

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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..... Jim Phillips
Bible Reading (Lev. 27:26-34)
..... Rodney McCrary
Prayer
..... Jerry Dickey

Morning Worship

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Prayer
..... Eddie J. Hammond
Lord's Supper
Presiding Larry White
Assisting Brian Word
Serving Trent Thornton
..... Ethan Pressnell
..... Tyler Cox
..... Michael Word
Closing Prayer
..... Brian Blakely

Evening Worship

Song Leader
..... Eddie J. Hammond
Bible Reading (Num. 1:1-16)
..... Eddie L. Hammond
Prayer
..... Rocky Rose
Lord's Supper
..... Larry White
..... Brian Word
Closing Prayer
..... Ronnie Phillips

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How Were The Corinthians Saved?

David A. Cox

In 1 Corinthians 15:1-2 Paul wrote to the church at Corinth saying, *"Moreover brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved..."* Paul by the inspiration of God speaks of the Corinthians being saved. By looking at how the Corinthians were saved, it answers the question concerning what we must do to be saved.

When Paul first came to Corinth, what did he preach and what was done in order that the Corinthians were saved? In Acts 18 is where Paul first comes to the city of Corinth. Paul came to Corinth and "testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ" (Acts 18:5). What this involved is answered by Paul in his letter to the church at Corinth.

1. It involved his preaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2).
2. It included the preaching to convict men that Jesus was the Christ "according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
3. It convicted men of their sins and caused them to repent and change from the former sinful life to a life that the Lord requires (1 Corinthians 6:11).

Luke in the historical account in Acts concerning the conversion of the Corinthians says, *"Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized"* (Acts 18:8). Again we see three things involved on the part of the people of Corinth.

1. They heard the word that Paul preached, the gospel.
2. They believed that Paul was indeed preaching the truth of the gospel.

3. Based on their hearing and conviction of the truth that Paul had taught them, they were baptized in obedience to the preaching of the gospel in order to wash away their sins so that they would be cleansed from their sin, sanctified and justified.

The Corinthians were saved as they heard and believed the gospel preached and were obedient to the Lord. In doing so they were cleansed, sanctified and justified and we can do the same too. The plan of God is simple and is open to all willing to receive it.



Breaking Bad Habitats

Brent Moody

In the dictionary, the word habit is followed by words like habitat, habitation, habitual, and habitude. These all stem from the same Latin word *habere*. Our word habit comes directly from the word *habere* which means, “to hold, possess, have, and handle.” The Latin word *habitere*, which is a derivative of *habere*, means “to dwell.” It is from that word that we get our English word *habitat*.

It is not surprising that these words are so closely related. What we hold, possess, have, and handle is directly influenced by where we live. In other words, our habits are, often, a direct result of our *habitat*.

The American Heritage College Dictionary defines *habitat* in the following way: “The place in which a person or thing is most likely to be found.” Think for just a second about these two questions: First, where is it that you are likely to

be found? Second, does that have any impact on the habits you have developed?

Paul had this idea in mind when he said, “Do not be deceived: ‘Evil company corrupts good habits.’” (1 Corinthians 15:33). If you are likely to be found with “evil company,” you will likely develop evil habits. The environment you put yourself in will have a profound impact on the way you live.

Although we have some level of control over our environment, we are not always able to choose our surroundings. Our most influential habitat, in my opinion, is the home. Unfortunately, we have no control over the home we are born into. Sadly, many children are heading in the wrong direction because of the influences found in their home. Home life has a major impact on the rest of our lives. Therefore, there is great need for positive influences in the home. It is from the home that we develop many of our habits.

Shortly after being married, my eyes were opened to the fact that I had developed many habits while living in my parents home; for example, my family never put ketchup in the refrigerator, Katie’s family did; my family never put the dish drainer in the sink, Katie’s family did. At first, those little habits were hard to break, and some of them still are. She or I will say, “that is not how my family did it.” I believe this problem is a common one. Most families have a way that they do things. They form habits.

