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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Wallace Beasley

PM: Harvey Allen

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

**"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor,
and though I give my body to be burned,
and have not charity [love]
it profits me nothing." - 1 Corinthians 13:3**

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

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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

PSALM 19

In **Luke 13:3** the Lord told us, **"except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."** Three things are necessary for repentance to salvation—to prevent our perishing:

1. Men must first recognize **HE IS** God and **seek** Him out.
2. They must then **LEARN** what He wants of them.
3. Finally, they must **OBEY!**

This has always been the case. **Psalm 19** is a beautiful illustration of these 3 points:

1) God has declared plainly, to **all** men, that **HE IS** in verses 1-6:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof."

2) God has told us what we must **LEARN** in verses 7-9:

"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether."

3) God has told us to **OBEY** what we learn, in verses 10-14:

"More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer."

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

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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.

- **Judy's** sister-in-law passed away.
- **Lauren** has laryngitis. Continue to pray for her, and **Amy**.
- **Jason Parks** has had some back pain.
- **Jan Kelleher** will be returning from a lady's retreat in Alabama, Sunday.
- 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 in that he himself (Jesus) hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted." - Hebrews 2:18

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Our **Fall Festival** and **chili cook off** is **Friday October 26th** at **6 PM**. Sign up sheet for food will be on the bulletin board. See Dawn if you'd like to help.
- **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.

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” - Luke 12:34

“ ... choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” - Joshua 24:15

EXAMINE YOURSELF

This command from God was given for our own good. On Judgment Day, God doesn't want us to be found wanting; wanting of what **He expects** us to have as His children!. Everything we need to know is in His word, **2 Peter 1:3**, read it! All of it!

We examine ourselves by studying that word and comparing ourselves to what we find there. There is no other standard. Jesus said we will be judged by the Word He has spoken, **John 12:48**. Then we need to test ourselves to see if what we think is so: Am I serving God? Am I laying up treasure in Heaven? Do I see spiritually? What is of value to me? Do I act and think as if Jesus is in me? Am I looking up, reading and memorizing the scriptures given here?

Satan is working to pull the wool over our eyes so we won't see ourselves as God sees us. Don't be deceived. God isn't. You will reap what you sow. Start reading at **Galatians 6:7** and start examining yourself ... before it's too late.

It's your choice. You'll be reminded. But you'll need to listen. No one will force you to do this. However, if you don't want and work to obey God as He has said you should—you have chosen, unwisely. Ignorance is no excuse, so study! You are in the faith, or you are out. There is no in between. Well ... are you? Remember:

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

ARE YOU LISTENING?

Here's a verse that ought to get our attention:

“Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: - John 15:2

God, being spirit, wants (and requires!) **spiritual** fruit from us. Fruit that will make **us** more **pleasing** in **His** sight and **valuable** to Him and **worth** keeping. When we, as branches in Christ, have and abound in the spiritual qualities of: Mercy, faith, faithfulness, love, patience, meekness, hope, zeal, joy etc. God will be pleased because these are the things He **wants** from **us**. Here's what you should do:

1. First, you must **want** to bear good fruit (Proverbs 16:9)
2. Get your **heart** (the soil) ready (2 Peter 1:5-8)
3. Plant the right **seed** (Luke 8:11, Colossians 1:5,6)
4. Water and **nurture** the seed and the soil (1 Corinthians 3:6, 1 Peter 2:2)
5. **Recognize** good fruit, reject the poorer (Colossians 1:10, Titus 3:14)
6. Remember, the fruit is for **God**, we're just the servants (John 15:8)

That ye might be ... Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness" - Colossians 1:10,11

DO WHAT GOD WANTS! EXAMINE YOURSELF TO BE SURE.

“Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.” - Luke 12:43

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.” - Philippians 4:8,9

Note that the apostle says **“DO”**. We **all** must be **doing** the things told us by the apostles in the Bible. Read your Bibles, learn what God wants of us and then **do it!** All of it!

COMMUNICATING OUR LOVE

(Partial list, can you add more?)

1. Suffer together (1 Corinthians 12:26)
2. Rejoice together (Romans 12:15)
3. Carry each others' burdens (Galatians 6:2)
4. Restore each other (Galatians 6:1)
5. Pray for one another (Romans 15:30)
6. Teach & admonish one another (Col 3:16)
7. Refresh one another (Romans 15:32)
8. Encourage each other (Acts 28:15)
9. Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32)
10. Confess to one another (James 5:16)
11. Be truthful with each other (Eph 4:25)
12. Provoke to love&good works (Heb 10:24)
13. Give to each other (Philippians 4:14,15)
14. Comfort one another (1 Thess 4:18)