

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, September 29th

Bible Classes

Song Leader

..... Brian Word

Bible Reading (Psalm 22:23-31)

..... Jerry Dickey

Prayer

..... Phil Pressnell

Morning Worship

Song Leader

..... Brian Word

Prayer

..... Ray Tucker

Lord's Supper/Collection

Presiding Scottie Goode

Serving Michael Clemmons

..... Phil Pressnell

..... Larry White

Closing Prayer

..... Larry White

Evening Worship

Song Leader

..... Mark McIntyre

Bible Reading

..... No Reading

Prayer

..... Rocky Rose

Lord's Supper

..... Scottie Goode

Closing Prayer

..... Jerry Best

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Beginning Today

Gospel Meeting

Sept. 29-Oct. 2

(Sunday – Wednesday)

Schedule of Services

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.; 10:45 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Monday – Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

Leon Mauldin, Speaker

Hanceville, Alabama

Anderson church of Christ

Highway 207 South
Anderson, Alabama

A Difference Between My People and Your People

Leon Mauldin

When God brought the ten plagues upon Egypt to cause Pharaoh to let Israel go, God's purpose was not to punish Israel, but to convince Egypt. Therefore, it is specifically pointed out in the record of some the plagues that they were intended for Egypt only, that Israel would not be the recipient of those plagues. When God through Moses warned Pharaoh of the coming plague of flies, He said, "I will make a difference between My people and your people" (Exodus 8:23, NKJV). God made a difference between those who were His people, and those who were not. Those who were His people received His mercy and blessings. Those who were not His people received punishment. There is a difference between those who are God's people, and those who are not. They are different both as to their present condition and future destiny.

Present Condition

Those who are God's people have "redemption through Christ's blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:7). God's people have "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). His people have been blessed "with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 1:3). Those who are not God's people are different. They are still in their sins, and in that condition are spiritually dead (1 Timothy 5:6). While in sin, one is "having no hope and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:11). Those who reject the opportunity to become children of God do not have the redemption, peace and spiritual blessings possessed by God's people.

Future Destiny

There is also a difference regarding future destiny. "For wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby. For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way that leadeth unto

life, and few are they that find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). God's people have the promise, "And he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes: and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain, any more" (Revelation 21:4). But these who reject God's message and invitation to man, there remains "a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fierceness of fire which shall devour the adversaries" (Hebrews 10:27).

May we assist you in your obedience to the Gospel, that you might become a child of God?

~via *Gospel Guide* Vol. 17 No. 2



God's End Product

Dan S. Shipley

Most everyone soon learns about the relationship between cause and effect, even if by another name. To the cook, for instance, it may be the relationship between the recipe and the pie. That special apple pie is the result (effect) of mixing certain ingredients in certain proportions and baking according to instructions. Only that recipe makes that pie. Even the most conscientious cook could not produce an apple pie by following a hushpuppy recipe – or, even by partly using the right recipe. Any alteration of the recipe necessarily alters the end product. The same is true with the seamstress who knows cause and effect as pattern and dress or with the builder who knows it as blueprint and house. They all well understand that personal preferences and optionals cannot be substituted for explicit instructions in making that pie, dress, or house. At least, we hope they understand it when we engage them to do work for us!

Accordingly, in the spiritual realm we see

cause and effect in the gospel and the Christian. This important and fundamental truth is set forth in the Bible under several different figures. First, in the parable of the sower (Luke 8), the seed is identified as the word of God (v. 11), which, when received into the honest and good heart, achieves its God-intended purpose. Only the pure word of God can produce that fruit-bearing child of God; that kind of character God wants in man. The sowing determines the reaping. Mixing the creeds and opinions of uninspired men with God's pure gospel is bound to result in less than that man God wants.