If the home is so influential with little things like where the ketchup goes and where to put the dish drainer, imagine what kind of impact it has on a family when they sing hymns, read the Bible, and pray together regularly. That will, without a doubt, have an impact on each member of the family. Conversely, imagine the impact on a family when all things spiritual are ignored in the home.

We must come to realize that the environment present in the home will produce habits in its inhabitants. The home should be a place that is conducive for developing good, godly habits. Establish a godly home and good habits will,

most likely, be formed by those dwelling within its walls. Hopefully, your godly habits will be passed along to your children and grandchildren. Your influence might cause this cycle to continue for generation after generation. If you are not careful, your influence might lead your family away from God. With that in mind, how would you describe the condition of your home? Remember, godly habits are formed within godly homes.

-via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.



Love Does Not Fear

Phil Robertson

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love” (1 John 4:18)

Does the thought of Judgment scare you? Are you ready to stand before the Lord knowing He knows all about you? Are you ready to see and hear all your actions and thoughts revealed as evidence in a perfect court of law?

John said we should not be afraid, in fact we should stand before Him with “boldness” (1 John 4:17). 1 John 4 tells us why we are confident in the court that will determine our eternal destiny?

1. Jesus is the “propitiation for our sins” (vs.10).
2. God loved us first (vs 10, 19).
3. We confess that Jesus is the Son of God with our lives (vs 15).
4. When we love others, especially our brethren, we fulfill the love of God (vs 12-13).

Fear is not always bad. If it brings us back to God and leads us to confession, then it is a

good thing. However, after we have returned to the Lord we need to appreciate His infinite love and seek to love others as He loves us. Rather than run from Him in fear, we should bow before Him in thanksgiving knowing that He who hears our prayers is also He who loves us and yearns to calm our fears (vs 4-6).

If you are living in fear, He’s waiting. Repent and return to Him (Acts 2:36-38). Once you have done that, love Him back, by loving your brethren! (vs 20-21).

-via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.

News and Notes

THE SICK: *Leota Springer’s husband, Bob Springer*, is back in the Veteran’s Hospital in Birmingham ... *Amber Hammond* was sick this past week and was unable to be at services ... *Lawinda Keenon* has been sick this past week and has not been able to be at services ... *Ava Mosley* was sick and unable to be at Bible study Wednesday night ... *Taylor Mosley* is sick this weekend ... *Janice Moody* was able to be at Bible study Wednesday night after being sick over the weekend ... *Brooke Blakely* was sick and unable to be at Bible study Wednesday night ... *Signa Skipworth & C.L. Weathers’ cousin, Hilda Fincher*, suffered a stroke last week and is in the ECM hospital ... *Myrtie Williams* is at home and not able to be out ... *Jack Tucker* is not able to be out ... *Judy Williams’ mother, Flossie Kazzaire*, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Wynell Ridgeway and Leota Springer and all the family* in the passing of Wynell and Leota’s nephew, *Jeremiah Johnson*. His funeral was Saturday afternoon.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Dickeys:* Jerry, Charlotte, Justin and Brandon have been out of town this past week.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: Remember the children's Bible drill will be this evening at 5:30. I hope that all of our children will be there and as many adults who can be there to encourage our young people.

SONG SERVICE: Tonight is the night for our song service. *Eddie J. Hammond* will be directing the service. I hope everyone will make their plans to be present.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: Tonight is the night for Communication Group four to meet. If you are in group four remember to meet with your group tonight.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Underwood Heights church* in Florence will be engaged in a gospel meeting this week with *Ron Daly* preaching. Services will begin on Monday through Friday at 7:00 p.m....The *Capshaw church* in Limestone county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Tim Sutton* will be the speaker in this meeting ...The *Beulah church* in Limestone county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Bill Hall* will be the speaker through Tuesday evening and *Phillip Owens* will be the speaker Wednesday through Friday.

THE RECORD: Attendance—Week of Apr. 15th
Sunday:

Bible Classes 103
Morning Worship 109
Evening Worship 86

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 83



Remember Our Bible Class Periods

Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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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