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

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The Second Coming of Christ

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The second coming of Christ is a central theme in the New Testament. According to statistics, the second coming is mentioned 318 times in the 260 chapters in the New Testament. In our religious world, there is much debate and many questions concerning the second coming of Christ. Let us simply look to the Bible to see what it has to say about the second coming and the end of time.

When Will The Time Be?

This question has intrigued many, and many have made predictions as to when the return of Christ would be. Dates such as 1833, 1843, 1914, 1919, and 1988 are some of the years predicted as to the second coming of Jesus. Of course, these years have come and gone, but Christ has not returned. However, this does not diminish from the fact of the certainty of His return. What does the Bible say about the time of the second coming of Christ? "For you, yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;..." (2 Peter 3:10). "But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matthew 24:36). It is clear from these passages that the second coming of Christ will be unannounced, so it is needless for anyone to try to predict the time or an approximation of Christ's return. We should not put our faith in any prediction that comes from man.

The Glorious Appearing of the Great God

When Christ returns, the Bible tells us that it will be glorious. As Paul writes Titus about the grace of God that teaches us how we should live says, "Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and our Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). The Bible states that when Christ returns in the clouds, every eye will see the glorious appearance of Christ (Revelation 1:7). Paul in describing the events of the second coming of Christ, says, "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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Thessalonians 4:16-17). This glorious appearing will occur with a shout, the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet of God. Also, the Lord will return in the clouds. The clouds have always been symbolic of nobility and grandeur. The second appearing of Jesus will be known to all. It will not be a secret appearance that is unknown to people, but all will observe it.

What About Christ Coming Back To Earth?

The second coming of Christ does not include Christ setting His foot back on earth and setting up His kingdom. In 1 Thessalonians 4 and Revelation 1 mentions, Christ's return will be in the clouds. We are informed that those still living on earth will be "caught up...in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thessalonians 4:16). The second coming of Christ is not for Christ to set up His kingdom on earth. Paul, discussing the second coming that Christians will be raised to be with Christ, says, "then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God, even the Father, when He puts down all rule and all authority and power" (1 Corinthians 15:24). This verse does not mention anything about setting up a kingdom on earth but says that Christ will give the kingdom to the Father. Christ will lay down all rule and authority which the Father has given to Him (Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:22-23). When Christ returns, the dead will be raised and given bodies of immortality (1 Corinthians 15:50-53). Our hope and desire for Christ's return is not for something to happen on earth. Rather, it is looking for that which is beyond this life and this earth. Peter writes concerning our hope in Christ second coming says, "Looking for a hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens, being on fire, will be dissolved, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:12-13). Peter gives the reason for the great expectation of Christ's return is for our eternal home.

We do not know when Christ will return, but it will be a glorious day if we are prepared and are in Christ. On the other hand, how fearful will the return of Christ be for those out of Christ? Knowing this, it should move each one of us to look at our life and compare it to the word of God. If we find that we have not obeyed the gospel of Christ according to the scriptures, then we are still in our sins and outside of Christ. In that condition, we would not enjoy that home in heaven that Christ has prepared. Let us look seriously at our lives and prepare for the second coming of Christ so that it will be a blessing for us.

"Every First Day of the Week"

Clark Duggar

While most folks understand why the Lord's Supper is to be eaten ("in remembrance of me," Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29), there is confusion over just exactly when the supper is to be eaten. There is no direct command concerning when the Lord's Supper should be eaten, but there is an approved apostolic example: "And upon the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread" (Acts 20:7).

The first day of the week (our Sunday) was the day on which Jesus was raised from the dead (John 20:1). Just as the Sabbath (seventh day of the week, our Saturday) was the day Jews were to remember their deliverance from Egyptian bondage (Deuteronomy 5:15), so is the first day of the week the day Christians are to remember their deliverance from the bondage of sin. Jews remembered every Sabbath day, so are Christians to remember Christ's sacrifice every first day of the week by partaking of the Lord's Supper. This is the Lord's day; a day of remembrance; the day Christ was raised from the dead. I think this argument is valid. But let's consider for a moment an argument from the text itself.

