

MARKET STREET

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



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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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David A. Cox, Editor

On Different Levels

Berlin R. (Buc) Chumbley

In the gospel of John conversations between Christ and the people often moved on two levels. Meaning, Christ would say one thing, and the people would interpret it as something completely different. Including the following example:

In John 2 Jesus would go up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. There He would cleanse the Temple of the money changers and livestock dealers. This naturally caught the attention of the Jews who wanted to know what sign He would do to testify that He had the authority to do this. "Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said." (John 2.19-21).

The Jews wanted a "sign" Jesus said the greatest sign you will ever receive. The sign which would prove who I Am is the destruction and rebuilding of the temple in three days. John tells us that Christ was speaking about His body as "the temple" but the Jews interpreted His words as being about Herod's Temple which had taken forty-six years to build.

Other examples of speaking on different levels are found in John 4.11 in the conversation between Christ and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well about "living water." She thought He was speaking about what came from Jacob's Well. But Jesus was speaking about what flowed from Himself. In John 6.35 to a group of people seeking Jesus for their next meal, Christ says, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

The people thought He was commanding cannibalism, but Christ was speaking about the life He gives by offering up Himself. And in John 7.32-36 Jesus tells the people, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me. You will seek Me and not

find Me, and where I am you cannot come." Christ was speaking about going to heaven. The Jews thought He was going to the Gentiles to teach. They totally missed the point.

In Ephesians 5.17 Paul would write "Therefore do not be unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is." If only people were wise enough to understand the will of the Lord for them. Then their lives would be fulfilled and they would accomplish the purpose for which they were put on this earth to do.

Zeal of Christ in the Spirit of Christ

Rick Liggin

"And it came about, when the days were approaching for His ascension, that He resolutely set His face to go to Jerusalem; and He sent messengers on ahead of Him. And they went, and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make arrangements for Him. And they did not receive Him, because He was journeying with His face toward Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, 'Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But He turned and rebuked them, and said, 'You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.'" (Lk. 9:51-56).

In commenting on this text, G. Campbell Morgan made a profound observation; he said, "It is possible to be zealous for the honor of God in a spirit which puts us out of fellowship with God." (The Gospel According To Luke, p. 132). This statement seems to exactly describe the mistake of James and John on this occasion. Their deep sense of loyalty and respect for Jesus caused them to want to defend Him in the presence of those who did not share their respect.

Their loyalty, by itself, was not a bad thing. In fact, it was a good thing-and quite admirable. But the way in which they wanted to show their loyalty proved that they had not yet imbibed enough of the spirit of Christ.

Their response was totally out of character with His life and (saving) mission. Instead of trying to save the enemies of Jesus, James and John wanted to kill them-with fire from heaven! Here was zeal, for sure, but zeal in a wrong spirit.

This same thing happens to us today when we find ourselves despising the enemies of God--hating the sinner, rather than just hating the sin. Oh, we pay lip service to the fact that we only hate the sin, but our attitude, at times, subtly suggests otherwise. We tend to look down our noses at those whose lives are messed up by sin, thinking, "He's just getting what he deserves." Our attitude, even as we try to tell him about his need to repent, is, "You're going to hell and I'm kind of glad of it!"

This wrong spirit also manifests itself in the way some of us (especially in writing) defend truth against error taught by denominational preachers-or even by our own brethren. I find myself, at times, in agreement with the point of truth being defended, but completely opposed to and even embarrassed by the spirit manifested in the one defending the truth. Instead of trying to correct those in opposition to truth with kindness and gentleness, in genuine hope that God will "grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of truth" (2 Tim. 2:24-26), we seem to be more interested in being quarrelsome and stirring up strife.

When such an attitude finds place in our hearts it proves that we still have a carnal spirit-despite our zeal for Christ. It proves that, despite our loyalty to Jesus, we still have not yet imbibed enough of His spirit. Such actions and attitudes are totally out of character with that of our Lord's. And that carnal spirit, though filled with a loyalty to Him, will cause us to be separated from God.

Shall we give up our loyalty to Christ and compromise the truth? Never! Should we continue to zealously defend Jesus?

Absolutely! But let's make sure that our zeal is tempered by His godly spirit! Let's not be zealous for God in a way that puts us out of fellowship with Him. No one wins when that happens--except maybe the devil.

Peacemaking

Kenny Chumbley

Peacemaking True story: a 12-year-old girl was given the daily chore of cleaning up after dinner, which included sweeping the floor around the table. Her mother was telling a coworker about this, and lamented that when she walked around the kitchen in her bare feet that she could feel the crumbs her daughter had missed in her sweeping. The mother had gotten on the daughter about this and it had caused some disharmony in the home.

