

October 21, 2007

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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:** "The Church That
Jesus Built" Matt. 16:13-18

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Scripture:**

Bulletin and News of the CHURCH OF CHRIST That worships in Kissimmee

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GOOD MORNING

We are happy to have you visiting with us this morning. We have Bible study each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. and worship at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday evening services are at 6:00 p.m. We also have mid-week Bible study each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The Power Of An Example

A fine lad entered the army. On the first night in the barracks when he went to bed, he faced a real test. At home, he had the habit of reading the Bible and kneeling down to pray before retiring. In the barracks, he was entirely surrounded by rough fellows. Many of them were cursing and joking loudly. The lad thought it might be wise to go to bed and read his Bible where no one would notice him.

Then he thought and boldly decided, I'm a Christian! I ought to be an example for Jesus before the fellows. I won't pull down my colors. I will do here like I always did at home. So he took out his Bible and read it. Then he knelt down to pray. The barracks became quiet. After a while the talk began again, but it was more subdued. No one said anything about the young soldier's unusual behavior. The next night when he got out his Bible, eight other soldiers got out their Bibles.

Within a month every soldier in the barracks would have fought for the lad. They came to him with their questions and their troubles. May you and I have the same type of dedication and courage as this young soldier. Jesus said, *"Let your light so shine before me, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16)

Ken Tyler - Bulletin Digest

Christ and the Church

by: David A. Sargent

It is not uncommon today to hear people devalue the church. Some say in effect, "Christ, yes; the church, no." While some profess they love Jesus, desiring even to follow Him, they have little use for "the church." The Scriptures, however, are clear: One cannot have the church without Christ, and one cannot have Christ without the church.

The church was God's idea. God's plan. It is not man-made. In fact, observe the close relationship between Christ and the church. Christ is the head of the church (Eph. 5:22-23a); He is the complete voice of authority. Christ is the Founder of the church. Christ said to Peter, "On this rock [the confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God], I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Mat. 16:18). Christ is the foundation of the church. No building or institution can be stronger than the foundation on which it rests. And for the church, "no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11). Christ is the Savior of the body, which is the church: "For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body" (Eph.5:23).

Indeed, as has often been noted by some in an attempt to minimize the church; "the church doesn't save anyone." However, Christ saves the church! In fact the church is composed of the saved (Acts 2:47). Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it (Eph. 5:25). We usually judge the value of something by the price we pay for it. For what price was the church purchased? Christ purchased the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28). One cannot separate Christ from His church.

A low estimation of the church may be due to a lack of understanding of what the church truly is, as taught in the Bible. There is also a misconception of what the church is all about. One of the most simplistic, yet one of the most beautiful images of the church in Scripture is that of the family of God. As such, the church is designed to be a place of loving encouragement (1 Thes. 5:11; Heb. 3:213) to those who are seeking to follow Christ. Also, it is God's desire for His family, the church, to grow and grow. God wants His family to share the good news about Jesus Christ, as Jesus instructed His disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen" (Mat. 28:19-20).

How does one become a member of God's family, the church? To those who were convicted of their sin and believed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, Peter said, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them" (Acts 2:41). "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). Only the Lord can add one to His church when one obeys the Gospel as Peter and the apostles presented it. Has the Lord added you to His church?

-- David A. Sargent is a minister of the Church of Christ at Creekwood in Mobile, Alabama. Via Bulletin Gold

The Church That Jesus Built

(Matthew 16:13-18)

I. Characteristics Of The True Church.

- A. First, the church for which Jesus died belongs to Him (Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28).
- B. Second, the Lord's church was not built upon Peter, but rather upon the great truth that Christ is the Son of the living God, as confessed by Peter (Matt. 16:16; cf. 1 Cor. 3:11).
- C. A third characteristic of the true church is the time and place of its beginning (Dan. 2:44; Isa. 2:2, 3; Luke 24:46-49; Mark 9:1; Acts 2:47).
- D. Fourth, Christ is the head of the church (Col. 1:18; cf. Col. 3:1,2).
- E. A fifth characteristic of the Lord's church is the creed of the church. The creed (a system of belief) of the true church is Jesus Christ (John 3:16; 12:48).
- F. Sixth, the true church is called by certain names (1 Cor. 1:1, 2; Rom. 16:16).
- G. A seventh characteristic of the true church is the various names of its members (Acts 11:29; Gal. 3:26; Acts 2:47; Rom. 1:7).
- H. Eighth, Jesus authorized five avenues of worship to be used in the true church (1 Cor. 14:15; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2).
- I. Ninth, Paul gives a summary of the government of the true church in Philippians 1:1 - "bishops" (elders, pastors, overseers, shepherds) and "deacons."
- J. A tenth characteristic of the true church is the nature of the church (1 Cor. 12:12-27; Rom. 12:4, 5; Eph. 4:4-6).

