

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, July 9th

Bible Classes

Song Leader
..... Phil Pressnell
Bible Reading
..... No Reading
Prayer
..... Aric Butler

Morning Worship

Song Leader
..... Phil Pressnell
Prayer
..... Jimmy Glass
Lord's Supper
Presiding Larry White
Assisting Brian Word
Serving Ethan Pressnell
..... Mark McCrary
..... Trent Thornton
..... Jason White
Closing Prayer
..... Claus Martel

Evening Worship

Song Leader
..... Ronnie Phillips
Bible Reading
..... No Reading
Prayer
..... Brad Hammond
Lord's Supper
..... Larry White
..... Brian Word
Closing Prayer
..... Andrew Gatlin

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***Beginning Tomorrow, A Study of
"King of Kings"***

Vacation Bible School

July 10-14 – 10:00 a.m.

There will be classes for ages:
Nursery through Adult.

Adult Class Speaker

Harold Comer

Sunday, July 9th

9:45 a.m.; 10:45 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Harold Comer, Speaking

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The Perspective of Trust

Dan Chaney

Isn't it amazing how two people can view the same situation and see it completely different? What that suggests is that our biases and beliefs influence the way we see things. It's the age-old question of whether the glass is half empty or half full.

Read the story of Joshua and Caleb in Numbers 13-14. The Lord commanded Moses to send spies into Canaan; that group included Joshua and Caleb. They were to bring back information concerning the condition of the land, its fruit and its people.

All the spies agreed on what they saw; the land flowed with milk and honey as suggested and the people were strong and of great size. Joshua and Caleb were different from the others because they saw that the land could be entered. Caleb said, "We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we shall surely overcome it" (Numbers 13:30). The other spies disagreed. They gave a bad report, saying that they would not be able to enter the land.

Upon hearing their report the people rebelled. Even after Joshua and Caleb reassured them of the land's goodness and God's willingness to give it to them, the people were still unwilling to enter the land. They even suggested stoning Moses and the others.

These people were a stone's throw away from the land God had promised to them. They missed their opportunity and privilege of entering into it. Why? They were unable to trust in God as they should have. After God pronounced their punishment, some tried to enter the land on their own. Without God as their help they were slaughtered by the Amalekites and Canaanites.

The other spies saw the same thing as Joshua

and Caleb; so why the difference in their actions? Joshua and Caleb trusted in the Lord and His willingness to aid them. They remembered God and His faithfulness to deliver what He promised. They were not afraid to put all of their hope and trust into God's hands.

The other spies failed to do that. They let their own thoughts and opinions cloud their perspectives and eventually paid the price for their lack of trust. "Even those men who brought out the very bad report of the land died by a plague before the Lord" (Numbers 14:37).

Our perspectives are clouded by biases, opinions, and beliefs. The other spies didn't really see the same thing as Joshua and Caleb. They didn't see that they should trust in God, and they left God out of their evaluation of the situation. How you perceive your need to trust in the Lord will affect the way you serve Him. If we don't have a true understanding of our need to trust, we'll be in the same situation as these people -- we will not trust God as we should, and we will fail in our service to Him.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

-via *Mining The Scriptures*; Madison, Alabama



One By One

Phillip Mullins

Answer: Because Jesus is Lord and I am committed to follow Him.

Questions: Why is the church important? Why is my work in the church important? Why does it matter what work the church does and how it does it?

At the onset of this study about the church, consider how that one's personal belief in Jesus and commitment to Him is at the heart of one's relationship to the church.

We Are Individually Saved

Christ has always saved people one at a time. "...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). Whether it was the three thousand on Pentecost or Saul in Damascus, the conversions of the book of Acts were personal. Each individual made his or her own decision. That decision had to do with their attitude toward Jesus. Peter told the Jews on Pentecost to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38). He proclaimed boldly that there was no other name under heaven by which people were to be saved (Acts 4:12). It was the identity of Jesus the treasurer of Ethiopia had to confront (Acts 8:32-37). Paul worked diligently in the synagogue in Thessalonica to prove to his audience that Jesus was the Christ (Acts 17:3). Becoming a Christian is first and foremost a decision to believe in and follow Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

We Individually And Collectively Serve

Since being a Christian is first a matter between an individual and Christ, so much of our service to the Lord has to do with individual activity. The epistles demonstrate this by their practical commands about being a husband, wife, father, mother, employer, employee, neighbor, etc. (Ephesians 4-6 and Colossians 3-4).

However, we are not islands as Christians. Our service to Christ involves a connection to other believers. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). In this example of the first converts, the local church is part of their service to Christ immediately after their salvation. Not only were they added to the universal body of believers when converted, these first disciples also banded together, worshipped together, and

worked together as a local body. The church is necessary for every believer to mature properly in Christ and to carry out his or her service to Him (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Always Remember Whom You Are Serving

It is our relationship with Christ that provides the backdrop to everything we do concerning the church. It is because of our great love for Christ that we love the body of people for whom He died. It is because of our commitment to serve Christ that we work diligently in His church. It is because of our respect for Him as the head that we see to it that the church does the work that the church is commanded to do in the New Testament. It is because of our trust in His wisdom that we do the work in the same manner in which it was done in the New Testament. It is certainly wrong to "teach the man, not the plan". To ignore the plan is to dishonor the Man Christ Jesus who gave it. Yet, we must keep in mind that the reason the plan is so important is because Christ gave it.

If we can remember that our loyalty to the King is the motivation behind our service in the kingdom, it will give us a better perspective on our relationship to the church. Some people's faith is rocked when problems arise in the local church. Yet, if our faith is in Christ, then what happens among His people does not have to destroy our confidence. Our confidence should be in Christ, not His people. Followers of Christ are not always what they ought to be, but Christ is. We should work to please Christ, not people. We come into the church one by one because we believe in Jesus and we want to serve Him. It is that belief and commitment that will motivate us to labor diligently among His people. It is that loyalty to Christ that will cause us to faithfully follow His plan for the church.

- via *Messages*; Kingsport, Tennessee.

**Remember Our Service
This Afternoon At 4:00**

News & Notes

THE SICK: *Jamie Mosley's father, Andy McConnell*, is to have heart by-pass surgery on Monday at Huntsville Hospital...*Steve Parker's mother, Sharon Parker*, is in the ECM hospital in Florence in CCU...*Ray Tucker* had to have surgery on Friday to resituate the defibulator...*Jack Tucker* is not able to be out as much as he would like...*Larry Johnson* is confined home...*Claus Martel's father, Gene Martel*, is doing better this week...*Jeremy Pounders' mother, Judy Pounders*, is still awaiting tests soon...*Freda McConnell's sister, Leta Zadigan*, has ended her cancer treatments...*Myrtie Williams* is at home and unable to be out...*Mattie Blanche Word* continues 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.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Weathers: C. L. and Margaret* were out oof town last week, b ut were back home on Wednesday...*Jeremy Pounders* is in Gainesville, Georgia this week.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: *Jonathan and Lawinda Keenon* have expressed their desire to be a part of the work here. We want to extend a warm welcome to them

BAPTISM: We rejoiced also Sunday morning when *Tyler Cox* came forwarded and expressed his desire to be baptized into Christ. I appreciate the courage and desire Tyler demonstrated. We are blessed to have young people with good hearts. May the Lord bless Tyler with many years to serve Him.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for week of July 2nd*

Sunday: Bible Classes 103
 Morning Worship 116
 Evening Worship 78
Wednesday: Bible Classes 88

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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