

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, July 4th

Bible Classes

Song Leader

..... Daniel Clemmons

Bible Reading (Isaiah 11:1-9)

..... Stephen Stewart

Prayer

..... M.Eddie Hammond

Morning Worship

Song Leader

..... Daniel Clemmons

Prayer

..... Jimmy Glass

Lord's Supper

Presiding Scottie Goode

Assisting Brian Word

Serving Andrew Gatlin

..... Mike Rogers

..... James McConnell

..... Curtis Mosley

Closing Prayer

..... Larry White

Evening Worship

Song Leader

..... Jim Phillips

Bible Reading (Isaiah 11:10-16)

..... Rodney McCrary

Prayer

..... Rocky Rose

Lord's Supper

..... Scottie Goode

..... Brian Word

Closing Prayer

..... Ronnie Phillips

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Come and Study "Profiles of Courage"

In Our

Vacation Bible School

July 12-16

Monday – Friday

10:00 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.

The Adult Class:

Day

Adult Class Speaker

Monday

Raymond Harville

Tuesday

Kasey Harbin

Wednesday

Larry Rouse

Thursday

Allen Dvorak

Friday

Eugene Britnell

There will be classes for ages Nursery through Adult.

Sunday, July 11

9:45 a.m.; 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Robby McPeak, Speaking

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Anderson, Alabama

Three In One

Bill Robinson, Jr.

“And he put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all” (Ephesians 1:22-23)

What makes the church in the New Testament distinct? This one passage gives three easy to distinguish marks of the church we read about in the New Testament. As you read this article please observe two things: 1) How simple the New Testament is to understand 2) Compare the three distinguishing marks to the denominations in existence today.

The New Testament teaches that Christ is the Head of “the church, which is His body.” Thus, this passage clearly states that Christ is the head. As you think about the analogy, comparing the church to a body, ask yourself how many heads does a body have? The answer is too easy to miss (at least, without some expert help). There is only **one** “*head over all things to the church, which is His body*” and that is Jesus Christ.

The New Testament teaches that Christ’s headship over the church is unique. Christ headship is unique because God “gave Him to be head over all things to the church” - it belongs exclusively to Christ. The New Testament admits of no other person, synod, council, convention, etc. receiving this unique position but Christ alone. “He is the head of the body, the church...” (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 5:23). Jesus is uniquely qualified to be the head over the church for only He can declare, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth” (Matthew 28: 18)

The New Testament teaches that the church is the one body. As the above passage clearly states, Christ is the head of the body If you think about the analogy again, ask yourself how many bodies does one head have? Again, we can only

answer one. Which body is that? Thus, the church, as the body of Christ, in the New Testament is distinct because there is only one, even as the apostle Paul wrote in several places. “There is one body...” (Ephesians 4:4; 1 Corinthians 12:12; Romans 12:5).

There are many more characteristics of the church we read about in the New Testament distinguishing it from denominationalism. Yet we must ask, how much more needs to be said before one can see the contradiction between denominationalism and the church we read about in the New Testament?

If Christ is the head, then it is not a matter of the body deciding by vote, personal likes or dislikes, or by some hierarchy what things they will follow or practice. For, if Christ alone has all authority and He alone is the head of the one body (church), then for that body to function properly it **must** follow the head. Consequently, since the one body belongs to Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27), to be a member of that body **only** must adhere and submit to His word (Ephesians 5:26; 1 Corinthians 12:13; John 12:48). For, the church in the New Testament is distinctly undenominational and exclusive of those who do not practice and teach what is found in the New Testament (Colossians 3:17). How could it be otherwise?

-via *Power Talk*; Lexington, Kentucky



Strangers

Don P. Hooton

Just the word makes most people shudder. Our children have been told not to talk to or ever go with them anywhere. Maybe you’ve taught your kids this lesson in our wicked world.

