

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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Men Priviledged To Serve:
Sunday, January 15th

Bible Classes

Song Leader
..... Jim Phillips
Bible Reading (Exo. 10:12-20)
..... Rocky Rose
Prayer
..... Aric Butler

Morning Worship

Song Leader
..... Jim Phillips
Prayer
..... Jerry Dickey
Lord's Supper
Presiding Scottie Goode
Assisting Steve Parker
Serving Jimmie Lovell
..... Rodney McCrary
..... Eddie L. Hammond
..... Zack Rogers
Closing Prayer
..... Ray Tucker

Evening Worship

Song Leader
..... Daniel Clemmons
Bible Reading (Exo. 10:21-29)
..... Andrew Gatlin
Prayer
..... Mark McIntyre
Lord's Supper
..... Scottie Goode
..... Steve Parker
Closing Prayer
..... Ronnie Phillips

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I'll Get Even

Joe Fitch

A few years ago, I listened while some preachers recounted their experiences with the brethren. Some had been cheated, some lied about. Some had been run out of town. Others had been sadly abused in many ways. They told some pitiful stories.

Of course, a board has two sides, and one might become suspicious of a preacher who always (or never) has trouble with the brethren. The brethren might have an interesting story to tell also. In fact, there are one or two contrary preachers even I have trouble getting along with – as good natured as I am!

Unbiased history testifies that many good men have been mistreated. From the righteous prophets of old to the heroes of recent times all have borne the scars of truth's battles. No surprise; soldiers expect to be wounded. It is the wounds on their back – inflicted by the critical and worldly brethren – that hurt. They pierce to the heart.

I began to brood over my own experiences. The more I thought, the more determined I was to "get even" with the brethren for the way they treated me. I laid my plans, and I could hardly wait! There were some with whom I had a special score to settle. I watched every occasion. Now and then I would think my day had come and I would "get even." No such luck! Foiled again! I never knew brethren could be so elusive.

The years have taught me patience. Few occasions have come to get even, but I can wait. I surely will not forget. I must admit, however, it gets discouraging waiting so long. But one of these days my chance will come; I will be ready and waiting.

I will treat them as they have treated me. I will even every score. Boy, will I enjoy it! Then, I “will lift up the hands which hang down (Heb. 12:12) and speak words of comfort and encouragement as they have done for me. I will provide for them as they have so long and generously supported me. I will freely sacrifice my time and energy for them as they have for me. I will be as helpful as they have been to me. Yes, I will even the score. Who says my revenge will not be sweet?

But I begin to wonder – yes, even doubt. Can I ever “get even?” There are so many people and deeds on the ledger – and the list is growing all the time.

Until my day comes, I will, as I “have opportunity, do good unto all men and especially to the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10). I shall pray “above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth” (3 John 2).

I will watch my opportunities to “get even,” but if my chance doesn’t come, my Lord will even the score for me. “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). He will see that you get what is coming to you. For this assurance I am thankful.

-via *The Exhorter*, Exton, Pennsylvania.

What Is Today?

Dee Bowman

“This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24). While this passage is not referring specifically to the Lord’s Day, it certainly includes it. For instance, this is the day the Lord made for Christians. It is His day, the day He sanctified for a special use. We truly are blessed to have the Lord’s Day. What is today?

It is a day to be together. Few blessings rival the ones having to do with our being together. It’s just a joy to see one another, to edify one another, to be part of one another. The Scriptures teach that we are a family, a household (1 Timothy 3:14-15). It is only natural that a household spend some time together. Today affords that opportunity. The Scriptures speak of the church as a body (1 Corinthians 12). It is only natural that the various parts of a body support the other parts. Today affords that opportunity. The Scriptures speak of the church as a kingdom (Matthew 16:16-20). It is only natural that the good king be with his subjects, as Christ is with us today. Is it not good just to be together, to join one another in doing what we do on this Lord’s Day?

It is a day of meditation, prayer, praise. The joy of worship is never more significant than when the saints come together on the Lord’s Day. On this day we take time to meditate (Psalm 1:2), to reflect on His goodness and grace, to stand in awe of His mercy. On this day we sing praises to His majestic name and praise Him for His Son. On this day we pray together, being of the same mind and having our hearts locked together in our devotion to and reverence for Him. On this day we praise Him for His Son, for the sacrifice He made, for the willingness to give Himself for us that He might “sanctify and cleanse us,” and “present it to Himself a glorious church” (Ephesians 5:26-27). And the fact that we do it all together greatly enhances our enjoyment of it.

