

Gospel Power



"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation..." (Romans 1:16)

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Sunday, October 1st

Bible Classes

Song Leader
..... Mark McIntyre
Bible Reading (Lev. 4:13-21)
..... Rodney McCrary
Prayer
..... Brian Word

Morning Worship

Song Leader
..... Mark McIntyre
Prayer
..... Eddie J. Hammond
Lord's Supper
Presiding Steve Parker
Assisting Andrew Gatlin
Serving Jim Phillips
..... Hunter Cox
..... Eddie L. Hammond
..... Mark McCrary
Closing Prayer
..... Ronnie Phillips

Evening Worship

Song Leader
..... Kevin Chancellor
Bible Reading (Lev. 4:22-35)
..... Rocky Rose
Prayer
..... Jimmy Glass
Lord's Supper
..... Steve Parker
..... Andrew Gatlin
Closing Prayer
..... Phil Pressnell

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Truth In Our Age

Dee Bowman

We live in an age of religious and moral confusion. Morality is in a state of serious degeneration. And instead of being concerned about that degeneracy, society is puffed up with pride about its broad-mindedness, even while it pompously declares its toleration as moral progress. Religion, rather than fighting back against this moral retrogression, has decided to join the broad-mindedness and give in to society's tolerations. Even today's worship is, in most churches, merely an religious adaptation of the immoral actions of the masses.

Thus our nation continues on a course that seems sure to bring about its own self-destruction. And sadly, it is doing so with impunity and a sense of smug self-satisfaction. Having become devoid of any ethical principles, it descends further and further into a quagmire of moral insanity and empty religion.

This solution to this situation is difficult, mostly on account of the subjective spin that has been put on truth. Truth is what you make it in this society. There is no such thing as an objective standard for morality, only a wisp of a moral code that really says little about what is actually right or wrong. If I think a thing to be right, it's right, even if it's wrong for you. If I think a thing to be wrong, it's wrong for me, even if it seems right to you. It's a moral maze. The conscience is confused because it has lost any sense of direction. And so man wanders about in moral aimlessness. Nobody knows which way to go, even though everyone goes around acting like he does.

Truth is delineated in the Bible as a reliable, understandable way for determining a proper course of action. "I am the way, the

truth and the life,” (John 14:6) is much more than a statement of the Savior’s provisions, it’s a statement of the reality of truth, one that can be acted upon to determine a course of action, one that results in both moral purity in the present and everlasting life in the hereafter. Jesus is here affirmed as the true and living way.

The Scriptures are affirmed to be what is needed for doctrine, reproof, correction, and for instruction in moral purity in 2 Timothy 3:16-17. As such, they offer discernable, definitive information for determining which way to go and why. They leave no room for subjective interpretation, only a detectable, reliable method for living life. They not only define the course we should follow, but warn of what happens if we don’t.

Bible truth is both definitive and functional, make no mistake about it. Jesus says “Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free” (Jn. 8:32). Freedom from sin is what Jesus is all about. Forgiveness is what His truth is all about. Admittedly, we live in a world that is unaware of its bondage. But ignorance of its present condition doesn’t make it acceptable; it only makes the need for preaching the gospel more urgent.

There is a need for revival in this country, a need for a standard that directs, a need for a truth that is the same for all men. There is a need for a return to the Bible. And that will not be done on a national basis, but one person at a time. It is unclear whether or not the tide of immorality can be turned, but it is certain that persons can know and obey the truth; and it is certain that these same persons can recommend that truth to those who come under their influence. Furthermore, their influence can have an effect, and might well turn the tide.

But we cannot plant the seed when it’s in the barn. There needs to be a revitalization of our evangelistic fervor. We need to see what is the real need right in our own backyard.

The process for such an endeavor is assigned and illustrated in 2 Timothy 2:2. “The things thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou unto faithful men who shall be able to teach others also.” It’s a one-at-a-time thing. It starts with one and multiplies. No big programs are needed—only a love for the souls of men. No big evangelists are necessary—only a love for the souls of men. No gimmicks are needed to draw them in. The gospel will do that. If we’ll let it.

