

MARKET STREET

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



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Preaching Jesus

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There are many people in the religious world today that say "We need to just preach Jesus, and forget about the church and the plan of salvation." Their thoughts are that preaching Jesus should be "about the man and the plan." It is agreed that we must be preaching the good news of Jesus Christ and the world of His saving grace for that is God's plan for saving man (1 Corinthians 1:18; Romans 1:16). Our emphasis in preaching and teaching must be the same emphasis as in the first century or else we will cease the practice of New Testament Christianity. All we need to do is to go to the Bible and read what kind of preaching was done under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

The Day of Pentecost

The first example of preaching is seen in Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost. In Acts 2, we have Jews gathered from every nation at Jerusalem to keep the feast of Pentecost (Acts 2:5). Peter preached to them about Jesus Christ and who he was (Acts 2:14- 36). After the conclusion of Peter's sermon, those that heard were pained immensely for their sins and asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter told them to "repent and be baptized everyone of you for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:37-38). Peter was preaching Jesus. If preaching Jesus did not include repentance and baptism, then Peter would not have preached it. But preaching Jesus did include these commands. Jesus taught the necessity of these commands. "I tell you Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). The command Jesus gave just before He ascended to heaven. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15-16). As a result, Peter preached Jesus and included these commands that Jesus taught that were necessary for the forgiveness of sin. As a result of Peter preaching Jesus, we read, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

The Preaching To The Samaritans

Another example is in Acts 8. After the persecution arose against the church the Christians "were all scattered abroad throughout the regions...

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

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

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they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word” (Acts 8:1,4). In verse 5, we are told that Philip “went to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them” (Acts 8:5). Philip was preaching Christ and confirming the word he preached by performing miracles. “When they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized” (Acts 8:12). Even a man that had used sorcery and bewitched the people of Samaria believed and was baptized (Acts 8:13). Here in the city of Samaria, Philip preached Christ or Jesus. After believing what Philip was preaching was the truth from God they were baptized.

The Ethiopian Eunuch

After the conversion in Samaria, Philip came into contact with a man, the Ethiopian treasurer, on the road to Gaza. This man had been to Jerusalem to worship God. He had travelled many miles and was reading from the prophet Isaiah while returning home. The prophesy which he was reading was about Christ, but he did not understand of whom Isaiah was speaking and he inquired of Philip to see if could give him an answer. “Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus” (Acts 8:35). Here again we have Philip preaching Jesus. As they went along the road they came upon some water and the Ethiopian said, “See, here is water what doth hinder me to be baptized?” As a result of Philip preaching Jesus, the Ethiopian learned of his need to obey the commands of the Lord and desired to be baptized.

The Corinthians

Another example of one preaching Jesus is Paul. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, “And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:1-2). Paul was describing the time when he first came to Corinth and preached “Jesus Christ and Him crucified.” In Acts 18, we have recorded the time that Paul is referring to in First Corinthians. We are told that Paul reasoned with the Jews and the Greeks in the synagogue testifying to them that Jesus was the Christ. In verse 8 we read, “And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized” (Acts 18:8). Remember Paul said that his only concern when he came to Corinth was to preach Christ and Him crucified. Paul did just that, he preached Jesus and those convicted of the message obeyed the commands of the Lord.

Application

These examples of preaching Jesus show that to preach Jesus means to preach Him completely. If one were to teach you about Abraham Lincoln, what would one need to teach you about him? If you are going to know Abraham Lincoln it would be necessary to talk about him. Not just his death, but his birth, what he did, what he accomplished and what he stood for. That is exactly what those in the first century did when they preached Jesus. Their preaching involved everything about Jesus, His love, His compassion, His righteousness, His judgement, His birth, His death, His resurrection, His church and His plan to save man. As Peter, Philip and Paul preached Jesus, they did not stop short of telling men completely about Jesus. They were not ugly or hateful, but told men because of their love for their souls.

Today, we need to be sure we are preaching Jesus. Making him the focus of the message because that is exactly what we see they did in the first century. The preaching of Jesus then pricked the hearts of men and they responded overwhelmingly to obey (Acts 2, 8, 18).



What Kind of Flood?

Edwin L. Crozier

I have heard Bible believers debate the flood. I use the term “Bible believers” loosely here, because some of these so-called believers can’t seem to accept the Bible for what it says. Genesis 6:17 says, “I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die” (ESV). That is plain. God said He would flood the earth and destroy all living things on it.

That, however, is not palatable to some. Perhaps they can’t believe God would actually do it. Perhaps they can’t believe such a feat is possible in the natural world. Perhaps they believe there is not enough “scientific” evidence for it. They want to make the Bible digestible for the masses, so they say, “It was a local flood around the Black Sea.”

These believe they are performing a noble task. More people will accept the Bible if they think the flood was local instead of a cataclysmic world event. Thus, they think they are being evangelistic, performing God a service by

clearing up this difficulty. On the surface, I appreciate that these are trying to help people believe the Bible. However, when I scratch beneath the surface, I wish they would stop their incessant and inane babbling.

They are not helping God's cause or the Bible. Instead, they are making the Bible out to be nothing but lies and contradictions. Who can believe the Bible if their assertions are correct?

Aside from not taking the Bible at its word, these "thinkers" have produced a lie in the Bible. If Genesis 6:17 was hyperbole to show how awful the sin was and how serious God's judgment was, then Genesis 9:11ff is the same exaggeration. God's point in Genesis 9 is He will never again do what He did in Noah's day.