It's funny though. Christians are Strangers - really. When Peter wrote to Christians as they dealt with their wicked world, he called them resident aliens (1 Peter 1: 17; 2:11) and nonresident aliens (1:1; 2:11). The former word in Greek describes those who; "dwell beside others or live near others without the rights of citizenship." In the latter, the word describes those who "are temporarily staying beside others who live in the land."

Christians, when they become comfortable with Christ – never really feel at home in this world anymore. It should be more than just a song we sing. You see the world does not know us (1 John 3:1) and even Jesus said that "the world hates you ... because I have chosen you" John 15:18-19). Why would we feel at home with that? One man wrote, "The measure of our discord with the world is our measure of our accord with the Savior." And the Savior gave us something to get comfortable with Him. And that gift is His Word (John 17:14). So if you stand on the word, you'll find the world more and more uncomfortable. Sometimes I'm afraid that what some think our world is becoming more Christian are really Christians becoming worldlier. We can't have both.

So how comfortable is the world to you? Like a glove? Don't make this world your home. Make the godly life the common path for you and be happy being strangers.

-via *The Cornerstone*, Richmond, Virginia..



What Is Real Reason?

Phillip Mullins

"There is no God." The person who is usually heard making that statement almost always follows it up with one or more reasons why they think that way. They may claim that true science

denies the existence of God. They may cite some seemingly strong evidence in favor of the theory of evolution. They might even make an attack on the accuracy and reliability of the Bible.

Whatever the reasons may be, the one who disbelieves in God usually claims that his thinking is based on "science" or "logic." But what is the real reason for the unbelief of the unbeliever? Is it "scientific fact and logical reasoning" or something else?

Psalm 14:1 - "The fool has said in his heart. 'there is no God.' They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good." As we see in this verse, there is a certain lifestyle that accompanies disbelief in God. That lifestyle is totally at odds with the will of the Creator. If you really believe in a God, it makes it hard to ignore His will. However, if you have convinced yourself that there is no God then it makes it easy to live as you please.

So, why do so many people disbelieve in God? Because they don't want to be accountable to anyone but themselves, especially a Creator. They want to live their own way, they want to live in sin. Is your sinful lifestyle blinding you to the truth? Don't be foolish, open your eyes and your heart to God.

-via *Path*; Anderson, California.

News & Notes

THE SICK: *Angie McCrary's father, Buford Shook* had surgery to repair some an anyeresemn this past Tuesday in Huntsville. He has moved into a room...*Jerry Dickey's mother, Pat Dickey*, is now at home following her stay in the hospital ... *Helen Trousdale's sister, Margaret*

Neal Newton, is taking chemo treatments about every three weeks...**Myrtie Williams** continues to recover at home ...Remember **Mattie Blanche Word** continues at home ...**Kathy Smith's sister-in-law, Sue Gilliam**, is undergoing chemo and radiation treatments... **Marcia Cooper's and Brian Word's uncle, Paul McCafferty** is at the Countryside Nursing Home in Lawrenceburg ...**James McConnell's mother, Della Mae McConnell**, continues at home... **Jerry Best's nephew, Shannon Johnson**, continues at home ... **Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter**, is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski.

NEW BABY: We rejoice with **Curtis and Jamie Mosley** on the birth of their baby girl this past Friday morning. **Ava Renea** weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. Jamie and Ava should be released today from the hospital and will be at home with Ava's big sister, **Taylor**. We also want to congratulate **Roger and Cindy Mosely** on becoming grandparents again.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: Tonight will be the time for Communication Group one to meet following our evening service. If you are in group one remember to meet with your group this evening.

PREACHING TODAY: This morning my parents are visiting with us, and my father, **Cecil Cox** will be preaching this morning.

ANDERSON COMMUNICATOR: Be sure to pick-up your copy of the **The Anderson Communicator** today. They are in the vestibule on the table.

THE RECORD: Attendance the week of June 27th
Sunday:

Bible Classes 103
Morning Worship 119
Evening Worship 86

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 81

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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