

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 Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 21st:

Bible Classes

Song Leader
..... Ronnie Phillips
Bible Reading (Num. 18:20-32)
..... Rodney McCrary
Prayer
..... Michael Clemmons

Morning Worship

Song Leader
..... Ronnie Phillips
Prayer
..... Ray Tucker
Lord's Supper
Presiding Andrew Gatlin
Assisting Mark McIntyre
Serving Corey Goode
..... Aric Butler
..... Ethan Pressnell
..... Daniel Clemmons
Closing Prayer
..... Rocky Rose

Evening Worship

Song Leader
..... Jerry Dickey
Bible Reading (Num. 19:1-10)
..... Jonathan Keenon
Prayer
..... Scottie Goode
Lord's Supper
..... Andrew Gatlin
..... Mark McIntyre
Closing Prayer
..... Brian Word

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Do You Know Him?

Dale Smelser

Bob Owen came across a tape of an eloquent black preacher as he spoke about Jesus as our King. It's expression was so colorful, and the breadth and scope of the thought so wonderful, Bob read it as a part of his lecture, Jesus is the Answer, at Florida College. Afterward I asked how I might get a copy. He pulled it from his notes and handed it to me. So here is a magnificent statement. Read and ponder all of it. Try reading it out loud.

The Bible says my King is a seven way king. He's the King of the Jews, the King of Israel. He's the King of righteousness. He's that King of the ages. He's the King of heaven. He's the King of glory. He's the King of kings, the Lord of Lords. He's my King. Well, I wonder, do you know him?

David said the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmaments show his handiwork. My King is a sovereign king. No means of measure can define His limitless love. No far seeing telescope can bring into visibility the coastline of His shoreless supply. No barrier can hinder Him from pouring out His blessings. He's enduringly strong, He's entirely sincere, He's eternally steadfast, He's immortally graceful, He's imperially powerful, He's impartially merciful. Do you know Him?

He's the greatest phenomenon that has ever crossed the horizon of this world. He's God's son, He's a sinner's savior, He's the centerpiece of civilization, He stands in the solitude of Himself, He's august and He's unique. He's unparalleled, He's unprecedented. He is the loftiest idea in literature, He's the highest personality in philosophy, He is the supreme problem for higher criticism, He's the fundamental doctrine of true theology. He is the essence of necessity for spiritual religion. He's the miracle of the age. Yes he is. He is the superlative of everything good that you

choose to call him. He's the only one qualified to be an all sufficient savior. I wonder if you know Him today?

He supplies strength for the weak. He's available for the tempted and the tried, He sympathizes and He saves. He's present and sustains, He guards and He guides, He heals the sick, He cleansed the lepers, He forgives sinners, He discharges debtors, He delivers the captives, He defends the people, He blesses the young, He serves the unfortunate, He regards the aged and He rewards the diligent and He beautifies the meager. I wonder if you know Him?

Well, this is my King. He is a King. He is the key to knowledge. He's a well spring of wisdom, He's the doorway of deliverance, He's a pathway of peace, He's the roadway to righteousness, He's a highway of holiness, He's a gateway of glory. Do you know Him?

Well, His office is manifold, His promise is sure, His life is matchless, His goodness is limitless, His mercy is everlasting, His love never changes, His word is enough, His grace is sufficient, His reign is righteous and His yoke is easy and His burden is light. I wish I could describe him to you but he is indescribable. Yes, Yes, Yes. He's indescribable. He's incomprehensible, He's invincible, He's irresistible. Well you can't get Him out of your mind. You can't get him off of your hands, you can't outlive Him, and you can't live without Him. Well the Pharisees couldn't stand Him but they found out they couldn't stop Him. Pilate couldn't find any fault in Him. Death couldn't handle Him and the grave couldn't hold Him. Yes! That's my king. That's my king. And thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever and ever and ever. How long is that? And ever and ever, and when you get to all of the forevers, then Amen. Good God almighty, Amen. Amen.

-via *News & Noess*; Wldercroft, Maryland.

Remember Our Bible Class Periods

Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Self Improvement

Bubba Garner

Christianity is all about growing. There is no potion in the waters of baptism that magically transforms a babe in Christ into a spiritual adult. You don't come by it automatically, either; it requires diligence, devotion, and dedication. For those who wish to be "partakers of the divine nature", Peter calls for an unparalleled commitment to growth and development. In other words, you're going to have to undergo a complete character renovation.

"Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love" (2 Peter 1:5-7). This is not the Lord's idea of a cafeteria buffet where you pick and choose which qualities will be yours. Much like the beatitudes, you either have them all or you have none of them. And in order to make your calling and election sure, you must, "applying all diligence", seek every opportunity to grow in these areas.