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It is a day to remember. God dedicated a special day for us to remember the Lord Jesus Christ until He comes again. It is a day to recall His incarnation, His perfect life, His resurrection from the dead. It is a day to reflect on the miracles He did (John 3:1-5). It is a day to remember His sacrifice, the fact that “while we were yet sinners, Christ died for the ungodly” (Ephesians 2:5). Our Father has consecrated a special supper to make sure we have the opportunity to remember His death on our behalf. It is a supper made for the Lord’s Day and the Lord’s Day is made for the supper of the Lord (Acts 20:7). It gives us special privileges no one else has; it is reserved for His people on His day. And what a joy that we eat the bread to remember his body and drink the fruit of the vine to remember His shed blood together!

It is a day for rejuvenation. The Lord’s Day is much like an oasis in the midst of a parched desert. It gives us a respite from the fiercely fast activities of the week, a rest from the pressures of the secular world, a time to refresh our spirits and invigorate our spiritual beings. We sing songs and that stimulates us to greater service. Our prayers together cause us to reflect on the true meaning of life and rededicate ourselves to the things that really matter. Our participation in the Lord’s Supper makes us aware that Heaven is the important point of focus, not these earthly things. And our listening to the word of God discussed serves to expose our needs, to give us motive to make a stronger fight against our secularized society, to make sure we are headed in the right direction. And what a joy that all that is done together, with all of us being a part.

It is a time to draw sustenance from one another. We “rejoice with those that rejoice” and we “weep with those that weep” on the Lord’s Day (1 Corinthians 12:26). We learn from one another. We pray with and for one another. We recommend the higher life to one another. We warn of the common foe, and rejoice in our common salvation.

Yes, the Lord’s Day is a *one another day*. Is it

not good to be together today? Even those of us who are gone today will be with you in spirit, because *we belong together*.

~via *Southside Sunday*, Pasadena, Texas.

News & Notes

THE SICK: *Isabella Hammond* is back at home and was able to be at Bible study Wednesday night... *Rodney McCrary’s mother, Nadine McCrary*, is in the Huntsville Hospital in the ICU following her recent surgery... *Jerry Dickey’s father, David Dickey*, continues in the ECM hospital in Florence... *Tisha Thomas’ mother, Shelia Johnson*, was able to come home this week after a lengthy stay at Vanderbilt hospital. She still has treatments that she will undergo... *Angie McCrary’s mother, Edna Shook*, came home from the rehabilitation on Thursday ... *Melissa Parker* was sick on Wednesday and not able to be out ... *Jimmie & Mary Lovell* have been sick this past week and unable to be at services... *John & Virginia Lovell* have been sick and not able to be out... *Scottie Goode* was sick and not able to be at Bible study Wednesday night... *Larry Johnson* is sick at home and not able to be out... *Freda McConnell’s sister, Leta Zadigan*, has been diagnosed with cancer... *My aunt, Martha Morris*, continues to undergo chemo treatments ... *Myrtie Williams* is at home not able to be out... *Mattie Blanche Word* continues at home ... *Judy Williams’ mother, Flossie Kazzaire*, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette... *Monroe Pressnell’s aunt, Mildred Pressnell*, continues at home ... *Tisha Thomas’ grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: Tonight will be the time for communication group three to meet. If you are in group three remember to

meet with your group this evening.

ELDERS MEETING: The elders will be meeting this afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

OUT OF TOWN: *Rick Harris* has been in Michigan this past week visiting with his daughter... **The Cooks:** *Dennis, Angie, Will and Peyton* are out of town this weekend.

ANDERSON COMMUNICATOR: there is a copy of *The Anderson Communicator* on the table in the vestibule. Please pick up a copy today.

SONG SERVICE: Tonight at 6:00 will be the time for our regularly scheduled song service. *Daniel Clemmons* will be directing the service. I hope that everyone will be making their plans to be present.

NEW DIRECTORIES: The new directories are still on the table in the vestibule. If you have not done so, be sure to get a copy today.

THE RECORD: *For the week of January 8th*

Sunday:

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Morning Worship 105
Evening Worship 85

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 92



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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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