

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, October 5th

Bible Classes

Song Leader
..... Ronnie Phillips
Bible Reading (Psalm 135)
..... Phil Pressnell
Prayer
..... Aric Butler

Morning Worship

Song Leader
..... Ronnie Phillips
Prayer
..... Michael Clemmons
Presiding Monroe Pressnell
Serving Curtis Mosley
..... Ethan Pressnell
..... Jim Phillips
Closing Prayer
..... Brian Word

Evening Worship

Song Leader
..... Daniel Clemmons
Bible Reading (Psalm 136)
..... Rocky Rose
Prayer
..... Jimmy Glass
Lord's Supper
..... Monroe Pressnell
Closing Prayer
..... Jerry Dickey

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Strength To Say "No"

David A. Cox

Paul wrote, *"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world"* (Titus 2:12-14).

In our day and age people have a real problem saying, "no." In the early 1980s Nancy Reagan, First Lady of the United States, learning the prevalence of drug and alcohol abuse launched a campaign called, "Just Say No." The problem of not saying "no" is perpetuated by parents when they raise their children and do not teach them what "No" means. The fact is and the scriptures teach that there are times when we must say "No". In "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts" (Titus 2:12), each of us must be able to say "no" in order to be pleasing to God.

Denying Ungodliness and Worldly Lusts

It is a foolish person who gives his life over to the things of the world and its lusts. God's grace will save man, but it will only do so if we learn to say "no" to sin. In Romans 6:1 Paul asks, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" He then answers his own question in verse 2, "God forbid." Paul stresses to the Romans that we must say no to sin. Paul writing to the Corinthians said, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor effeminate, nor abuses of themselves with mankind, nor thieves nor covetous nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Notice that the unrighteous (ungodly) will not be saved. Why? Because they failed to say "no" to the various sins that are listed by Paul. The grace of God brings salvation to all men, but only those that live according to the teaching of God's will and

say “no” to evil.

How Can We Have Strength To Say “No” ?

The strength to say “no” to the lusts of the world is found in the attitude of living “soberly, righteously and godly” (Titus 2:12). To live soberly means to live a self-controlled. Righteously means to live upright which will cause our lives to be godly. Focusing on the eternal things and not the temporary. Strength in our lives comes when we give ourselves to things that cause our faith to be strong. Reading, studying, and meditating upon the word of God. Praying for wisdom and strength to face the things of life.

The grace of God has come to man that all can be saved, but do not think that means all will be saved. The rich man in Luke 12:16-21 lived his life for himself. We must understand that God gave His Son so that we might be saved and that we must give our lives to righteousness and godliness if we are to be saved. Therefore, let us live our lives recognizing that what we do and how we live will determine where we will spend our eternity.



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On The Site You Will Find:

1. Information about the church at Anderson
2. The *Gospel Power* in .pdf format uploaded each Sunday.
3. Sermons preached at Anderson in Real Audio.
4. The sermons preached in our recent meeting with Jeff May.

Please Visit Our Site Regularly.

Family Happiness

Gary N. Patton

For a family to enjoy happiness in its relationship, it must have a deep respect for God’s plan for the home.

Happiness in the family begins with a proper relationship between husband and wife. This relationship must be based upon the principles revealed in Ephesians 5:22-23. This passage first indicates that there must be a standard of authority to be followed. Just as Christ is the head of the church, the husband is to be head of the wife, and therefore, the head of the family. This is not to be a relationship of cruel dominance by the husband or jealousy for not having more authority by the wife, but a relationship where the wife is respectful and loving in this subjection to her husband. The husband is told that he must love and cherish her, even to the point of giving his life for her. When God’s plan is followed, happiness can be found in the family relationship that only God can give.

Most families are blessed with children and as they mature, once again God’s plan needs to be followed by all concerned — whether it is the parent or child. A feeling often heard expressed by young people is, “I can’t seem to be able to please my parents.” This is a genuine problem in the minds of many young people. Sometimes it is the fault of the parents because of a failure to fulfill their true responsibility to the children. Accomplishments go unnoticed, expressions of love and care go unspoken, always correcting, never praising. We as parents have a great two-fold responsibility in rearing our children. First, we are to “provoke not your children to wrath” and secondly, “bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” The idea conveyed in the words translated “provoke not” carries with it the idea not to break the spirit, or destroy one’s will or desire. Parents must correct and punish, but it must be done in love. It must be done

according to God's way.

