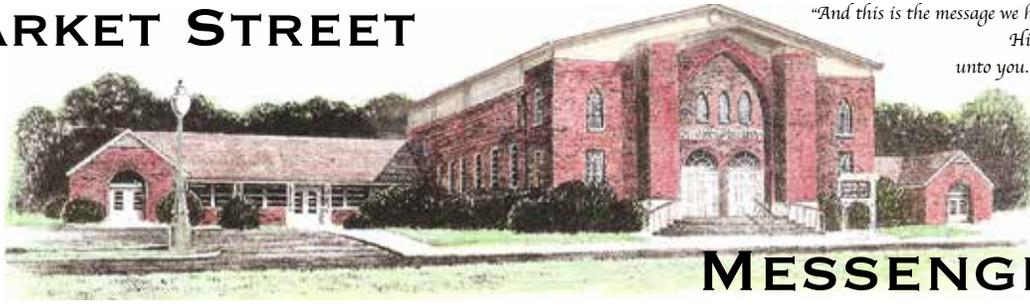


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)

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Sunday

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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

Is Jesus My Lord?

David A. Cox

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

In Acts 2, on the day of Pentecost, Peter concluded his sermon by proclaiming that "God hath made this same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (v. 36). All who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ surely must admit that He is Lord! The Jews who gathered at Jerusalem believed that He was Lord and became followers of Him. But what does it mean to say "Jesus is Lord!"

The Meaning of Lord

First, the word "Lord" means "master, sovereign." The word carries the idea of ruling with power and authority (Matthew 28:18). God demonstrated this power by fulfilling the prophecy of David in Psalm 16. God did not leave Jesus in the grave but raised Him up to sit on the throne of David (Acts 2:27-30). Therefore, Christ is Lord, seated on the throne and ruling over His kingdom. So today, when people profess that Jesus is Lord, they are proclaiming that Jesus is on the throne ruling, and they are subject to His rule and authority. Whether men profess the Lordship of Christ does not change the fact that Jesus is Lord.

The Implications of Jesus Being Lord

The obvious question now is, "If followers of Christ claim Jesus as Lord, then why are there so many different beliefs among His followers?" The fact is there should not be. Jesus once asked, "why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). The point Jesus was making is that to be a follower of His means more than just calling Him Lord. To serve Jesus acceptably as Lord means we will do what He says (Luke 6:47; cf. Matthew 6:21-23). Acknowledging Jesus as Lord, we must give our lives wholeheartedly to Him, presenting ourselves to Him as a living sacrifice and doing the things He has commanded.

In Acts 2, the Jews that Peter had convinced that Jesus is Lord and

Christ asked the question, “what shall we do?” They understood that since Jesus was Lord, they must submit to His will to be pleasing to God. Serving God as a Jew was no longer acceptable. Jesus was and is the Lord, and the only way to please God is to do His will.

Now each one of us must ask ourselves the question, “Is Jesus, My Lord?” The answer will be determined by what you and I do, just as it was in Acts 2. Let us all resolve that we will confess Jesus as Lord and follow and obey Him in all things. Let there be no misunderstanding that Jesus is Lord. We will all confess it one day (Philippians 2:9-11). Let’s make Jesus our Lord, and do His will on this side of eternity.



Today: “Punishment Does Not Help”

Mark Roberts

Journalist Betsy Flagler writes the syndicated “Parent to Parent” column that asks readers to write in with parenting problems and then tries to get expert help to those troubles. A mother in California recently wrote in that her first-grader has been pushing and hitting, been kicked out of the library, and all attempts to take away privileges and toys to discipline him have failed. “His problem seems to be a lack of self-control” she writes. Flagler’s response well illustrates the destructive psychology of today that destroys children rather than helping them.

