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SUNDAY

Bible study 9 a.m.
Worship 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Working For The Lord
Following the Sunday evening services

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class
10:00 a.m.
Bible study 7:30 p.m.

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**This morning's sermon and
Scripture:** "As Many As I Love,
I Rebuke And Chasten"
Rev. 3:14-22

**This evening's sermon and
Scripture:**

Obeying The Gospel by Ron Boatwright

The word "*gospel*" literally means good news or good tidings. What does the Bible say that the gospel is? 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 says, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel...by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received; that Christ **died** for our sins according to the scriptures, and that He was **buried**, and that He **rose** again the third day according to the scriptures." Here we see the good news of the gospel is that Christ **died**, and was **buried**, and was **raised** again on the third day. Also notice, they were saved by the gospel.

In 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 we read that, "When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on **those who do not obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.**" Here we see that vengeance will be taken on those who obey not the gospel of Christ.

How do we obey the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord so that vengeance will not be taken on us? Romans 6:3-5 says, "Or do you not know, that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His **death**? Therefore we were **buried** with Him through baptism into death: that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His **resurrection.**" So we see in obeying the gospel we are baptized into His death, we are buried with Him through baptism, and then just as Christ was raised up from the dead, we also are raised **to walk in newness of life** after baptism. Only after baptism are we born again and our new life in Christ begins. Only in baptism does our old sinful person die and our new person rises free from sin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CHURCH NEWS

Visitors and members please fill out an attendance card (located on the back of the pew in front of you) and pass it to the center aisle at the close of the service. We also ask that you please turn *off* your cell phones so they will not interfere with our wireless sound system.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to: Cindy Herndon, 16th; David & Heather Boren, Dakota Bell, 18th; Ruben & Rocio Ledesma, 19th; Lyndley Sainilme, Bill Bray, 20th; Eddie Litton, 22nd. Best wishes to each of you.

Please continue to remember all of the sick and shut ins, *Calvin Woodruff* is in Dr. Phillips Hospital on Turkey Lake Rd. with pneumonia he is in room 518, chest x-rays showed that *Connor Hair* does not have pneumonia, but he has a bad case of asthma, *David Sloan, Amie Dumford, Paul Kendrick, Cherri Wright, Bernadine Koline, Ailiene Spurlock, Terry Allison & Wilma Allison* the mother and father of Dawn Sprouse, *Charlie Mickey, Louise Davis, Floyd Blake, Elizabeth Buffa*, the mother of Rosemary Martinez, *Helen Harris, Carol Hubbard, Bea Spurlock, Camille Hummon, Betty Woodruff & Marion Stark*. Remember all of these with your calls, cards and especially prayers.

Tim Cope came forward last Sunday asking for the prayers of the congregation.

Branden Dumford was baptized this past Tuesday. Please keep both of them in your prayers.

There will be a baby shower for Maria Cope at the home of Karen Kirkendall on Saturday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible class will begin again, Wednesday September 19th at 10:00 a.m. Here at the church building. Bro. David Boren is the teacher.

Please remember to bring in school supplies that will be going to Gary Marshall in Kentucky. Please bring these in by the end of the month.

Gospel Broadcasting Network has a television show "Good News Today" on Direct TV it is channel 323 at 8:00 a.m. or on dish network channel 9407 at 12 p.m. or you can go to www.gbntv.org to find out how to watch a live stream of the show.

If you have any announcement that you would like to go in the bulletin, please write in on one of the "Message" cards and drop it in the bulletin mailbox in the foyer. Or you can e-mail it to Betsy & Corey Hair at poohbear4u@peoplepc.com or racine@peoplepc.com. Deadline for bulletin is Thursday evening.

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**Honored To Serve
This Lord's Day
September 16, 2007**

The elders respectfully ask all who serve in public worship to please dress appropriately

-ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M. / P.M. Byron Chapman

-SONG LEADER

A.M. Chuck Broyles
P.M. 3rd Sunday Singing

-OPENING PRAYER

A.M. Joe Gannotti
P.M. James Maness

-READ SCRIPTURE

A.M. Ray Wells
P.M. Henry Kirkendall

-SERMON

A.M. David Boren
P.M.

-LORD'S SUPPER

A.M. Gary Burford
P.M. Ansel Hicks

-ASSISTING

A.M. Eddie Litton
Wayne Steenberg
Harold DeBord
Joseph Bernard
P.M. John Sprouse

-CLOSING PRAYER

A.M. Mike Williams
P.M. Earl McLarty

-USHERS

A.M. / P.M. Corey Hair
John Sprouse

-GREETING VISITORS

J & D Dunn

-CHILDREN'S NURSERY

A.M. Vanessa Chapman
Christina Castel
P.M. Bonnie Martin
Celina Martin

-PREPARE COMMUNION THIS MONTH

Dawn Sprouse

-BAPTISMAL GARMENTS

Bonnie Craig

As Many As I Love, I Rebuke And Chasten

(Rev. 3:14-22)

Introduction:

1. In this section of Revelation the Lord addresses the seven churches of Asia.
 - a. John, through inspiration, exposes the spiritual condition of each of these congregations.
 - b. Only two were commended - and five were chastised.
2. Of the seven, the Lord had nothing good to say concerning Laodicea.
 - a. It was the wealthiest of the seven.
 - b. This city was also famous for medicine, especially for the eyes and ears.
 1. Yet with all this notoriety, their condition was still repulsive to the Lord. Why??? Not because they were extremely evil, but rather they were lukewarm; they enjoyed a false sense of security (in themselves). (Amos 6:1).
 2. Friends, false security will lead to nothing by stagnation and eventual ruin (cf. Josh. 18:3).