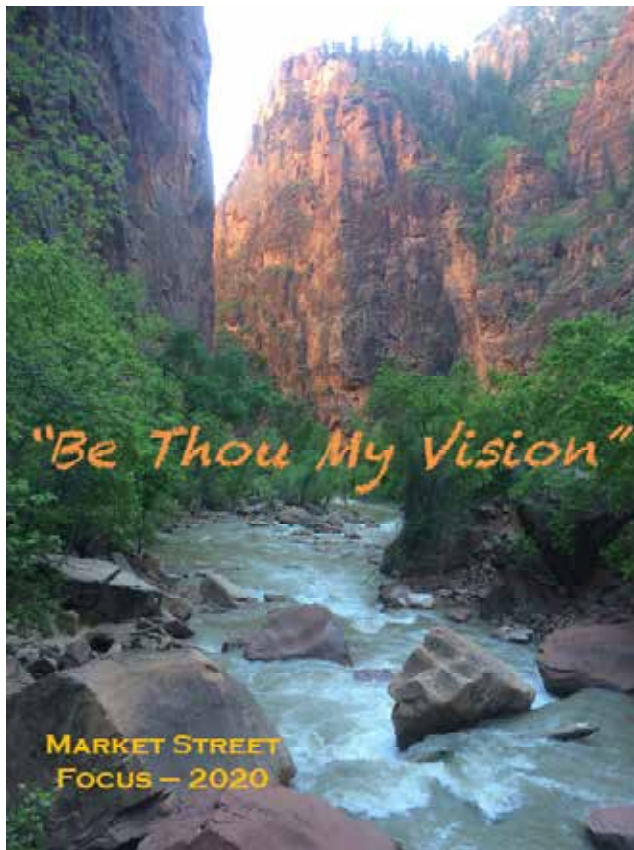
Paul told the Corinthians, "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come" (1 Corinthians 16:2). This passage not only authorizes a common treasury, but the collection of which is to be made "upon the first day of the week." In the original Greek, the phrase rendered "upon the first day" is "kata main." In Acts 15:21 we see the phrase "kata polin" translated "every city," and in Revelation 22:2 we see "kata mena" rendered "every month." Hence, "kata main" means literally "every first day" (Nestle Interlinear Greek-English N. T., p. 704). Paul tells these brethren, "when therefore ye assemble yourselves together" (1 Corinthians 11:20) they were partaking of the Lord's Supper in an "unworthy manner" (v. 27). Just when did they assemble themselves together to eat the Lord's Supper? We see this identified in 1 Corinthians 16:2 as they met every first day of the week (kata main). Since they met every first day of the week to break bread, Paul tells them to "lay by in store" on this day as well.

And so, while it is true that Jesus did not tell us when

to partake of the Supper at the time He instituted it, that is, what day and how often, the approved example of Acts 20:7 not only binds upon us the first day of the week as the only day authorized by Scripture to partake of it, but it binds upon us every first day of the week. Also we must remember why apostolic or approved examples are binding in the first place. They are binding because behind every approved example in the New Testament lies a commandment of God.

Why do you think the brethren at Troas and at Corinth met on every first day of the week to partake of the Lord's Supper? Do you think it was an arbitrary thing? Absolutely not! They met on this day every week to partake of the Lord's Supper because God commanded them to do so. So why didn't God record the commandment? I don't know, you'll have to take that up with God. But could it be that He considered remembering the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord on the day He arose from the dead to be such a fundamental thing that recording the commandment to do so was not necessary.

~via *The Greenwood*; Greenwood, Indiana.



