

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



“What Kind of Book Will We Be?”

By Mike Riley

While writing books is a lofty profession for any writer, we can all “be” a book to someone. The question is, “What kind of book will we be?”

The inspired penman Paul wrote to the brethren at Corinth and told them:

“Clearly you are an epistle of Christ written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart” (2 Corinthians 3:3; cf. Psalm 37:31; Psalm 40:8).

As Christians, we may be the only Bible that folks will ever see or read.

The work that Christ is doing in us as His followers, can result in an influence far greater than any book we might write with pen and paper (1 Thessalonians 1; cf. Romans 1:8; Romans 16:19).

Through God’s Word, written “on their [our] hearts” (Jeremiah 31:33), the Lord is displaying His love and goodness for all to see.

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SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
When Shovels Break
8:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Bible Study - Acts
7:00 PM



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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To Worship, or to Watch?

By Mike Riley

What about our worship to God on this Lord’s Day? Has it been offered with the right attitude of heart? (John 4:23-24-NKJV). Let’s look at the following two stories, and find out which one best describes our attitude in worship:

A brother in Christ went to worship one Lord’s Day, and as he was engaging in the song service, he heard the song leader miss a note during the singing, and he cringed. Then he saw a teenager talking when everyone was supposed to be silent in prayer. As the offering plate was being passed around, he felt like the man passing the plate was watching to see how much money he put in, and that made his blood boil! He also caught six grammatical errors in the sermon by actual count. As he slipped out the door during the closing song, he muttered to himself, “Never again! What a bunch of clods and hypocrites.”

On the other side of the coin, a sister in Christ also went to worship on the Lord’s Day. As she heard the congregation singing a stirring arrangement of “How Great Thou Art”, she thrilled at the beauty and greatness of the song’s lyrics. The singing inspired her to be closer to God. She was glad to see there was a special collection being taken to help flood victims of several Northeastern states. She especially appreciated the sermon because it not only challenged and inspired her to grow spiritually, but it also answered a Bible question that she had pondered for a long time. As she walked out the doors of the church building, she thought, “How can anyone be here and not feel God’s presence?”

Both of the above church members attended worship services on the Lord’s Day, but one went away with a negative attitude, while the other went away on a positive note — motivated and inspired to better serve the Lord.

A prominent evangelist once stated, “Sitting in a church house does not make you a Christian any more than sitting in a hen house makes you a hen.” It is an incontestable fact that everyone who comes to the church building to engage in worship does not come for the same purpose nor do they have the same attitude. A well-known theologian once called going to church, “the greatest spectator sport in America.” The pulpit is even sometimes referred to as “the stage.”

Brethren, if our attitude towards worship is like that of the brother described in the second paragraph of this article, then it’s time to ask, “Why did we go to worship?”

So, let’s ask ourselves, “Have I come to truly worship [with the right attitude of heart], or to watch [with a critical eye]?” There’s only one kind of worship that carries the benefit of blessing from the Lord (John 4:23-24-NKJV).

As Christians, we may never write a best-selling book, but by daily living for God, we will become a best-selling book to someone!

Therefore, let us be an “open book” — an “epistle of Christ” for all to “read”

Ephesians 3:1-4 KJV

[1] For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, [2] If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: [3] How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, [4] Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

1 Corinthians 4:16 KJV

[16] Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

1 Corinthians 11:1 KJV

[1] Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

Philippians 3:17 KJV

[17] Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

Announcements

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Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments
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Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2021 is in foyer
- August - Montgomery
- September - Thrash
- October -

August Birthdays & Anniversary’s

- Donald Montgomery - 4th • Jill Carlberg - 14th
- Scott Williams - 28th
- Chuck & Sonja Rowell - 11th

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ROMANS I:24-25

Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Larry Montgomery
Scripture Reading - Acts 17:22 - 31
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
Head of Lord’s Table - Rick Carlberg
Assist on Lord’s Table - Mark Potts
Scripture Reading - Luke 23:33 - 38
Closing Prayer - Don Potts

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