She notes that “instead of thinking you must control your child’s behavior, help your child learn to control himself. Set limits, give reminders, be his advocate.” Okay, that all sounds great. What happens, however, when little Johnny breaks the limits and won’t listen to reminders? Some might think that would be the time to discipline Johnny. Oh, no! We must not do that! “External controls such as taking a bike away do not teach self-control,” says child expert Jane Nelsen (who of

course has written a book on child rearing). Ms. Nelsen goes on to analyze why the child pushes and hits others and notes that discipline is not the answer: “It’s a crazy idea that to help children do better, first we have to make them feel worse. . . . A misbehaving child is a discouraged child. Punishment doesn’t help him feel he belongs.” A Dallas school teacher, June Humphreys, says misbehavior comes because kids can’t communicate their feelings, and punishment just stifles that all the more. “Instead, these children need to be taught vocabulary to use to express feelings at the first sign of discomfort.”

Amazing stuff, isn’t it? One hundred years ago parents knew how to handle children who hit and kicked others. Now, in our sophisticated age, we “know better” than to discipline like grandma and grandpa did but kids are more unruly than ever! All these experts write book after book on child rearing but everyone seems to have forgotten The Expert’s book on child raising, the Bible. The Bible notes that these parents who are so worried Johnny will feel “left out” or “that he doesn’t belong” actually hate their child: “He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly” (Proverbs 13:24). A parent who is more concerned with the child’s immediate feelings than long-range character growth is a parent who is failing that child!

Further, the experts can say all they want about punishment not being helpful but God says “Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him” (Proverbs 22:15). Talking and learning communication skills aren’t the issue: selfishness is. Johnny doesn’t have a communication problem – he is very good at letting everyone know that he wants his way now. Instead of being paralyzed with a fear that for even a moment Johnny might not feel great about himself Johnny must learn that if he acts badly, he will feel badly – because he should feel badly about acting badly! “For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted” (2 Corinthians 7:10).

Today we have far too much analysis of why children misbehave and not nearly enough decisive action to stop it. There is too much concern about Johnny’s self-esteem and not nearly enough interest in his actions and making wrong behavior extremely unpleasant and undesirable. May God bless every parent to seek His wisdom and not the foolishness of today’s self-proclaimed parenting experts.

~via *O’Connor Church of Christ*; San Antonio, Texas.

Those “In-Between” Times

Roger Shouse

“For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.”
(1 Thessalonians 2:13)

Being Truly Open to God Means Not Only That We Are Willing To Accept The Truth About Him But That We Are Eager To Welcome Him Into Our Hearts and Lives. The Thessalonians to whom Paul had preached the gospel were not gullible, but there is no denying that they were favorably disposed toward the possibility that what they had heard might be the truth. And when they were shown sufficient evidence to convince them that the message was indeed true, they did not hesitate to respond to it obediently. “When you received the word of God which you heard from us,” Paul wrote, “you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God.”

The thing that often makes us less than receptive to God, of course, is the fact that He calls upon us to “put off the old” and “put on the new” (Ephesians 4:20-24). We cannot have God without turning away from the things that separated us from Him in the first place. He requires us to let go of our sinful self-will, give up the ill-gotten gains of our disobedience, and make a radical commitment to yield to His will for the rest of our lives.

Decisions about repentance and obedience are always difficult. In many cases they turn out to be quite painfully difficult. But there is no other cure for what ails us. And if turning away from our sins is something we’re not willing to do, for whatever reason, then it’s not likely that God will find a welcome reception in our hearts. On the other hand, if we’ve caught any glimpse of the joy that fellowship with God would bring to us, then no price will be too great to pay to learn that love. We’ll not even balk at the requirement of repentance. Our hearts and our minds will be open to Him. We will be ready to receive whatever He has for us.

Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.

Come, my Life, and revive me from death.

Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.

Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins, kindling my heart with the flame of your love.

Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there. For thou alone are my King and my Lord. (Dimitri of Rostov)

~via *The Reminder*; Bellaire, Texas.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Shirley Miller
Peggy Smith
Frank Melton
JoAnn Gilbert
Doris Lovell
Justice Gentry
Bobby Ogles
Marsha Young

Tony Thomas
Betty Pepper
Bobbie Adcock
Jimmy Johnson
Dan Lovell
Glynda Walker
Ann Bush
Karen Ferguson

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Harold Ash
Peggy Pepper
Vicki Stringer
Nikki Ogles
Lona Jackson
Lloyd Adams
Janice Cagle
Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker
Al Pollard
David Collier
Wade Williams

Leigh Ann McGlocklin
Loretta Warner
Freddie Mae Elmore
Anita Wheeler
Judy Vaughn
Jeanette Weir
Cornelia Pepper
Carrie Warner
Kenneth Fisher
Charles Burns
Phillip Harwell
Una King Currier

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15
Connie Brock, rm. 62
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

Elease Barksdale, rm. 22A
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77
Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Patsy Appleton, rm. 113

Limestone Health Facility:

Bettye Harrison, rm. 59
Frances Bowers, rm. 67

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 98
Alice Roberson, rm. 49

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Marci Bassett, Limestone Manor
Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge

Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
 Barbara Carter, Traditions
 Irene Inman, at home
 Stan Stanford, at home
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
 Alan Thornton, Limestone Lodge
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Frank Melton is at home following his eye surgery last week in Birmingham ... **Jennifer Threet** got a good report from her heart doctor this week ... **Judy Vaughn** had a heart ablation done on Thursday at Crestwood Hospital ... **Ann McLemore** is scheduled to have knee surgery on March 30th... **Leigh Ann McGlocklin** continued her radiation treatments this week, she has 7 treatments left... **Harold Ash** has continued his radiation treatments. Harold has completed 25 treatments. The treatments will continue for 5 more weeks.

BAPTISM: We are rejoicing this week as last Sunday morning **Luke Vaughn** came forward and expressed his desire to be baptized into Christ. We appreciate Luke's family and others who have encouraged him to do the things to please God. May the Lord bless Luke with many years to faithfully serve Him.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Margaret Carter, Paul Adcock & Bobbie Adcock**, in the passing of Margaret and Paul's uncle and Bobbie's brother-in-law, **O. C. Adcock**. He passed away last Saturday. His graveside service will be Tuesday in Chattanooga, Tennessee. May the Lord bless all this family at this time... We also want to express our deepest sympathy to **Helen Blankenship** in the passing of her nephew, **Billy Joe Lovell**. He was also a cousin to **Dan Lovell, Doris Lovell** and **Jeanette Weir**. Billy Joe passed away on Thursday. The visting and graveside service was on Saturday. May the Lord bless this family at this time.

OUT OF TOWN: The Stiles: *Chuck and Benita* are in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for week of March 14th:*

Sunday: Bible Classes 104
 Morning Worship 130
 Evening Worship 90

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.
 Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, March 21st:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer..... Nathaniel Adams
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Joel Hamm
 Assisting Larry Holt
 Serving Kenneth Adams..... Clayton Hamm
 Marvin Putman ... Matthew Vaughn
 Closing Prayer Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer..... Frank Melton
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
 Closing Prayer Harvey Nixon

Other Assignments for the week of March 21st:

Ushers..... Russ Wulfekuhl/Larry Mitchell
 Work Sound System..... Marty R. Adams

Wednesday, March 24th:

Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Bible Reading Roger Hammonds
 (2 Peter 2:12-22)
 Prayer..... Kenneth Smith
 Invitation Keenon Currier
 Closing Prayer Danny Holt

Sunday, March 28th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Stephen Lynn
 Prayer..... Larry Mitchell
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Keith Hinkle
 Assisting Hunter Cox
 Serving Danny Johnson..... Heath Dollar
 Charles Vaughn Russ Wulfekuhl
 Closing Prayer Terry Andrews

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Bob Broadus
 Prayer..... Terry Andrews
 Preaching Song Service
 Lord's Supper Keith Hinkle
 Closing Prayer Wayne Vaughn

Other Assignments for the week of March 28th:

Ushers..... Danny Johnson/Heath Dollar
 Work Sound System..... Landon Adams