He set the rainbow in the sky as a reminder of His covenant. Every time we see a rainbow, we can remember God's power in the destructive flood and His promise not to do it again. Further, we can remember He has promised to destroy the world with fire (cf. 2 Peter 3:8-13). But not if these so-called believers are correct.

If they are correct, every time we see a rainbow, we are reminded God lies. If this was about local floods, God lied. I have one word here—Katrina.

People should cease trying to make the Bible more palatable to the masses. Either accept what it says and live by it or reject it. Don't say you accept it and then twist it to fit what you think you really can accept. In the end, you will only make God out to be a liar and yourself a fool.

God did destroy the earth by flood and He does plan to destroy the earth by fire. Let's not twist it to be more acceptable. Let's accept it and live it.

~via *Franklin Church Bulletin*; Frnklin, Tennessee.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Dan & Scottie Reed	Bonnie & Beverly Sutton
Lona Faye Jackson	Mary Will Johnston
Cornelia Pepper	Patsy Thomas
Doris Lovell	Cindy Glass
Ashley Sims	Linda Jones
Shelly Scruggs	Sara Ogles
Wayne Gooch	Shaun Carruth

Everette "Bud" Dollar Ann Bush
Wayne Bolton

Updates:

Steve Usery had oral surgery and has been recovering from that this past week ... **Mitzi Carruth** is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday of this week ... **Pat Nixon** has been having problems with her back and neck and has not been able to be at services ... It was good to see **Cindy Glass** at services this past week. Continue to keep her in your prayers ... **Diane Kilpatrick, Ruby Dean Ezell's daughter**, had her medical tests done this week and receive a good report ... **Sara Ogles, the daughter-in-law of Mike & Nikki Ogles**, had a cast put on her ankle this past week. She will be in the cast for two months ... **Bekka Martin, a co-worker of Ella Melvin**, is sceduleld for surgery this week to remove a tumor from her stomach.

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard	Ella Melvin
Reba Byram	Irene Inman
Gayle Ball	Janice Cagle
Jeanette Weir	Daniel Ogles
Diane Kilpatrick	Linda Ordones
Wayne Wooldridge	Cindy Walker
Jenny Pickens	Gene Carpenter
Charles Burns	Betty Christopher
Al Pollard	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Matt Poff
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Shayna Tollison	Eli Williams
Brittany Bates Carter	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville
Anita Willis; IU Methodist Hospital - Indianapolis, Ind.

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 61	William Thomas, rm. 18
Judith Groce, rm. 10-B	Dorothy Draper, rm. 104
Mattye Murray, rm. 2	Helen Trousdale, rm. 43
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 40
Terry Camp, rm. 82	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Gayle Mills, rm. 15	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Mable Crafts, rm. 39	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Joyce Martin, rm. 73	

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Morningside, Decatur
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Wynell Casteel, at home
Marjorie Dunnivant, at Brookdale Farms, Huntsville
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle

Essie Hardison, at home
 Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: We rejoice that some have placed membership here this week: **Sharon Nave** has expressed her desire to be a part of the church here at Market Street. Sharon will be in *Work Group 2*... **Danny & Debra Holt** have expressed their desire to be members at Market Street. They have been attending with us for some time now and we are glad to have them. The Holts will be in *Work Group 1*... **Ashton Gatlin** has expressed his desire to be a member here at Market Street. Ashton will be in *Work Group 2*. We want to extend a warm welcome to *Sharon, Danny, Debra and Ashton*.

CONFESSION: We rejoiced this past week as **Jennifer Threet** came forward asking for prayers for forgiveness and strength. Jennifer stated her love for the church here and the thankfulness that the church here would not let her walk away from the Lord and this group. May we encourage Jennifer, as she has and will encourage us in our work together. May the Lord bless her. She desires to be a member here at Market Street and we rejoice in that. She will be in *Work Group 2*.

OUTOFTOWN: **The Bradleys: Steve and Marilyn** have been in Texas for a visit... **The Prices: A. J. & Andrea** are have been out of town this past week for a few days... **Jackie Cox** is in Indianapolis to see Anita this week... **The Coxes: David & Kerry** are also in Indianapolis, Indiana this weekend.

WORK GROUPS: **Work Group two** will be meeting this evening after our evening service. The work groups have been modified, so please check the announcement loop to see if this is your group.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Jan. 22nd*
 Sunday: Bible Classes 128
 Morning Worship 158
 Evening Worship 115
 Wednesday: Bible Classes 101

Sixth Annual Singing

February 24, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Jeff Warnke



MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, January 29th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer.....Marcus Morris
 Preaching..... Joel Hamm
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding.....A. J. Price
 Assisting..... Marty Adams
 ServingMatthew Vaughn.... Landon Adams
 Larry Mitchell..... Marion Mitchell
 Closing PrayerMike Ogles

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer..... Harvey Nixon
 Preaching.....A. J. Price
 Lord's Supper Terry Andrews
 Closing Prayer Bonnie Sutton

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 29th:

Ushers.....Hunter Cox/Russ Wulfekuhl
 Work Sound System.....Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, February 1st:

Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Bible Reading..... Ephesians 5:22-33
 Keenon Currier
 Prayer.....Dan Reed
 Invitation..... Marty Adams
 Closing Prayer Hunter Cox

Sunday, February 5th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer..... Dwaine Allfrey
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding.....Keith Hinkle
 Assisting.....Tommy Coblentz
 ServingMatthew Vaughn.... James Johnson
 Steve Usery..... Terry Andrews
 Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer.....A. J. Price
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Keith Hinkle
 Closing Prayer Joy Warner

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 5th:

Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Russ Wulfekuhl
 Work Sound System.....Nathaniel Adams