~via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.



“Be Patient With All”

Billy Norris

Among other things, Paul told the Thessalonians to warn the unruly, to comfort the fainthearted, to uphold the weak, and to “*be patient with all*” (1 Thessalonians 5:14).

Patience is defined as the capacity to endure hardship or inconvenience without complaint. To “be patient with all” suggests forbearance in association with others when their personality may be irritating, or their behavior may show a disappointing lack of spirituality.

Patience is a vital part of the Christian’s character. Christ said, “By your patience possess your souls” (Luke 21:19). Patience is listed with virtues to be pursued—“... pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness” (1 Timothy 6:11).

Without patience the Christian's character falls short: "But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing" (James 1:4). Patience is one of the vital steps to heaven—faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, love, "for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:5-11).

"Be patient with all."

~ via *Gospel Guide*; August 2003; Vol. 35 No. 8.

News and Notes

THE SICK: *Shannon Johnson* is continuing to improve since being released from the hospital last week... *Virginia Lovell* has been sick and unable to be at services... *Corey Word* has been sick and unable to the meeting on Wednesday and Thursday night ... *Onzell Tucker* has been sick this past week, but is now doing better... *Wynell Ridgeway* is to have an arteriogram done on Tuesday morning... *Kevin Chancellor father, Derek Chancellor*, has three blockages: two in the neck and one in the heart. He will be going to the doctor this week... *Leota Springer's son, Bill Springer*, recieved good word from the biopsy last week... *Glenda Phillips' husband, Ray Phillips*, came home from the hospital on Tuesday... *Charlotte Hall* is still awaiting word

to begin her treatments ... *Myrtie Williams* is at home and not able to be out ... *Jack Tucker* is not able to be out ... *Larry Johnson* is confined at home ... *Faye Hammond* is at home ... *Judy Williams' mother, Flossie Kazzaire*, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette ... *Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *River Bend church* in western Lauderdale county is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Fridays. Services will begin each evening at 7:00 p.m. *Bill Hall* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Eastside church* in Red Bay is having a gospel meeting this week through Wednesday. The services Monday through Wednesday will begin at 7:00 p.m. *Randall Hammock* will be the speaker in the meeting... The *1st Street church* in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. *Mark White of Florence* will be the speaker... The *Piney Grove church* south of Tuscumbia is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Paul Sheehan* will be the speaker... The *Brookhill church* in Killen is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Tuesday with services at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon and at 7:00 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. *Allen Dvorak* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Carriger church* in Limestone county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The services Monday through Wednesday will begin at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be *Glen Keenon*.

OUR MEETING: This past week we had a very good meeting that ended on Thursday evening with *Bill Hall* preaching. We had good attendance at each service. Bill did his work well in preaching the gospel. The song leaders all did their jobs well. I appreciate all who worked so hard and diligent in preparing for the meeting; inviting those to join us and praying for the meeting's success.

BAPTISM: We rejoiced this past Wednesday night when *Charles Flood* expressed his desire to be baptized. We rejoice over Charles' decision and may we all encourage him as he will encourage us in our lives as Christians.

SAM NOLES 1920-2006: It is with sadness that we note the passing of brother *Sam Noles*. Sam was involved in a serious car accident early Tuesday morning and was med flighted to Huntsville Hospital. He remained in critical condition until he passed away on Wednesday afternoon. We will miss Sam and the positive encouragement that he extended to us. We extend our deepest sympathy to all of the family in Sam's passing. Sam's funeral was Saturday afternoon in Rogersville.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: Tonight will be the time for Communication Group One to meet. If you are in Group One, remember to meet with your group tonight.

THE RECORD: Attendance week of Sept. 24th
Sunday:

Bible Classes 100
Morning Worship 143
Evening Worship 118

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 102



What? Young Adult Home Bible Study
When? Next Sunday evening, October 8th, after our evening service.
Where? At the home of Steve & Melissa Parker
Subject? Searching For Truth About Our Creator

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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