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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Jack Pinckert

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

GOD KNOW!

**“For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love,
which ye have showed toward his name,
in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.” - Hebrews 6:10**

MAKE SURE THERE’S SOMETHING FOR HIM TO SEE

“Walk worthy of the calling with which you are called” - Eph 4:1

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

The Gospel's Power To Save

There must be some connection made between power and the thing to be moved. There is great power in a locomotive, but it cannot move the train of cars till proper connection is made with power.

There is sufficient power in the gospel to move every sinner out of sin into the blessings of salvation, but that power moves no one until proper connections are made. Preaching is the means of establishing that connection. It is God's way of bringing the sinner under the influence of his saving power. For that reason, Paul was not ashamed to preach it. **(Rom. 1:16).**

The gospel exerts no power over the heathen who has never heard it, nor over the infidel who will not hear it, and it exerts but little power over him who looks for the power to come some other way. It exerts a power over us for good to the extent that we place ourselves under the influence of its teaching. The cyclone has no power over the man who is safely hidden away in his storm cellar, but it would be foolish for him to come out after the storm and confidently affirm that there was no power in the cyclone, but no more foolish than for a man who will not heed God's word to affirm that there is no converting power in it.

Genuine Faith

Genuine faith is based on evidence that admits of no doubt, and to believe in a person means more than to believe that such a person exists. **"He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6).** In addition to accepting the truth that God is, we confidently trust Him for the fulfillment of His promises. In all genuine faith there is, therefore, the element of confidence and trust. We trust Him to fulfill His promises, and we confide in His wisdom and goodness.

It is true that Abel heard God's command and obeyed, and therefore he made his offering by faith **(Gen. 4:4; Heb. 11:4)**. But there was something back of all that. Why did he do what God said, and why did not Cain do what God said? Abel had confidence in God's wisdom and goodness. Cain had confidence in his own wisdom and way. Hence, Abel followed God's way and Cain followed his own way. Abel did what God commanded because he had more confidence in God than in himself.

(both by) - **R. L. (Robertson Lafayette) Whiteside**, 1869-1951 Gospel preacher

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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.*

- **Paula Kennedy's** cousins fiancée, **Julie Hubbard** had surgery to remove cancer from her arm. She had declined chemo and radiation treatment though.
- **Amy Strickland** is having better days, and the children are better. Be thankful to God for his mercy, and keep praying.
- **Janet Boyd** and **Laruen Beard** request the prayers of the church for their families and trying times.
- **Judy Cornelius** is in Georgia and has volunteered her home for the visiting preacher and family to stay during their visit here.
- Remember also in prayer: **Margaret Herring** with multiple ills; **Janet Boyd** recovering from a sprained her ankle; **Keep ALL these in your prayers**, and pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**

"Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;" - Rom 12:12

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Jack Pinckert**, of Sarasota Florida is visiting this Sunday with his family: **Gina, Olivia and Alex.** **Jack** is interested in working with us an evangelist. He'll be preaching Sunday morning and evening, Lord willing.
- **First Sunday!** All are invited to stay after the morning assembly to share a meal and get to know one another better. Men's meeting afterwards.

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“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” - Ephesians 4:1-3

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God's Command

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” - Matt. 5:48

God's Plan

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:”

- Ephesians 4:11-13

BE CONTENT - MOVE ON

A poor man was out looking for food for himself and his family. It was cold, and he wore an old, cast off, badly torn and stained overcoat. It looked bad, but kept him fairly warm. A passer by asked him if he wouldn't like a better coat? He replied, “No, it's ok” and moved on. There were a lot of things he'd *like* to have, but he was looking for those things he *needed*. His coat was sufficient and he knew it. What he needed was to find food for himself and his family, not to stop and worry about a coat. If he hadn't been satisfied with the coat and instead gone looking for something better, he would have been distracted from looking for the more important things. He and his family would then likely go hungry. No, he had his goal and priorities right.

What's your goal? This world, or the next? Are cares for things of **this** world distracting you from what you need to be doing in the church—preparing for the **next** world? That's not what God wants:

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” - Hebrews 13:5

God wants us to be content with the physical things we have so we'll devote ourselves instead to the spiritual things and grow in Godliness.

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.” - 1 Timothy 6:6-8

The Lord hasn't given us "Hand-me-downs". What could we want that would be better than what he's given us — His **Son**, a hope of *resurrection* to eternal life with Him, and **three promises** to get us there, if we'll have faith and act on them:

“ASK, and it shall be given you; SEEK, and ye shall find; KNOCK, and it shall be opened unto you:” - Matthew 7:7

Let us be content with what we have, and look forward to what we need!

“but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 3:13

If we're tempted or want to look back to the things of the world ...

“Remember Lot's wife.” - Luke 17:32

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

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