

Northside Church of Christ

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



James 4:4

By Mike Riley

A querist asks, “What does James 4:4 tell us?”

James 4:4 KJV states: “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”

James is simply saying that Christians cannot be a friend of God and a friend of the world’s evil influences at the same time. (John 17:14).

Matthew 6:24 - “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

John 15:19 - “If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.”

John 17:14 - “I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.”

Christians are “in the world” but not “of the world” (John 17:14-17). Also look at 1 John 2:15-17.

SUNDAY MORNING

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

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Study of the Book of 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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James 4:17
By Mike Riley

A querist asks, “As Christians, if we fail to tell people about the saving gospel of Christ, are we not in violation of James 4:17?”

We all know people — perhaps hundreds of people who are being held hostage by Satan, even as he awaits the opportunity to greet them as they die in an unrepentant and unforgiven state. Let’s ask ourselves this question: “If we were put on trial for our inaction regarding lost souls, what would the verdict be?”

We might first think that we’ll be responsible in judgment for things we did, and we would be correct according to the Scriptures:

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” (2 Corinthians 5:10).

But the standard of right and wrong does not end with our overt actions: James tells us:

“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” (James 4:17).

So the question becomes: “As Christians, is it our responsibility to tell others of the saving gospel of Christ, that they may believe, obey, and thereby be saved? If the answer is yes (and it is – see below, Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16), and we aren’t fulfilling that solemn responsibility when we have the opportunity, “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10), is that not sin? The Bible says we will fall under God’s condemnation and be held accountable (cf. Ezekiel 33:1-8).

Jesus Himself proclaimed that the judgment of condemnation will apply to those who fail to do what they should. Note:

“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.” (Matthew 25:41-43).

Christ says of these individuals: “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.” (Matthew 25:46).

If we saw someone foundering in a swimming pool while we held a life preserver, would we not throw it to the drowning person immediately? To not throw it would be inhuman — in fact, most sane folks would say so. In our hands, we hold the life preserving good news of God’s saving grace. Can we suppose that, if we fail to share it with those dying in sin, the righteous Judge will find us innocent?

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:19 - 20)

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” (Mark 16:15 - 16)

Announcements

- Congratulations to Scott Williams and the team at Diversicare Nursing Home on receiving an award of excellence

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Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Maxine Powell)

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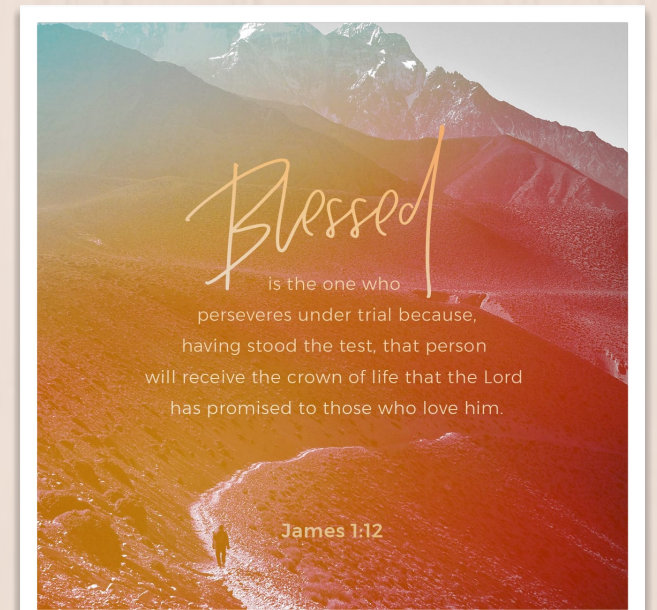
Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2021 is in foyer
- June -
- July -
- August -

June Birthdays & Anniversary’s

- Colton Riley - 1st
- Lillian Grace Lovett - 3rd
- Virginia Dudley - 16th
- Don & Marilyn Potts - 9th
- Anthony & Julia Juliano - 24th

Every Sunday Morning
@ 8:00 AM
on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Larry Montgomery
Scripture Reading - James 4:13 - 17
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
Head of Lord’s Table - Don Potts
Assist on Lord’s Table - Mark Potts
Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23 - 29
Closing Prayer - Rick Carlberg



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