When the coworker heard her friend's story, she offered some advice; she told the mother, "Wear slippers." Christians are to be \ peacemakers (Matt.5.9), which is more than loving the peace oreven keeping the peace.

Peacemaking is needed when there is no peace or when selfishnessthratens the peace by producing wars and fights (Jas. 4.1).

And how is peace made? It's made by peaceable behavior: by giving no offense and, more importantly, refusing to take offense. There are plenty of people nowadays who are anxious to be a victim. Being a victim gives them a sense of power, of clout, that they then use to further their selfishness. That's no way to live, but that's the way many live.

"And above all things have fervent love for one another; for 'love will cover a multitude of sins'" (1 Pet. 4.8). Rather than making a mountain out of a molehill, or causing disharmony by turning a crumb into a crag, put on slippers. That's what love would do. Let's not ever destroy the peace between us and another over crumbs.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

James Johnson	Drew Ogles
Bobbie Adcock	Loretta Warner
Cornelia Pepper	Doris Lovell
Winfred Corsbie	Damien Powers
Linda Jones	Wayne Reyer
Ann Bush	Fredia Lowman
Perry Cagle	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Janice Cagle	Jeanette Weir
Patsy Thomas	Ella Melvin
Priscilla Tucker	Lucille Craig
Cindy Glass	Una King Currier
Matt Poff	Susan Cox
Wayne Gooch	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Al Pollard
Linda Ordonez	Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker	Phillip Harwell
Gene Carpenter	Charles Burns

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

JoAnn Gilbert, rm 117	Dorothy Draper, rm. 73
Matty Murray, rm. 2	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Joyce Martin, rm. 63	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Wayne Faulkner, rm. 97
<i>Doris Reed</i> ; rm. 105	

Limestone Health Facility:

Stan Stanford, rm. 105

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at City Center, Decatur
 Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
 Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
 Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle
 Irene Inman, at home
 Virginia Meyer, Traditions
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

WORK GROUPS: Work Group Three will be meeting after our evening service. If you are in group three remember to meet with your group tonight.

UPDATES:

Drew Ogles had test run at UAB Thursday,(see below)....
Chuck Stiles had a fall this past week and is banged up....*Donna Wright* is awaiting the results of her latest test...*Marvin Putman* is undergoing a 12 week medical treatments...*Irene Putman* is to have a procedure on her throat this Wednesday...*Barrett Hachett* grandson of *Marvin and Irene* is to have surgery on his spine in Birmigham

From Nikki Ogles: about Drew's doctor visit:

We went to Drew's appt yesterday in Birmingham. Drew was diagnosed with dysautonomia/POTS syndrome. Dysautonomia deals with your central nervous system which controls all your automatic responses in your body such as digestion, body temperature, etc.

He was put on two different medicines and will have to go back in a month. This is something he will have for the rest of his life, but we are hopeful that we can make his symptoms better in time. We know we are in the right place with the group he is seeing. This is their speciality and they have patients from all over the world. Thank you all so much for the kind comments and most of all prayers. Please pray that his body can respond to the meds and that he can gain some weight back and get back to living!

This condition is hard to describe. It is a heart condition and has to do with blood flow in the body. That is the best way to explain it. Please continue to pray for us!

NEW MEMBER:

Tena Wells and *Will Chumbley* have expressed a desire to be counted among the flock of God at Market Street. Welcome to you both!

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of August 26th*

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	142
	Morning Worship.....	186
	Evening Worship.....	147
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	105

Gospel Meeting

September 16-19, 2018

(Sunday through Wednesday)

Paul Sheehan, Speaking

**MARKET STREET
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, September 2nd:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Wayne Vaughn
Preaching.....	Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper.....	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting.....	Larry Tucker
Serving.....	Russ Wulfekuhl... Charles Vaughn
.....	Clayton Hamm... Christian Usery
Closing Prayer	Marion Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader.....	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Ashton Gatlin
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer	Jerry McGlocklin

Other Assignments for the week of September 2nd:

Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell	Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Nathaniel Adams	

Wednesday, September 5th:

Song Leader	Bob Broadus
Bible Reading	Danny Johnson
.....	Mark 7:24-37
Prayer.....	Dwaine Allfrey
Invitation	Hunter Cox
Closing Prayer	Kenneth Smith
Usher.....	Tommy Coblentz

Sunday, September 9th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Steve Usery
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Joel Hamm
Assisting.....	Larry Holt
Serving.....	Roger Hammonds... Larry Mitchell
.....	Hunter Cox... Danny Johnson
Closing Prayer	Kenneth Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Bob Broadus
Prayer.....	Larry Tucker
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Nathaniel Adams
Other Assignments for the week of September 9th:	
Ushers.....	Terry Andrews/ Danny Johnson
Work Sound System.....	Landon Adams