

December 9, 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:

"People Of God. Part I"  
1 Thess. 5:14-22

### This evening's sermon and Scripture:

"People Of Integrity"  
Psalm 15

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

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## You Can Be Just A Christian

By Woodrow Yates

Has it occurred to you that you can be **just a Christian**--nothing more nor less than a plain Christian? Yes, even in the midst of the religious confusion of our creed-bound, denomination-divided age, it is possible for you to be **just a Christian!**

Being **just a Christian** means trusting and obeying Jesus Christ, just as Paul and Philip and the early Christians did in the first century after Christ. It means going back beyond all the distinctive Catholic and Protestant teachings and doctrines of today to find Christ just as He is revealed in the inspired New Testament.

You see, there were no different denominations in the beginning of Christianity. The early disciples were all of one body. They were called simply "*Christians*" (Acts 11:26). They did not follow different creeds, but were guided by "*the faith once for all delivered to the saints*" (Jude 3). The New Testament, first as the spoken Word, and later as written down by "*holy men of God*" as they were guided by the Holy Spirit, was their only rule of faith and practice (2 Peter 1:21). We have this same New Testament today and can reproduce the same pure Christianity that flourished in the first century after Christ.

Jesus built only one church, and God added everyone who obeyed the Gospel of Christ to this non-denominational church, the body of Christ (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47). The Bible teaches that you will be added to this same body today when you believe in Jesus Christ as God's Son, repent of your sins (John 8:24; Luke 13:3), confess Christ as the Son of God before men (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of sins in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38; Matthew 28:19; Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3-5).

Why not become a Christian, according to these simple guidelines of the New Testament, and worship and work in the non-denominational church of Christ in your community?

## People Of God. Part I

(1 Thess. 5:14-22)

### Introduction:

1. How the world needs to see Christian men and women truly live for Jesus (Phil. 1:21; Psalm 139:23,24).
2. To live for Jesus Christ in the midst of a sinful world is a constant challenge, and it is one that each Christian must take seriously (2 Cor. 6:14-7:1).
3. Spiritual victory, much like winning in athletics, depends upon several factors:
  - a. First, there is the discipline of conditioning; as an athlete labors to finely condition his body, so the Christian should strenuously labor to condition himself spiritually (1 Peter 1:15).
  - b. Second, there is the discipline of utilizing and maximizing skill and talent; in the spiritual realm, we are to use our God-given abilities to the glory of the Lord (1 Cor. 4:1,2).
  - c. Third, there is the discipline of obedience through submission.
    1. In athletic endeavors there are coaches, trainers, and rules that must be respected and observed.
    2. In a matter of extreme importance and significance, Christians must exercise obedience through humble submission to Jesus and His Word (Heb. 5:9; James 4:10).
  - d. Fourth, there is the discipline of determination and focus.
    1. Victory does not come without determination and focus.
    2. So it is with the people of God, spiritual victory does not come without the purpose, resolve, and keeping our eyes fastened upon the goal (Phil. 3:13,14; Heb. 12:1,2).

### Discussion: The ABC's of spiritual discipline and conditioning:

- I. Act As A Brother To The Spiritual Needy.
  - A. Relationships among Christians are vital (1 John 4:19-21).
  - B. 1 Thess. 5:14. All Christians are exhorted, or appealed to, by Paul to actively respond with our best to opportunities of service to our brethren.

Notice four things the text specifically mentions:

    1. We are exhorted to "*warn those who are unruly*" or disorderly.
      - a. Those who are out of step are to be admonished so that God's truth might be well placed in their mind, and so they might walk in harmony with the Lord and the faithful (1 John 1:5-10).
      - b. We cannot sit idly by and observe fellow Christians constantly walking in ways that are out of step with God's way, and do nothing.
    2. We are exhorted to "*comfort the fainthearted*."
      - a. The "*fainthearted*" literally means "small souled," and has reference to those who are discouraged or despairing. They do not need to be admonished, or warned, like the disorderly; but, rather, need the encouragement and consolation of brethren who love Jesus and His Word - to help them continue the battle for the Lord (2 Cor. 1:3-5).
      - b. Gentleness and tenderness are greatly needed by Christians today, if we are to impart strength to those who have lost heart, to those who are led by circumstances to waver or turn away from what is right.

3. We are exhorted to “*uphold the weak.*”
  - a. The spiritually weak are to be supported and strengthened.
  - b. The weak need to be assured that they are not forgotten or looked down upon because of their weakness (Gal. 6:1,2).
4. We are exhorted to “*be patient with all.*”
  - a. In dealing with others, there is the constant need to be long-suffering; literally, long-tempered. This form of patience shows a long fuse in the face of annoyance and irritation.
  - b. We have no excuse for becoming short fused with anyone, on the ground that they are difficult, demanding, or disappointing (2 Tim. 4:2).

