

Northside Church of Christ

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



It's Not A Game!

By Mike Riley

Do you remember how as children we used to play like we were something that we were not? We'd say, "Let's play like we're cowboys," or "Let's play like we're firemen," or "Let's play like we're policemen."

It was not strange that we as children lived in a fantasy world from time to time. There was no reason for our parents to be disturbed because we spent so much time "playing like" we were someone else.

But now that we are grown, most of us with families of our own, it is high time for us to be concerned if we are continuing to play like we are something we are not. Far too many of us approach Christianity as it were a "game" in which we can "play like" we are Christians. And it is not a serious matter because when any requirement of living the Christian life conflicts with our own desires, we quickly close our eyes, shut our ears, and simply ignore that requirement, all the while still thinking that we are good Christians. We need to remember that we can "deceive" ourselves (James 1:22, ESV).

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SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
4 Square
8:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Titus
9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Singing Night
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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Some Aspects of God’s Grace

By Mike Riley

Titus 2:11-14 states:

“[11] For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, [12] Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; [13] Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; [14] Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

According to the above text:

1) God’s grace “has appeared to all men” — Since God is no respecter of persons, salvation is offered to both Jew and Gentile (Acts 10:34-35; Romans 1:16; Gal. 3:26-29).

2) God’s grace “teaches” us to “deny ungodliness and worldly lusts” — Our old sinful life must be rooted out and our selfish attachments to this world must be replaced by spiritual goals (Colossians 3:1-2). God does not “take away” our inclination to sin; but by His grace, he teaches us to deny the entrance of sin into our life (Matthew 16:24; cf. Psalm 119:11; Romans 6:6-14; Colossians 3:5-11).

3) We are to “live soberly, righteously, and godly” — Our lifestyle should reflect the positive teaching of God’s grace.

4) We are to look for “that blessed hope” — Our Lord, whose appearing signals the end of our sojourn here and our reception into the heavenly home (Titus 2:13; cf. John 14:1-6). Hope (made possible by God’s grace) is an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast (Hebrews 6:19). It sustains us in time of trial.

5) “Who gave Himself for us” — The purchase price being the only price by which man could be justified in God’s sight (Romans 5:6-10; Ephesians 1:5-7).

To what end did our Lord “redeem us from every lawless deed?”

6) To “purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works” — a peculiar people, a special kind of people, a people especially shaped and molded to be God’s own possession (1 Peter 2:9; cf. Deuteronomy 14:2; 1 Chronicles 17:22). God’s special people should be zealous of performing God-ordained good works, as God has every right to expect (Ephesians 2:10).

It is evident that many are “playing like” they are Christians. When one is off and on in their church attendance, haphazard in their giving, and neglectful in their service to God, one is “playing like” he or she is a Christian. Living the Christian life is a very serious thing. Tomorrow is not promised to us (James 4:13-15, ESV). Let us be sure that we are not “playing like” we are Christians. True New Testament Christians are not deadheads, nor are they inactive, complacent, indifferent, or lukewarm. They are filled with zeal and enthusiasm for the Lord (Titus 2:11-14, ESV). The question is – are you? Don’t “play like” you are a Christian – be a true one!

Let’s remember Paul’s admonition, “Whatsoever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men” (Colossians 3:23, ESV).

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 2022 is in foyer
- August - Rowell

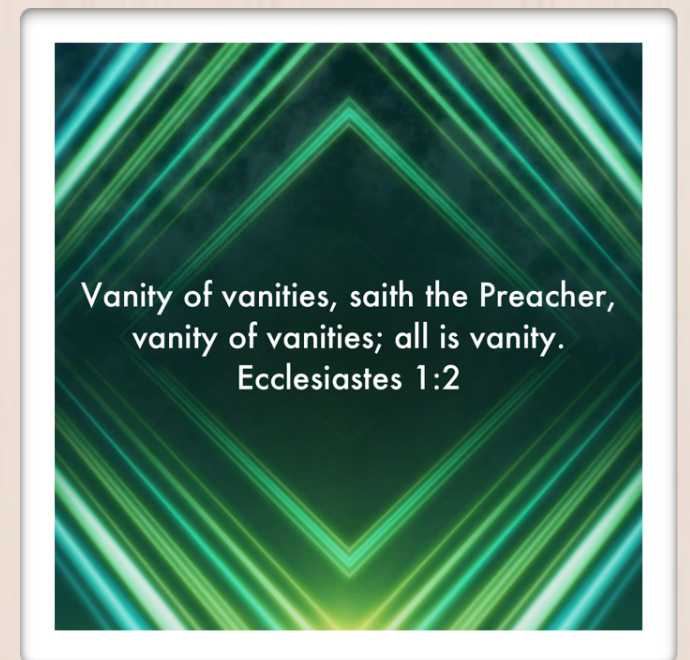
August Birthdays & Anniversary’s

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

Every Sunday Morning

@ 8:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Dwight Callens
 Scripture Reading - 1 Kings 3:5 - 15
 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
 Head of Lord’s Table - Larry Montgomery
 Assist on Lord’s Table - James Johnson
 Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
 Closing Prayer - Don Potts

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