

MARKET STREET

"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



MESSENGER

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Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 p.m.

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Promises To Abraham

Frank Jamerson

The threefold promise God gave to Abram involves His special plans for the Jews under the Law and all nations under Christ. God told Abram:

"Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:1-3).

Two of these promises were physical in nature, and both have been fulfilled. The descendants of Abraham became a great nation when they were in Egypt (Deuteronomy 26:5). Then God brought them out of Egyptian captivity, He gave them the Law, which is called the "middle wall of partition" between Jews and Gentiles (Ephesians 2:14). The land promise was fulfilled under Joshua. "So the LORD gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it" (Joshua 21:43). Later, Nehemiah wrote that God had "performed Your words, for You are righteous" (Nehemiah 9:7-8). To deny that God gave Israel all the land He had promised is to contradict plain statements in God's word.

The third part of the promise was spiritual and finds its fulfillment in Christ (Galatians 3:16). After identifying Christ as the "seed" of Abraham, Paul said the Law that was given after Israel came out of Egypt (Deuteronomy 5:1-21) was to last "till the seed should come" (Galatians 3:19). All nations were not blessed through the Law of Moses, but through the seed of Abraham – Christ. All in Christ are heirs of this promise (Galatians 3:29).

The superiority of the "Promise" over the Law was shown in the manner in which each was given. The promise was made by God alone, without Moses' Law as a go-between (Galatians 3:17-29). When God

gave the promise, He did it directly to Abram; when He gave the Law to Israel, He went through Moses. The Law was a tutor, a guardian (not the teacher). The teacher to whom the Law brought men, is Christ, and it is through the faith (the gospel of Christ) that we are blessed. The faith was something revealed (Galatians 3:23 and Hebrews 2:1-4), and which men must obey to be in Christ (Acts 6:7). There is only one faith (Ephesians 4:5 and Jude 3).

All of God's promises to the Jews were fulfilled in the descendants of Abraham becoming a great nation and receiving the Promised Land. His spiritual promise to all nations is fulfilled through obedience to the Gospel of Christ. God has no special race of people today, but a special place for those who will obey His word - in Christ (Galatians 3:26-27), and ultimately with Christ in heaven (1 Corinthians 15:22-26).

-via *The Northwood Messenger*; Northport, Alabama



Preach The Gospel, Let The Others Alone

Gardner Hall

This is getting to be a fairly popular sentiment among those who profess to be Christians. In one sense we follow this practice as much as possible. It is not people we attack. It is false doctrines. When a doctor operates, he does not want to hurt the patient, but destroy the disease. But I have seen doctors rebuke patients because they would not cooperate in taking and following instructions. Just so, Paul charged gospel preachers to "preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2). Yes, we are charged to preach the gospel, but we are also charged to reprove and rebuke. We cannot do this and let people alone.

If an infidel comes to hear me preach, should I refrain from giving evidences that the Bible is inspired, or that Jesus is the Son of God? Should I shun preaching on faith to avoid offending him?

If a Mohammedan should hear me, should I refrain from saying that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and that no man can come to the Father but by Him? Would I be free from His blood if I should never try to show him that Mohammed was a false prophet?

If a Mormon should hear me, should I let the book of Mormon alone and let him go on believing that Joe Smith was a prophet like Moses and Jesus? If I should quote Jude 3, which says that the faith was once for all delivered to the saints, he would disagree with it. He would feel that I had made a thrust at him. Should I let his presence keep me from teaching the truth on that verse?

If a Jew should hear me, should I avoid all references to Jesus and the New Testament? Such would be offensive to him.

Suppose I should have a Roman Catholic in my audience. Should I allow him to go right on believing that Peter was a pope and that modern popes are his successors, or that it is right to bow down to images and make Mary an object of adoration?

These things are false because they are unscriptural. Do I have no responsibility to try to save them from false doctrines? Why then should I not strive to enlighten people who have been confused on sprinkling, and answer the sophistry that has confused them? They will not become offended and run off unless they are full of prejudice. Why should I not show that the doctrine of salvation by faith alone is contrary to God's teaching in James 2:17-26? Am I their friend if I allow them to believe and follow false teaching without warning them? If people are members of humanly organized churches and are wearing unscriptural names, should I not warn them that God has not ordained such? If I know that every plant God has not planted will be rooted up (Matthew 15:13) and do not warn those in such plants, will I not be guilty of their blood?

I am not trying to defend abuse or sarcasm. I do not appreciate arrogance, even on the part of those who have the truth. Yet, if I were asleep on a railroad track and a fast train were approaching, I would appreciate the man who would awaken me with arrogance more than I would the "nice" man who was afraid to awaken me for fear he would hurt my feelings. I believe a man free of arrogance will accomplish his ends more effectively. But any man is my friend who tells me the truth that

will save me from hell.

I am persuaded that those who oppose our efforts to expose false doctrine are not yet fully delivered themselves from error. They still kind of lean that way.

~via *The Manslick Road Speaker*; Louisville, Kentucky.



Impatience

Al Diestelkamp

Since patience is a virtue (2 Peter 1:6), it should be no great surprise that Satan would often challenge us with the temptation to be impatient.