Discussion:

I. Divine Love.

- A. Love, in v. 19, is the Greek word "*phileo*," meaning "to be a friend of...It means to have affection for, denoting a personal attachment." It is never used in a command to men to love God; it is, however, used as a warning (1Cor. 16:22).
- B. Little children sing the song, "Jesus Loves Me This I Know" - that's with assurance.
All men need to come to this realization.
 1. V. 19 states, "*As many as I love...*" -- Who could question Christ's love for mankind.
 2. The emphasis in v. 19 is not whether Christ loves us - it is what He will do to demonstrate that love.
 - a. God sent Christ to demonstrate His love (John 3:16; 1 John 3:16). None can truly question God's love.
 - b. Christ demonstrated His love by voluntarily giving His life on the cross for our sins (Mark 10:45; **John 15:13**).
- C. Brethren and friends, without divine love man would be most helpless.

II. Divine Correction.

- A. The emphasis (of our text) is that Christ would have His church be clean (Eph. 5:27).
 1. Now, for this to happen, there - of necessity - must be correction.
 2. Without correction there would be no one clean enough to enter heaven.
- B. Notice the corrective measure used:
 1. The term "rebuke" comes from the Greek word meaning "to admonish, convict, convince, tell a fault, and reprove."
 - a. The purpose of rebuking is to set one's mind on the right course (Prov. 15:5; 17:10; 12:21).
 - b. The purpose of rebuking is not to make a fool of someone; rather, to set them on the right course.
 1. A parent will rebuke a child that is out of step. They don't do so to make fun of the child, but rather to make him a better person.
 2. Rev. 3:18 / Prov. 25:12; Psalm 139:23; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:7.

2. Then, the word “ chasten _____ ” comes from the Greek word meaning “to train _____ up a child.”
 - a. Examples would be to educate _____ either by instruction and example, or to discipline by punishment. To chasten or chastise means to instruct, learn, or teach _____.
 - b. This is the mark of love _____; it is the demonstration of the degree of love, or the proof _____ of love.
 - c. It is characteristic of God _____ (Deut. 8:5; Prov. 3:11,12; **Heb. 12:5-11**).
 1. Chastening is a mark of son-ship _____ (vv. 5-8).
 2. The example is that our earthly fathers (who love us) will correct us (v. 9); it is for our profit _____ that we are chastened (v. 10).
 3. To those who accept _____ chastening, it will yield the fruit of righteousness (v. 11).

III. Divine Desire _____.

- A. “*Therefore be zealous and* repent _____” -- this was the purpose _____ of the rebuking and chastening.
 1. They needed to change their repentance _____.
 2. Pride _____ in themselves had caused them to become “*lukewarm*.”
- B. Throughout the ages, God has sought repentance _____ from mankind (2 Peter 2:5; John 1:2; 3:5-10; 2 Sam. 12:1-7; Luke 13:3,5; 2 Cor. 7:10).
 1. The LORD desires _____ our repentance (2 Peter 3:9).
 2. He is long suffering _____ (1 Peter 3:20).

IV. Lessons To Be Learned:

- A. Worldly _____ goods can cause us to take our eyes off the cross (Matt. 6:33; 16:26).
- B. Self _____-evaluation is not a good standard.
 1. Look how the brethren at Laodicea evaluated themselves _____ (v. 17), but what was the Lord’s evaluation?
 2. Indeed, sometimes the wrong _____ standard of evaluation is used (Jer. 10:23; 2 Cor. 10:12; John 15:5; 2 Cor. 3:5).
 3. We will save ourselves an eternity of pain if we will but only comply to God’s _____ standard.
- C. Brethren and friends, repentance _____ is essential to salvation .
 1. Some say God will overlook _____ certain sins, but what does the Bible say? (Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 21:7,8).
 2. Some say that we cannot do anything to obtain _____ salvation. Now, brethren, we should only _____ listen to what the Bible has said concerning this (James 2:17,24; **Matt. 7:20-27**).
 - a. One would have to be illiterate or would have to deceive _____ themselves to believe that we cannot do anything to obtain _____ salvation.
 - b. Not only can we, but we must _____ do something to obtain salvation.
 3. Then, there are some who say that we can do nothing that will remove _____ salvation (Gal. 4:9; 5:4; Heb. 10:38).
 4. There are also those who teach that Christ will pardon _____ sin at Judgment.
 - a. This can only _____ be so with repentance (Heb. 9:27,28).
 - b. Without _____ repentance one will be lost (Luke 13:3,5).

Conclusion:

1. What if one of the inspired apostles wrote a letter to this congregation. Would it be like those written to Smyrna or Philadelphia -- or like the one written to the Laodiceans?
2. We _____ can decide that right now! What is our _____ reputation? Do we need _____ rebuking and chastening? If so, are we going to accept _____ it, or will we remain lukewarm _____?