

November 11, 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:

"Sayings Heard Today, II"
John 17:20-23

This evening's sermon and Scripture:

"Attitudes That Need Dropping"
Proverbs 23:7

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

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JUST FOR TODAY

► **I WILL NOT STRIKE BACK.** If someone is rude, if someone is impatient, if someone is unkind, I will not respond in that way (Romans 12: 19).

► **I WILL ASK GOD TO BLESS MY ENEMY.** If I come across someone who treats me harshly or unfairly, I will quietly ask God to bless that individual (Matthew 5:44). I understand my enemy could be a family member, a neighbor, a co-worker, or a stranger,

► **I WILL BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT I SAY.** I will carefully choose and guard my words, being certain that I do not spread gossip (James 3:1-6).

► **I WILL GO THE SECOND MILE.** I will find ways to help share the burden of another person (Matthew 5:41).

► **I WILL FORGIVE.** I will forgive those who hurt me (Luke 23:34).

► **I WILL SECRETLY DO SOMETHING KIND FOR SOMEONE.** I will reach out anonymously and bless the life of another (Ephesians 4:32).

► **I WILL TREAT OTHERS THE WAY I WISH TO BE TREATED.** I will practice "the Golden Rule" (Matthew 7: 1 2). I will do unto others as I would have them do to me, with *everyone* I encounter.

► **I WILL RAISE THE SPIRITS OF SOMEONE WHO IS DISCOURAGED.** My smile, my words, my expressions of concern and support can make a difference to someone facing a challenge (Romans 14: 19).

► **I WILL TAKE CARE OF MY BODY.** I will eat less ... I will eat healthier ... I will exercise ... I will be thankful . . . My body will be a fitting temple for Him who dwells in me (1 Corinthians 6: 1 9 -20).

► **I WILL GROW SPIRITUALLY.** I will spend more time in study, prayer, and meditation. I will retreat from life's pressures and distractions and seek to learn God's will (2 Peter 3: 1 8).

Sayings Heard Today: Part II

(John 17:20-23)

- I. “Jesus Is The Vine And The Denominations Are The Branches.”
- A. The Bible condemns denominationalism in no uncertain terms.
1. Jesus prayed that all His followers be united.
 2. First Corinthians, chapters one through four, condemn division among God’s people (1 Cor. 1:10).
 - a. All Christians are in the same body (Eph. 3:6), walk by the same rule (Phil. 3:16), have the same promise (Heb. 11:8-10), are partakers in the same suffering (2 Cor. 1:6; 1 Peter 5:9), have the same spirit of faith (2 Cor. 4:13), have the same standard (2 Tim. 2:2; John 12:48), and serve the same Saviour (Acts 1:11; 2:36).
 - b. If they do not, they will suffer the same condemnation (Luke 23:40; Rom. 2:1-3).
- B. Denominationalism and those involved in it and supportive of it are deceived and being deceived.
1. The Lord’s teaching on the unity of the believers, as just mentioned, and His atoning death that made it possible are being trampled by the feet of those who uphold denominational doctrine.
 2. Jesus Christ stated: “*For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins*”(Matt. 26:28).
 - a. Since the NT carries no reference to any denomination (to any name they call themselves), then such denominations are not able to benefit from the blood of Christ or have remission of their sins.
 - b. Desperate to derive “authority” for their existence from the sacred Scriptures, denominational devotees do violence to the doctrine of Christ by twisting the Scriptures (2 Peter 3:16).
- C. Down through the years denominational people have labored in vain to suggest that in **John 15:1-10** (the vine and the branches) refers to Jesus Christ as the vine and denominations as the branches.
- (*) Let’s observe that the view that Jesus is the vine and the denominations are the branches cannot be true:**
1. Christ is the true vine and His Father is the husbandman.
 - a. God and Christ are one (John 10:30); therefore, all true believers are one (John 17:20-23; 1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:1-6; Col. 3:15,16).
 - b. A study of the passages just mentioned will prove that true unity is required and just giving lip service to unity will not be acceptable to God.
 2. Abiding in Christ can only be accomplished by abiding in His Word (John 15:5-7).
 - a. No denomination has the support and backing of the Word of God.
 - b. The names, creeds, organizations, worship, & practices of denominationalism cannot be found in the Word of God.
 - c. Therefore, denominations are not found in the Word of Christ.
 3. The branches bear fruit from the vine, yet the vine - Jesus Christ - established only one church (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22,23; 4:4).
 - a. Most denominational people would be surprised to learn that their “church” is usually not more than 500 years old.