Most people have had a lot of practice being impatient. We have grown accustomed to having what we want, when we want it. When that doesn't happen, we frequently become impatient, which inevitable leads to other problems.

A child may throw a tantrum if he has to wait his turn, or if his parents won't buy what he wants -- right now! This immature attitude may simply be validation of the old saying, "The acorn doesn't fall far from the tree." Many young parents have insisted on having — from the get-go — every advantage their parents worked many years to obtain. Instead of patiently putting up with a used vehicle until they could afford to buy a brand new car, they go ahead and buy one anyway. Often a second family income is necessary to pay for this luxury, and that demands a second car that might not otherwise be necessary.

The problem with impatience is that it is a chronic condition. Getting what you want becomes a habit that is hard to break. Before "wants" are paid for, we convince ourselves that we "need" other things, and we need them now!

Impatience in material matters is bad enough, but it's especially destructive when it rears its ugly head in even more important areas of life. If patience

has not been developed early in life, young people will likely become impatient in fulfilling their sexual urges, and will convince themselves that they "deserve" the pleasures reserved for marriage — especially if they are "in love." Christians must fight against impatience in dealing with one another. We are commanded to be "patient with all" (1 Thessalonians 5:14), including the unruly, fainthearted and weak. In all our teaching we must show patience (2 Timothy 2:24). God promises great things to "those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor and immortality" (Romans 2:7). Even when our righteousness brings trouble to us in the short-term, we are reminded to be "patient in tribulation" (Romans 2:12), for as we are reminded in another place, "be patient until the coming of the Lord... Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand" (James 5:7-8).

~via *The Melrose Memo*; Richardson, Texas

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Hazel Toone	Bobbie Adcock
Tim Dean	Mary Ruth Gardner
Martha Rice	Jack Jones
Matt Poff	Brent Lowman
Betty Faye Holt	Gladys Sandlin
Rhett Bailey	Una King Carrier
Phillip Harwell	Paige Phillips
Joe Collier	Sarah Collier
Barbara Ogles	Randy Graviett

In The Hospital:

Rachel Grubbs; HealthSouth Rehab - rm. 223B
Larry Owens; Decatur General - Decatur, rm. ICU

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 65	Annie Mae Bragg, rm. 57
Mary Smith, rm. 85	Rosella Pugh, rm. 74
J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E	

Limestone Manor:

Albert Norton, rm. 98

Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home
Lola Colwell, at home
Polly Davis, River City Care, Decatur, rm. 74

MILITARY SERVICE: Remember all those that are serving on foreign soil in the military for our country. Those who are among us or have connections to the Market Street church are:

Andrew Deen; Japan
Whitney Deen; Japan

OUT OF TOWN: *The Morris:* *Marcus and Bonnie* are out of town this weekend and plan to be home this afternoon... ***The Carters:*** *Delmer and Margaret* are in Michigan this week, ***Mitzi Carruth*** is also in Michigan with the Carters as they visit family.

ASTUDY OF THE PARABLES: There will be an adult Bible class meeting this quarter in the little auditorium in the west wing studying *The Parables of Jesus*. The class will meet on both Sunday and Wednesday evenings. *Jordan Lovell* and *David Cox* will be teaching the class.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Carriger church* is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Ed Harrell* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *South Cullman church* in Cullman is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *David Banning* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Elgin Hills church* in Elgin is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Jeremy Paschall* will be the speaker in this meeting.

NURSERIES AVAILABLE: There are two nurseries available for those who will need them. One is in the west wing and the other is in the east wing.

WORK GROUPS: Tonight will be the night for work group two to meet. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group this evening.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Convalescent on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

THE RECORD: *For the Week of September 25th*

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	124
	Morning Worship	163
	Evening Worship.....	110
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	113

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 9th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Marty Adams
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer	Marion Mitchell
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Kenneth Smith
Assisting	Jonathan Keenon
Serving	Marvin Putman Mark Rogers
.....	Keenon Currier Russ Wulfekuhl
Closing Prayer	Tyler Cox

Evening Worship

Announcements	Marty Adams
Song Leader	Stefan Fudge
Prayer	Larry Mitchell
Preaching	Warren Glass
Lord's Supper	Kenneth Smith
Closing Prayer	Dwaine Allfrey

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 9th:
Usher Keenon Currier
Work Sound System Marty Adams

Wednesday, October 12th:

Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Bible Reading.....	(Isaiah 31:1-9)
.....	Joel Hamm
Prayer	Nathaniel Adams
Invitation	Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer	Joanathan Keenon

Sunday, October 16th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer	Marion Mitchell
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Larry Mitchell
Assisting	Marty Adams
Serving	Marcus Morris..... Gilbert Hardy
.....	Harold Davis..... Terry Andrews
Closing Prayer	Joel Hamm

Evening Worship

Announcements	Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader	Stefan Fudge
Prayer	Marcus Morris
Preaching	Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper	Larry Mitchell
Closing Prayer	Tyler Cox

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 16th:
Usher Jerry McGlocklin
Work Sound System Danny Johnson