II. Be Genuinely Concerned About The Good Of Others.

- A. 1 Thess. 5:15. The goal of our involvement with others can be summarized in a word: good.
- B. We are sometimes inclined to think that the injustices committed against us are the exception, thereby warranting a sinful type of “getting even,” or revenge; but how wrong we are!
  1. There is no exception to God’s rule (Matt. 5:38-48; 1 Peter 3:8,9; 3 John 11; Rom. 12:18-21).
  2. Understanding our tendencies for sinful pay-backs, is it any wonder that scripture deals with the wrongfulness of revenge so plainly.
- C. Good is to be constantly followed or pursued. Following what is good is not merely the half-hearted attempt to do what is right as long as it suits us; it means that we lay aside our egos in submission to the will of God; it means that we are genuinely concerned about the good of others and ourselves according to what is pleasing to the Lord.

III. Constantly Rejoice.

- A. 1 Thess. 5:16.
  1. As people who are to be living for Jesus, it is fitting to ask: “Do our lives really show the joy of Christianity?”
  2. We can get so bogged down in the rut of the routine that we fail to have the joy that Christ richly gives (Phil. 4:4).
- B. The Bible is not a book of doom, gloom, and despair; it is the most buoyant, exhilarating, and hopeful book in all the world. It tells us what God has done to make salvation possible for all mankind.
- C. As Christians, we have every reason to rejoice.

## 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: Ella Wells, 11<sup>th</sup>, Sue Wright, 12<sup>th</sup>; Jessica Frowein, Tim & Maria Cope, 13<sup>th</sup>. Best Wishes to all of you.

Please continue to remember all of the sick and shut ins in your prayers, they include *Cherri Wright, Margaret Parnell*, the mother of Stacey Stafford, *David Sloan, Camille Hummon, Charlie Mickey* and *Amie Dumford* also remember *Sue Jones, Carol Hubbard, Donna Roberts, Evelyn Wilson*, the sister of Ruth Mason, *Yeny*, the daughter-in-law of Nilsa Crespo is having pregnancy complications, *Bernadine Koline, Joseph Bernard, Betsy Hair* is scheduled to enter Winnie Palmer Hospital on December 11<sup>th</sup> for a C-section, *Bea Spurlock* was scheduled to go home this past week, *Sonia Gray, Louise Davis, Terry Allison & Wilma Allison* the mother and father of Dawn Sprouse, *Paul Kendrick, Ruth Mason, Marion Stark. Betty & Calvin Woodruff, Ailiene Spurlock* and *Helen Harris*. Remember all of these with your calls, cards and especially prayers.

Last Sunday evening William Lanier came forward seeking to be restored and asking for prayers for strength. Please keep him in your prayers.

There will be an open house at the Boren's on Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> from 2 until 5.

Ladies Bible class will meet December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Working for the Lord will not meet, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. All work will be done by individual members at home during this period.

Please pray for our upcoming Gospel Meeting, Sunday, Feb. 17 - Wednesday, Feb. 20. The speaker will be brother Charles Boren.

There will be a Ladies day on Saturday, Feb. 16. The speaker will be sister Rita Boren. Make plans now to attend.

Pantry items needed, peanut butter, Vienna sausages, beef stew tuna, fruit, crackers and jelly.

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### **Honored To Serve This Lord's Day December 9, 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. David C. Miller  
P.M. David Herndon

#### **-OPENING PRAYER**

A.M. Mike Miller  
P.M. John Dunn

#### **-READ SCRIPTURE**

A.M. Eddie Litton  
P.M. Wayne Steenberg

#### **-SERMON**

A.M. David Boren  
P.M. David Boren

#### **-LORD'S SUPPER**

A.M. Gary Castel  
P.M. Henry Kirkendall

#### **-ASSISTING**

A.M. Darrell Wright  
Branden Dumford  
Jonathan Castel  
Corey Hair  
P.M. Danny Guthrie

#### **-CLOSING PRAYER**

A.M. David E. Miller  
P.M. Mike Williams

#### **-USHERS**

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

#### **-GREETING VISITORS**

S & R Crume

#### **-CHILDREN'S NURSERY**

A.M. Bonnie Martin  
Celina Martin  
P.M. Maria Cope  
Chris Gannotti

#### **-PREPARE COMMUNION THIS MONTH**

Deana Bell

#### **-BAPTISMAL GARMENTS**