In another sense, God's word is a pattern for men to live by. As Moses was admonished to "make all things according to the pattern" (Hebrews 8:5), so must God's will be the pattern for our spiritual service. All that God says about how men are to be saved, for instance, is God's pattern for saving men. That pattern includes faith, repentance, confession and baptism (Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:38; 8:36, 37; 22:16). Following this divine pattern produces saved men. Changing the pattern changes the result, just as with the recipe and the blueprint. Further, all that men can know about what pleases God in worship is found on the pages of the New Testament – and all the New Testament says on the subject comprises the divine pattern for worship, nothing more and nothing less. That pattern includes preaching, singing, praying, giving and partaking of the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7; Ephesians 5:19; 1 Timothy 2:1,2; 1 Corinthians 16:1,2). This is God's blueprint for worship and must be followed if God is to be truly honored.

When Paul writes of the Romans being obedient to "that form of teaching whereunto ye were delivered," he pictures the gospel (teaching) as the mold or cast (tupos) into which the obedient is "poured" by submission to be shaped into a Christ-like character. Thus, following God's pattern conforms men to His Son's image (Romans 8:29) and makes them to be partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter.1:4). The honest and good-hearted man knows that

he cannot direct his own steps (Jeremiah 10:23) and so yields himself to walk by faith and in so doing becomes the fruition of God's eternal purpose, complete in Christ.

~via *Gospel Observer*, Denham Springs, Louisiana.

News & Notes

THE SICK: *Lou Helms* continues at home and is making progress in her recovery...*Faye Hammond* continues her rehabilitation at home...*Amber Hammond* has been sick this past week and has been unable to be out...*Sam Noles* had a procedure done this past Wednesday at ECM in Florence...*Brooke Phillips* had some tests done this past week and the determined that her problems stem from her gall bladder...*Morgan Grisham* has been sick this past week... *Ronnie and Lou Ann Phillips* were not feeling well and were not able to be at Bible study Wednesday... *Willie Ridgeway* was sick this past week and not able to be at our services...*Cindy Mosley's brother, Tommy Haney*, has not been doing well recently...*My sister, Anita Willis*, is at home and the reports from the pathologist were very good...Remember *Scottie Goode's father, Hubert Goode*, continues at home taking his medication... *Mattie Blanche Word* continues at home...*Marcia Cooper* and *Brian Word's uncle, Paul McCafferty*, and *Aldeen Noles* are in the SunBridge Nursing Home in Lawrenceburg...*Mary Best's nephew, Shannon Johnson*, who is at home...*Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, who is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Bests: Jerry and Mary* have been out of town this past week...*The*

Martels: *Claus and Sanda* are away this morning in Atlanta and plan to be back this evening ...**Sheila Moore** is on vacation with her sisters in Hawaii this week....**Corey Goode** Continues his work in Wilsonville, Alabama this week.

OUR MEETING: Our meeting is beginning today with Leon Mauldin speaking. Leon is an excellent student of the word of God and very effectively communicates it to others. Leon is no stranger to the area. He has preached here at Anderson in the past and worked with the *Northside church* in Lexington for about 9 years prior to moving to Hanceville to work with the church there about 13 years ago. Below you will see the topics that Leon plans to preach this week:

- Sun. 9:45a.m. – Keys to Effective Bible Study
 - Sun. 10:45 a.m. – Three Aspects of Salvation
 - Sun. 7:30 p.m.– More Blessed To Give Than To Receive
 - Mon. 7:30 p.m. – One Thing
 - Tues. 7:30 p.m. – Why So Many Interpretations?
 - Wed. 7:30 p.m. – Self-Control, The Fruit of the Spirit
- Let’s all make every effort to be at every service possible. There are some other meetings that will be in progress this week. Let us remember these efforts in our prayers.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: Other meeting in progress this week that we need to remember in our prayers as well are the **College View church** in Florence. Sunday through Wednesday with *Greg Gwin* preaching...The **Market Street church** in Athens is conducting a meeting through Wednesday with different speakers ... The **Parkway church** in Lawrence County near Trinity with *Johnny Richardson* speaking through Wednesday ...The **Jordan Park church** in Huntsville will conduct a meeting through Friday with *Carl (Mac) McMurry* preaching.

CONGRATULATIONS: Last night, **Derrick Mosely** and **Melissa Huffacker** were united in marriage. We wish the very best for them and their life together as husband and wife. They will be living in Birmingham. Why not drop them a note of encouragement Their address is as follows:

3129 Melissa Way
Birmingham, Alabama 35243

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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