- b. Almost all modern denominations sprang out of the “Protestant Reformation” movement that had its beginning on October 31, 1517, when a Roman Catholic priest named Martin Luther nailed his now famous, “Ninety-Five Thesis,” to the door of the cathedral in Wittenberg, Germany.
 1. The Roman Catholic “Church,” which preceded Protestantism, is described by Paul as the “ falling away” from the faith that was headed by “*the man of sin ...the son of perdition*” (2 Thess. 2:3-12).
 2. Therefore, denominations do not emerge from the true vine, but from a corrupt vine such as the one mentioned by Moses (Deut. 32:32,33).
4. One vine and many branches representing a variety of divisions would incorporate division into the kingdom of Christ.
 - a. Matt. 12:25. The kingdom of Christ is an immovable, eternal kingdom (Heb. 12:28; Dan. 2:44).
 - b. Therefore, the kingdom of Christ, the church of Christ, is not divided against herself.
5. In order to get into Christ one must be baptized (Rom. 6:3; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27).
 - a. Many denominations - if not most (and possibly all of them) - do not baptize a candidate as the New Testament teaches.
 - b. For the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16), by immersion in water (John 3:3,5; Acts 8:35ff ;Col. 2:12), in the name of the sacred Three (Matt. 28:18-20), upon confession of faith in Christ as the Son of God (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9,10), to be added by the Lord to His church (Acts 2:47), and to be saved (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21).
 - c. Therefore, since denominations are not in Christ, then they cannot begin to argue whether or not they are the branches.

II. “Join The ‘ Church ’ Of Your Choice.”

- A. This statement is suggesting there are many kinds of “churches.” This is true - there are many “churches” - but not with God's approval. (*) You will note that the term “churches” is enclosed with quotation marks, for reasons revealed in our lesson.
 1. The mega-“churches” of our day oftentimes offer people what they want, but not what they need.
 2. Some congregations are big and continue to grow in number and swell, but oftentimes not as a result of using God-approved doctrine.
- B. Brethren and friends, it is important to understand first of all, one cannot “ join ” the Lord’s church. When the gospel is obeyed, the Lord adds that one to His church (Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:47).
 1. To whose church were these people added?
 2. Denominationalism didn’t even exist at that time.
- C. Far too many of our brethren have bought into this kind of thinking, “Give the people what they want, and we will grow a big church.”
- D. I would think the obvious rebuttal to this statement would be: “Let us be content to be a member of the church of the Lord’s choice, His church, the one He died and bled for and established.”

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 & Anniversary to: Jane Woodruff, 11th; Harold DeBord, 14th; Joan Brownlow, Ormond McKenzie, 15th; Chuck & Joyce Broyles, 16th Ansel & Janie Hicks, 17th. 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 *Sue Jones, Gary Burford* had surgery this past Monday, *Gary St. John* will be having surgery in Tampa November 26th, *Evelyn Wilson*, the sister of Ruth Mason is home from the hospital, *Florence Moore*, the sister of Karen Kirkendall, Jane Rehnberg and Debbie Litton was admitted to the hospital this past week with a urinary tract infection, *Yeny*, the daughter-in-law of Nilsa Crespo is having pregnancy complications, *Bernadine Kolin, Joseph Bernard, Bea Spurlock, Sonya Gray* has 2 herniated disks in her neck, *Louise Davis, Camille Hummon, Terry Allison & Wilma Allison* (the mother and father of Dawn Sprouse,), *Paul Kendrick, Helen Harris, Floyd Blake, David C. Miller, Carol Hubbard, Donna Roberts, Betty Woodruff & Calvin Woodruff, Ailiene Spurlock, Lois & Ken Whitmore Marion Stark* and *Connor Hair*. Remember all of these with your calls, cards and especially prayers.

The 13th Annual Westside Lectureship at the church of Christ of West Orlando is November 11 – 17. Please check the bulletin board for more information regarding this.

Please keep the Guthrie family in your prayers. Robert's brother Roger Guthrie lost his grandson this past week.

All are invited to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Chuck and Joyce Broyles on Saturday, November 17th from 2:00 – 4:00 here at the church building.

There is a yearly birthday and anniversary calendar on the bulletin board. All members please check the calendar and make any corrections as needed.

If you have any announcement or an update regarding the sick 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 all items for the bulletin is Thursday evening.

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This Lord's Day

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