II. The Departures.

- A. The pattern for the true church is revealed in the New Testament.
- B. However, even during the first century, soon after the church was established, men began to desire to change the pattern. Six major departures from the original pattern:
 1. First, the change in the form of church government.
 2. Another major departure involved the name by which the corrupted church was known.
 3. In the third century, man changed the subject of baptism: infants as well as believers.
 4. Then came a change in the form of baptism: the substitution of sprinkling and pouring for immersion.
 5. Then came a change in the creed of the church: the introduction of human creeds.
 6. Finally, came a change in the form of worship: the addition of mechanical instruments of music.

III. The Protestant Reformation.

- A. Martin Luther, in 1517, began the great Protestant Reformation, which had as its aim the protesting of the evils of the Roman Catholic Church and a determination to reform it.
- B. From Protestantism we have had many doctrines: join the church of your choice; it makes no difference what name you wear; one church is as good as another; there are many forms of baptism; it is acceptable to go by a man-made creeds.
- C. The Protestant Reformation, though resulting in a number of denominations, did move the people who read their Bible to notice that there was a difference.

IV. The Restoration.

- A. Late in the eighteenth century and early nineteenth century, men like James O. Kelley, Abner Jones, Barton W. Stone began to make a plea on the frontiers of a new nation to speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent; such men as the ones mentioned encouraged people to follow scripture and the examples given in the New Testament.
- B. This movement, which was called the Restoration, is still in progress.

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 to: Renee Crume, Victoria McNeil, Pam Jowahir, 22nd; Russ Fender, Joyce Broyles, Annie Smith, 23rd; Zachary Gannotti, 24th; Daniel McCard, 25th. Best wishes to all of you.

Please continue to remember those that are more seriously ill and undergoing chemo or radiation, *Cherri Wright, Margaret Parnell*, the mother of Stacey Stafford, *David Sloan, Charlie Mickey* and *Amie Dumford* also remember Carmon Martinez, the 1 year old granddaughter of Juan & Rosemary Martinez is in the hospital with pneumonia in Texas, *Bernadine Koline, Bea Sprulock* suffered a fall last Sunday night, and she is now in Osceola Regional Medical Center, *Sonya Gray* has 2 herniated disks in her neck, *Louise Davis, Camille Hummon, Terry Allison & Wilma Allison*, the mother and father of Dawn Sprouse, *Elizabeth Buffa, Paul Kendrick, Helen Harris, Floyd Blake, David C. Miller, Carol Hubbard, Betty Woodruff & Calvin Woodruff, Ailene Sprulock*, and *Marion Stark*. Remember all of these with your calls, cards and especially prayers.

Mary Davidson, the sister of Bea Sprulock passed away last Sunday evening in Tennessee. Please remember Bea and the family in your prayers.

Last Sunday, Lisa Halman came forward asking for the prayers of the congregation for strength as she struggles to try to teach her son the truth. Please keep her in your prayers.

Maria and Tim Cope welcomed Sophia Marie, last Saturday night, October 13th at 10:00 she weighed 7 lbs 2 oz and 19 ½" long. All are doing fine.

There is a sign up sheet on the ladies bulletin board for anyone interested in a CD that will be from ladies day.

Mamie Williamson is out of town, traveling to Alabama. Please keep her in your prayers that she has a safe trip.

There is a card on the bulletin board from Gary Marshall and family they would like thank everyone for their love and support during the loss of his wife Marie.

Janiz Crespo was restored recently. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Ryan Knuckles and Victoria McNeil were married this summer. Please welcome Ryan Knuckles who has placed membership. He is a teacher in Osceola County.

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Honored To Serve

This Lord's Day

October 21, 2007

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

-ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M. / P.M. John Dunn

-SONG LEADER

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

-OPENING PRAYER

A.M. Mike Miller
P.M. Billy Hyslop

-READ SCRIPTURE

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

-SERMON

A.M. David Boren
P.M. Joshua Brownlow

-LORD'S SUPPER

A.M. Jim Craig
P.M. Byron Chapman

-ASSISTING

A.M. Wayne Steenberg
Paul McCrimon
Eddie Litton
John Niebling
P.M. Danny Guthrie

-CLOSING PRAYER

A.M. Mike Williams
P.M. Harold DeBord

-USHERS

A.M. / P.M. Ansel Hicks
Danny Guthrie

-GREETING VISITORS

J & B Craig

-CHILDREN'S NURSERY

A.M. Chris Gannotti
Melissa Niebling
P.M. Maria Cope
Dottie Trahan

-PREPARE COMMUNION THIS MONTH

Dottie Trahan

-BAPTISMAL GARMENTS

Dottie Trahan