13:10

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

- We rejoice with the angels in heaven, and with brother **Marshall Turbyfill**, that Wednesday evening Marshall's wife, **Ping**, made the good confession and was baptized into Christ. Marshall had been studying from God's word with his wife for some time. We all should be encouraged that God continues to show us the power, and sufficiency of His word.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” - Romans 1:16

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith;” - 2 Corinthians 13:5

SHOULD WE BURN THE KORAN? *(continued from page 1)*

I can read the writings of His disciples whom the Holy Spirit inspired to record His will and teaching. I can see how John and Paul dealt with Judaism and proto-gnosticism, two of the most pervasive, troubling, and rival religions of the day. They attacked and addressed ideas and doctrines, but they did not burn their books or their idols. While Jesus turned over the money changers table, He did not do so as a member of a different world religion but rather as a practitioner of that religion correcting corruptions He saw within it (Matt. 21:12ff). When books were burned in Acts 19:19, it was done by people who were converted to Christianity and felt convicted in their repentance to graphically get rid of books they now knew should hold no sway over them. Paul did not burn those books in anger or in vengeance.

By the power of the gospel and providence of God, I have been able to sit down and study with Muslims in this country and overseas. Through His Word, I have had the joy of watching men and women leave that religion to follow Christ. Never have I found it effective to try to persuade someone or reach their heart by affronting, offending, and provoking them. We serve the Prince of Peace (cf. Isa. 9:6). He has shown us the way to mature, heavenly love (cf. 1 Cor. 13:4ff). We are to be wise as serpents, but harmless as doves (Matt. 10:16). Jones' action seems neither wise nor harmless. Nor will it advance the cause of Christ or implant the word of Christ in the hearts of the lost. We need to reach those outside of Christ, including those of the Muslim faith, but this is not the way to do it!

- **Neal Pollard**, Pulpit minister, Bear Valley church of Christ, Denver, Colorado

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;”

- 2 Corinthians 10:3,4

“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;” 2 Timothy 2:24,25

Books of the Old Testament—Good to memorize them!

Genesis	2 Samuel	Psalms	Hosea
Exodus	1 Kings	Proverbs	Joel
Leviticus	2 Kings	Ecclesiastes	Amos
Numbers	1 Chronicles	Song of Solomon	Obadiah
Deuteronomy	2 Chronicles	Isaiah	Jonah
Joshua	Ezra	Jeremiah	Micah
Judges	Nehemiah	Lamentations	Nahum
Ruth	Esther	Ezekiel	Habakkuk
1 Samuel	Job	Daniel	Zephaniah