Sometimes the problem of not being able to please one's parents is the fault of young people and not the parents. The important question a young person must find an answer to in order to please his parents is, "What makes one pleasing in the sight of his parents?" To find the answer to this question, we must go to the foundation of all truth — the Bible. In Ephesians 6:1 we read, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord." The truth expressed here is that obedience is a must. Joseph was an obedient son and was loved by his father, Jacob. David was obedient to his father, thus demonstrating a trait that brings love from parents. Jesus as a child was obedient to His parents in that He respected the authority of His earthly parents as well as that of His Heavenly Father. The proper motivation for obedience is respect for authority. If young people will demonstrate proper respect for authority by obeying their parents without arguing and complaining, and if that respect for parental authority is exercised when they are out of sight of their parents, then great joy is the heart of a parent. The way to truly please one's parents is to show respect for authority in the home, at school, to the government, and most importantly, true respect for the authority of God's and His word

One's respect for authority is shown in whether or not obedience is present. Obey God, obey parents, "obey them that rule over you," as long as it doesn't conflict with God's law, and your family life will be happier and everybody will be a lot easier to get along with.

-via *Stonegate Standard*, Port Arthur, Texas.



Remember Our Bible Class Periods

Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

News & Notes

THE SICK: *Jerry Dickey's father, David Dickey*, had surgery this past Monday in Florence and continues in the ECM hospital... *Valerie Stewart* had surgery this past Thursday in Columbia... *Claus Martel* had some tests done this week and is still awaiting the results ... *Mandy Griffen* has been sick and unable to be at services... *Jean Ray* has been sick and unable to be at services ... *Hubert Goode* continues at home ... *Myrtie Williams* continues at home... *Eddie Hammond's cousin, Ricky Davis*, is continuing his treatments for his cancer ... Remember *Mattie Blanche Word* continues at home ... *Marcia Cooper's and Brian Word's uncle, Paul McCafferty* who is at the SunBridge Nursing Home in Lawrenceburg ... *James McConnell's mother, Della Mae McConnell*, continues at home... *Jerry Best's nephew, Shannon Johnson*, continues at home ... *Faye Hammond* continues at home ... *Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, who is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski ... *Freda McConnell's father, Alton Wray*, who is at home... *Janice Glass' grandmother, Emma Ray*, who is staying with family.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Rodney McCrary and all the family*, in the passing of Rodney's uncle, *Elmer Adams*, this past Tuesday. His funeral was Saturday afternoon.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Mosleys: Curtis, Jamie and Taylor* are away this weekend in the mountains to attend a wedding.

OUR MEETING: This past week *Jeff May* was with us in our fall meeting. Jeff did his work well and I appreciate him being with us. Also, I appreciate those who lead the singing during the meeting: *Jim Phillips, Mark McIntyre, Ronnie Phillips, Phil Pressnell and Brian Word*. They all did a very good job in directing us as we lifted our voices in praise to God.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: Tonight is

the night for communication group one to meet following our evening service. If you are in group one plan to meet this evening

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Northside church* in Lexington is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with services Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. *Mark White* will be the speaker in this meeting...The *River Bend church* in western Lauderdale county is beginning a meeting today with *Bobby Graham* preaching. The meeting will continue through Friday with services each evening at 7:00...The *Sardis Springs church* in Athens is beginning a meeting today with *Sewell Hall* preaching. They will have a singing at 2:00 this afternoon followed by a service at 3:30. Services Monday through Friday will be at 7:00 p.m....The *First Street church* in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. *John Isaac Edwards* will be the speaker...The *Valley View church* in Limestone county with *Bill Hall* preaching. The meeting will continue through Wednesday with services at 7:00p.m....The *Piney Grove church*, south of Tusculumbia, is beginning a meeting today and continuing through Wednesday. with services at 7:00 p.m. *Rufus Clifford, III* will be the speaker...The *Posey church* in Franklin county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with services at 7:30 p.m. *Eddie Caskey* will be the speaker...The *Carriger church* in Limestone county will begin a meeting on Friday of this week and it will continue through next Sunday. *Ken Marrs* of Fultondale, Alabama will be the speaker in this meeting.

THE RECORD: *Average For September 2003*

Sunday:

Bible Classes 95
 Morning Worship 117
 Evening Worship 90

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 81

Remember Our Evening Service at 6:00.

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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