

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 Would Christianity Look Like? By Mike Riley

Let’s say that you’re a Christian and people decided they wanted to be just like you — a perfect carbon copy. Would you urge them to do so?

Paul did not hesitate. He pleaded with the Philippians, “Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so live as you have an example in us” (Philippians 3:17). That is a bold statement, don’t you think? Asking others to reproduce your faith, your manner of life, your dedication to Christ? Would you really want anybody using you as a pattern or example? It’s a sobering thought, isn’t it?

The apostle Paul wasn’t trying to be arrogant when he called upon others to imitate him. He didn’t think that he had already been made perfect; but he was pressing on daily toward the “goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14). He had spiritual ambitions, and longed that those who desired to be mature in Christ would think in these terms. In every way, Paul tried to provide a pattern of Christian living and conduct. He lived a life for others to follow.

Just as Paul urged the Philippians, he would make the same request of the Corinthians. “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1). Paul felt same in offering himself as a pattern because he was imitating Christ.

Would you be willing to say, “Let my example be the standard by which you tell who the Christians are among those about you?” (Philippians 3:17). Or, would you offer yourself as the model in self-renunciation, in humble service, in Christ-centered trust, in zeal and spirituality?

Suppose people everywhere took you for their model of a Christian.

What would Christianity look like then?

SUNDAY

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
8:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thru the Bible in 52
Weeks - Exodus
9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Matthew is invited to
follow Jesus
Jesus rejected at
Nazareth
Matthew 9:9-13
Luke 4:14-30



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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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Role Of Women In The Church

By Ron Boatwright

The Bible speaks of how women are to conduct themselves in worship. In 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 we read, "Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says. And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church." The Bible says that women are not permitted to speak during the worship service of the church. If a church allows women to speak or take a leading role during their worship service, they are ignoring what God's word forbids. They are telling God, "we don't care what You say we are going to do things our way".

This is the way God has specified that it will be. We read in 1 Corinthians 11:3, "But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God." God speaking to Eve in Genesis 3:16 says, "Unto the woman He said...your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you." The reason women are to be submissive and not speak in the worship of the church is God has specified that the man is the head of woman and is to rule over the woman. Many people do not approve of what God has done, but this is still God's business. As we read in Romans 9:20, "But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, Why have you made me like this?" Who are we to question God?

Also in 1 Timothy 2:11-14 God's word to us says, "Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression." God's word is very clear. It says it is not to be permitted. In other words it is forbidden. When we do things that are forbidden by God it is sin. It is sin which separates us from God and sin will cause us to be lost eternally. Here we see what happened when Eve took the spiritual leadership over her husband and what happened when Adam failed to exercise spiritual leadership over his wife. Why did God place these limitations on the woman? The Bible explains why women are to keep silent and why they are not permitted to speak in the worship of the church. It was because "Adam was formed first, then Eve." God could have created woman first or He could have created the man and woman simultaneously. But God's creation of the man first was to show the authority of the man and the submission of the woman. Because of this Satan was able to introduce sin into the world.

During the worship of the church women are not permitted by the Lord to preach, lead prayer or lead singing. This does not preclude women from singing in the worship service or teaching children in the Bible classes. But they are not to take a leading role over man in the worship service. This command of God is not hard to understand. But some still want to ignore it and do what seems right in their own eyes.

Again this does not prohibit women from teaching children in the Bible classes. Paul tells Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:15, "And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures." How was Timothy taught the scriptures? He was taught them by his mother and grandmother as we read in 2 Timothy 1:5, "When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded in in you also." Women can play a vital role in teaching children in Bible classes. Women are not inferior to men, but the difference is a matter of function as designed by God. This is the way that God chose for it to be.

God intends for women to be subordinate to men in worship. When a woman gets up before the church with men present to teach, preach, lead prayer, or lead singing, she is in violation of what God has commanded. She is perverting the worship of God. As a result of this rebellion, God is not worshipped in spirit and in truth. As we have already seen, worship becomes vain or useless when we follow the desires of men instead of what God wants. For us to ignore what God has said, on this matter or any other, is spiritual anarchy and will have horrible consequences.

Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Maxine Powell)
- All those affected by COVID-19
- Gary Cradic (recovering from surgery)
- Williams family (passing of Brother Ken)
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Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2020 is in foyer
- August - Potts
- September - Thrash
- October - Carlberg

Announcements

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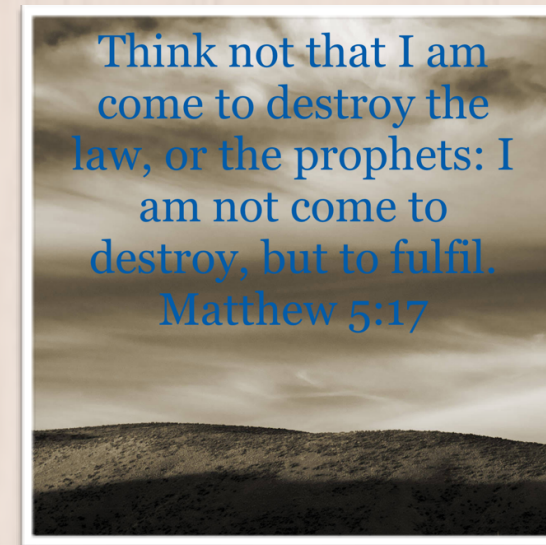
August Birthdays & Anniversary's

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

Every Sunday Morning

@ 6:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Sunday Morning

- Announcements/Opening Prayer - Shay Cooper
- Scripture Reading - Matthew 5:17-20
- Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
- Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery
- Scripture Reading - Matthew 26:38-46
- Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson
- Closing Prayer - Rick Carlberg



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