

SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Harvey Allen

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

The yardstick against which God intends we ALL be measured

**"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 4:13

"But it is good to be zealous always in a good thing" -Galatians 4:18

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NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY,
COME SEE!**

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

Resolutions

The day called "New Year's Day" has no religious significance, being just another mark of time on the calendar. However, many in the world look at the day, and think of "beginnings," and on that note plan some renewal, some change, some correction, which they hope they'll be able to carry forth on throughout the new year and beyond.

Such is nothing new to the child of God, since he is constantly to obey:

"Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." - 2 Cor 13:5

In that spirit of self-examination, ongoing and constant for all of God's children, making of resolutions is a worthwhile activity. Surely the most urgent considerations for the Christian is that he/she will:

1. Participate even more fully in the congregation's work,
2. Make time for frequent prayer,
3. Make time for frequent Bible study,
4. Be in each and every Bible class,
5. Be in each and every worship service,
6. Participate in the work of the visitation,
7. Be prompt at each and every meeting, and
8. Make and take the time to meet and welcome newcomers and visitors at our services.

All such activities as these should be the very minimum service the child of God should be rendering. Along with these, there is the need, always present, to examine our **giving**, and to make corrections needed so that we can truly be obedient to God's command:

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." - 1 Corinthians 16:2

**"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly;
and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:6,7**

-Adapted – original author **Bill Jackson**, late preacher, church of Christ

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"PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER" - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Merrie Christmus, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Barbara and Melvin Reeder, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Connie and Floyd** will be in Savannah this weekend for the funeral of Floyd's older brother Ken.
- **Stephanie** is doing much better and is hopeful no more surgery will be needed.
- **Janet** is still suffering with shingles, but is getting out regularly now.
- **Pat Joyner** remains bed ridden with dizziness and pain. Surgery is not an option, the doctor's offer no other relief.
- **Barbara Reeder** is waiting to start dialysis. Someone is needed to sit with **Melvin** while **Barbara** is undergoing the treatments.
- Give thanks to God for His mercy, and pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia that we will grow in love for Him and each other.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God." - Philippians 4:6

"AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY" - Acts 2:42

- **FIRST SUNDAY! ALL** are invited to stay after the morning assembly to talk and share a meal together. Men's meeting to follow.
- **Suggestions** for content of the sign, especially for the New Year are sought.

"This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat." - Matthew 14:15,16

A Matter Of Bible Authority

My objection to mechanical instruments in worship is not out of bitterness toward them; not because I think there is harm in the instrument, per se, but the objection is simply this: I have adopted the principle and pledged myself to the platform of not going beyond that which the Bible authorizes.

My digressive brother asks me, "Where does the Bible prohibit it?" I answer, "Where does the Bible authorize it?" Christians walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7). No man can use mechanical instruments and walk by faith.

By searching the scriptures you will find that God does not authorize it, does not command it, does not demand it, and that there is no example in all apostolic history for such a practice. The man who is faithful and loyal to God's word will not go beyond it.

"Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God" (2 John 9 ASV).

- N. B. Hardeman, 1874-1965, Gospel Preacher

HOW TO HAVE A GOOD NEW YEAR

It's the time of year when we look at the old year; regret in some ways it's passing, and promise to do better in the next. One thing we all should resolve to do is grow closer to God, through prayer and study of His word. Here are a few reasons why:

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." - Philippians 4:13

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." - Matthew 7:7

"Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." - John 6:68

"Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness" - Romans 4:3

"Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." - Romans 11:6

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." - Philippians 4:6

"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." - 1 Cor Corinthians 2:5

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, ... For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." - Matthew 6:19-21

Show God where your treasure really is by studying His word and going to him in prayer often, every day of the New Year. Take part and participate in the work of the church, and you will have a good year.

"... whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap ... he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." - Galatians 6:7,8

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

Psalm 1

**A Good One for You and the Family to Memorize
Which Choices will YOU make this year?
Choose Wisely—and you will be blessed.**

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly , nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.