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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Wallace Beasley

PM: Harvey Allen

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

THINK YOU HAVE NO KING TODAY?

**“In those days there was no king in Israel:  
every man did that which was right in his own eyes.” - Judges 21:25**

**DONT KID YOURSELF, AS THE ISRAELITES DID**

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CHRISTIANITY  
TODAY,  
COME SEE!**

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Sunday 10 AM Bible Study  
Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
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INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY

On Request  
*Everyone Welcome!*  
Bring your friends & Bible questions

EVANGELIST

Other than the members  
none at present time  
Full time position open

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

## BELIEF DEMANDS OBEDIENCE

On Pentecost, those who accepted Peter's preaching were commanded to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus, the Christ, unto the remission of their sins, and about 3,000 rendered prompt obedience. And so in other cases in the book of Acts. In reports of these cases of conversion under the preaching of these inspired men there is not a hint that sinners were saved the moment they believed. "And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number that believed turned unto the Lord." (Acts 11:21). If they were saved the moment they believed, they were saved before they turned unto the Lord; but healing, or salvation, follows the turning to the Lord (Isa. 55:7; Matt. 13:15; Acts 28:27).

No arguments of the "faith-only" advocates can do away with the plain statements of our Lord and His inspired preachers on the necessity of obedience. The fact is that in their arguments they array Scripture against Scripture. Our Lord makes this plain statement: “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 who is in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21). To say, "Lord, Lord," shows some degree of faith; but it is a dead faith, for there is no obedience to God's will. Such faith profits nothing — puts no one into the kingdom of heaven.

The writer of Hebrews says of Jesus, the Christ, “Though he was a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became unto all them that obey him the author of eternal salvation.” (Heb. 5:8-9). No one can misunderstand that plain statement, nor twist its meaning into something that it does not say. Some are so set on evading its force that they seek to array some other passages against it, and that is not fair dealing with the word of God. If a man does not obey the Lord Jesus Christ, He is not the author of salvation to such a man.

- R. L. Whiteside, 1869-1951, Gospel Preacher

**God has told us the relationship of Belief and Obedience:**

“Unto you therefore which believe *he is precious*: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,”

- 1 Peter 2:7

## **“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.*

- **Trevia Parks** went to the ER and had a pacemaker put in. Unfortunately, there were several complications. She was in good spirits though as family was staying with her, including grand-son Christopher which she was happy about.
- **Paula Kennedy** is at home, trying to rest after rotator cuff surgery.
- **Laura Nichols** continues to do well recuperating from a fall off her back deck and was expected to return home Saturday.
- **Stephanie** is having some kidney, or related, difficulties; **Amy** is seeing a new doctor and is encouraged; **Pat** is suffering from extreme vertigo.
- Remember also in prayer: **Margaret Herring** with multiple ills; **Janet Boyd** recovering from a sprained her ankle; **Judy Cornelius** recovering from a torn Achilles tendon.
- Keep ALL these in your prayers, and pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses:  
but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." - Psalms 20:7

## **“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- **Next Sunday is the first Sunday** in April (really). Plan on staying to share a meal with the brethren. Also a men's meeting following. All subject to the Lord's will.
- **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, **be faithful** to use them.

"He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." - 1 Corinthians 1:31

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

- **Michael and Megan Stoyk** were seen leaving LMC yesterday with their new son. All were doing very well. Both parents were beaming, baby was sleeping. We are happy for them and pray God's blessings be upon them as they continue in life together.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above” - James 1:17

## **Here's what to study in order to be sure you are pleasing to God.**

<b><u>NT BOOKS (27):</u></b>	<b>1 Corinthians</b>	<b>2 Thessalonians</b>	<b>1 Peter</b>
<b>Matthew</b>	<b>2 Corinthians</b>	<b>1 Timothy</b>	<b>2 Peter</b>
<b>Mark</b>	<b>Galatians</b>	<b>2 Timothy</b>	<b>1 John</b>
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Ephesians</b>	<b>Titus</b>	<b>2 John</b>
<b>John</b>	<b>Philippians</b>	<b>Philemon</b>	<b>3 John</b>
<b>Acts</b>	<b>Colossians</b>	<b>Hebrews</b>	<b>Jude</b>
<b>Romans</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians</b>	<b>James</b>	<b>Revelation</b>

## **Justification By Faith Includes Baptism**

"By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying 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

## **A Sordid Biblical Picture Of Modern America**

"For this cause God gave them up unto vile passions: for their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working unseemliness, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was due." (Rom. 1:26-27).

Paul is not indulging in a lot of fanciful speculations nor presenting baseless theories. He is showing how the heathen nations had reached the lowest degree of moral degradation. When people cease to respect God, they will not long respect their own bodies. They give themselves up to passions of dishonor. Their women become abusers of their own bodies. The men indulged in the debasing practice of sodomy.

We are told that this was a common practice among the prominent men of Greece, and also the Romans. When the greatest men of a nation descend to the lowest conceivable form of immorality, it shows how powerless education and philosophy are to save men from the deepest depths of moral pollution.

- R. L. Whiteside, 1869-1951, Gospel Preacher