Add on to your faith. Everything else is added or supplied to faith because it is the fundamental building block; "without faith it is impossible to please Him" (Hebrews 11:6). Faith that God is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him is the foundation and root of the Christian's character. If the other qualities are not done in faith, they are not done at all.

But that is just the starting place, not the finish line. Our faith must have virtue or moral excellence, an energy that moves our conviction into action, our belief into practice. The Lord "demonstrates His own love toward us" (Romans 5:8), and He expects similar proofs of affection from those who love Him, for adding

virtue to faith is the only way to make it grow.

Moral excellence is incomplete without moral wisdom or knowledge. Doesn't it seem logical that the more we know about Him, the stronger our conviction will be? His word equips us with "all things pertaining to life and godliness" and is sufficient to satisfy our every need. As our knowledge and understanding multiplies, our faith and virtue can only increase.

Hold on to your hope. The writer of Hebrews tells us that "faith is the substance of things hoped for" or that faith is what stands under our hope. Self control literally means "holding yourself in" and speaks to the discipline and the ability to control your mind and your body. Knowledge of the word of God furnishes us with a self government that allows our appetites to be fulfilled only when they are done so in the Lord. Hold on to your hope by holding on to your throttle.

Faith-built hope makes perseverance easier. Not easy, just easier. Perseverance is rendered patience in some versions and comes from the verb that means "to wait." Our failures of the past and difficulties of the present are made bearable only because of our bright anticipation of the future. Hold on just a little longer. It's worth the wait.

The hope of seeing God is made real as we become more like Him. Godliness is the deep desire of the son to have more of his Father in him. Growth is evident when we are no longer fashioned according to the world but conformed into the image of the Son. And such we are when we have clothed ourselves with righteousness, holiness, and godliness.

Keep on in your love. It is no accident or coincidence that Peter's formula for growth culminates in love. What else can stem from godliness but love? In particular, brotherly kindness, or a common affection that is reserved for our spiritual family. That means you love the brethren who are unloved, unlovable, and undeserving of love. Whoever is unwilling to demon-

strate such brotherly kindness has neither godliness nor God. But He who truly loves the Father will prove to be lovers of His children. All of them. Remember, one of the ways in which people recognize our relationship with the Master is our relationship with one another.

Our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ is crowned with our love for our brothers and sisters in the human race. What greater service can we perform for our fellow man than to have a genuine concern for his soul and show him the way to the Savior? That's the kind of love for the keeping.

It is not enough to just say that you possess these qualities; they must be "yours" and "increasing" (2 Peter 1:8). We can always add a little more self control, a little more virtue, and a lot more brotherly kindness. Those who continue to add on and hold on and keep will obtain a character according to His likeness and, in the end, the salvation of their soul. What greater motivation do you need?

—via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.

News & Notes

THE SICK: *Wynell Ridgeway* has been sick and not able to be at services, but is now doing better ... *Ashley Goode's step-father, Thomas McCoy*, continues in the Huntsville hospital ... *Laura Clemmons* was sick and has not been able to be at Bible study Wednesday night ... *Myrtie Williams* continues in Glenwood Convalescent Center in Florence ... *Signa Skipworth, Catherine Parker & C.L. Weath-*

ers' cousin, *Hilda Fincher*, is now at her home... *Jack & Onzell Tucker* are confined at home ...*Judy Williams' mother, Flossie Kazzaire*, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Meeks Street church* in Corinth, Mississippi is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:30 p.m.. *Leon Mauldin* will be the speaker in this meeting ... The *Eastside church* in Red Bay is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with services at 7:00 p.m.. *Frank Richey* will be the speaker in this meeting...The *Hollings' Gin church* near Ardmore is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. Services will be Monday through Wednesday evenings at 7:00.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: This afternoon at 5:30 will be time for the children's bible drill. I hope that all of our children will be here and that many adults will come and encourage our young boys as they lead singing.

OUT OF TOWN: *Jerry Best* is on away on vacation ... *The Words: Brian, Lisa, Corey and Olivia* have been in Florida this past week... *The Crunks: Steven, Erica and Carson* are out of town on vacation... *Cori Williams* has been out of town this week with her work.

THE RECORD: Attendance—Week of Oct. 14th
Sunday:

Bible Classes 96
Morning Worship 111
Evening Worship 86

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 82



Remember our regular scheduled song service will be this evening at 6:00. Jerry Dickey will be directing the service. I hope all of us will make our plans to attend as we teach and admonish one another in, hymns and spiritual songs.

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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