News & Notes

THE SICK:

Harvey Nixon	Jennifer Threet
Vicki Stringer	Gayle Ball
Helen Blankenship	Bobbie Adcock
Loretta Warner	Doris Lovell
JoAnn Gilbert	Alvis McLemore
Yvonne Strickland	Lloyd Adams
Ann Bush	Jewel Nagle

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Donna Wright	Freddie Mae Elmore
Nikki Ogles	Anita Wheeler
Lona Jackson	Janice Cagle
Judy Vaughn	Ella Melvin
Jeanette Weir	Cornelia Pepper
Wayne Wooldridge	Cindy Walker
Kenneth Fisher	Al Pollard
Charles Burns	David Collier
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Matt Poff	Gene Carpenter
Carrie Warner	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Betty Lovell, rm. 120	Mildred Lambert, rm. 3
Mattie Murray, rm. 2	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Connie Brock, rm. 62	Brenda Wilson, rm. 77
Christine Hudson, rm. 77	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36

Limestone Health Facility:

Mot Beasley, rm. 117	Bettye Harrison, rm. 59
Virginia Meyer, rm. 41	Alice Roberson, rm. 49

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Elease Barksdale, Limestone Lodge
 Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge
 Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
 Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
 Irene Inman, at home
 Stan Stanford, at home
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Helen Blankenship did not have to do the cardiac conversion on Wednesday. She will return to the doctor again this week... *Larry Tucker's mother, Joyce Tucker*, has been diagnosed with cancer and will require chemo and Ketruda immuno therapy... *Lona Jackson's son, Kevin*

Belue, has been diagnosed with cancer and is going to the doctor to determine the treatment... *Harvey Nixon* is at home following his surgery last week. He is still recovering and requests no visitors at this time... *Minnie Carter* was able to be back with us last Sunday morning for our services... *Mildred Lambert* moved the Athens Health & Rehab this week and is in room 3... *Mildred Lambert's granddaughter, Angela Leyva*, is at home following her surgery at Vanderbilt.

GOSPEL MEETING: The *Kelly Spring's Road church* is planning to begin a gospel meeting on Friday and it will continue through next Sunday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Jarred McCrary*.

SINGING: The *Jordan Park church* in Huntsville will be having a singing on Friday night at 7:00 p.m.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS: The *Men's Bible Class* will be meeting tomorrow night, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. We will continue studying "*Be An Encourager*".

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' CLASS: Remember the *Ladies Bible Class* that meets on Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the home of *Doris Fisher*.

AWAY AT SCHOOL: Remember our young people who are continuing their education in college:
Kenneth Adams, University of Alabama - Huntsville
Keenon Currier, Auburn University
Clayton Hamm, University of North Alabama
Griffin Holt, University of Alabama
Elizabeth Usery, Mississippi State University
Matthew Usery, University of North Alabama

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.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Feb. 9th:

Sunday: Bible Classes 132
Morning Worship 176
Evening Worship 101

Ninth Annual Singing

February 28, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Wiley Deason & Johnny Felker



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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, February 16th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Larry Tucker
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer..... Keith Hinkle
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Harvey Nixon
Assisting..... Terry Andrews
Serving Clayton Hamm Kenneth Adams
..... Matthew Usery..... Russ Wulfekuhl
Closing Prayer Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Larry Tucker
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer..... Marcus Morris
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Other Assignments for the week of February 16th:

Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System..... Larry Holt

Wednesday, February 19th:

Song Leader Bob Broadus
Bible Reading Marty Adams
..... Hebrews 9:23-28
Prayer..... Tommy Coblentz
Invitation Nathaniel Adams
Closing Prayer Tony Thomas

Sunday, February 23rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Joel Hamm
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer..... Kenneth Smith
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Tommy Coblentz
Assisting..... Keith Hinkle
Serving Charles Vaughn Tim Griswold
..... Harold Davis Sam Gregory
Closing Prayer Marty Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Joel Hamm
Song Leader Tony Thomas
Prayer..... Albert Haraway
Preaching..... Song Service
Lord's Supper Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer Terry Andrews

Other Assignments for the week of February 23rd:

Ushers..... Marcus Morris/Danny Holt
Work Sound System..... Landon Adams