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# Northside Church of Christ

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



### A New Day

### By Spencer Cromwell

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] The same was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. [4] In him was life; and the life was the light of men. (John 1:1-4)

Every new morning provides an opportunity to think about our past, and our future. As we think back, what brings us joy? And what do we regret? What would we like to do differently?

The Bible has a great deal to say about beginnings. John declares simply that "in the beginning was the Word." The Bible also makes clear that this Word was Jesus. He was the logos, God's revealed Word.

Through these truths, the Bible reveals a pattern that can apply to any situation: The key is to start with Jesus. To start with the Word. With this focus, we can know that our hearts and minds are in tune with God. That we are building a strong foundation. That He will lead and guide us, and correct us if necessary.

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#### **SUNDAY MORNING**

8:30 AM

# **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**

# **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

The Book of Acts 7:00 PM



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"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth ightly dividing the word

2 Timothy 2:15

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# **Knowing, Doing, Becoming**

By Alan Smith

I heard about a story about a man whose wife wanted to buy a pet monkey. The husband protested strongly. He said, "Where will the monkey eat?" She said, "He'll eat at the table with us." He said, "But what will he eat?" And she said, "He'll eat the same thing we do." He said, "But where will the monkey sleep?" She said, "He'll sleep in bed with us." He said, "But what about the smell?" She said, "I got used to you, I reckon he will, too."

So often when we think about the need for change, we are quick to think of ways that somebody else needs to change. We are much more hesitant to recognize that there are problems in our own life that need to be dealt with. But Christianity is a growing process, a process by which we are constantly looking for those things that need to be changed and improved, and then taking steps to do just that.

I want to share with you some things that relate to changes that may need to come about in your individual lives. They are certainly changes that I'd like to see in my own life. In regard to our Christian lives, I think there are three areas that we need to focus on -- we need to KNOW the will of God better, we need to DO more of the work of Christ, and we need to BECOME more like Christ.

Knowing, doing and becoming -- I really think those are the three pillars of the Christian life. I believe that's what Christianity is all about.

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;" (Col 1:9-10).

Do you see the ideas of knowing, doing and becoming in Paul's prayer for the Colossians? In my next message, I'll begin a closer look at each of these points.

Many people say they are Christians, but fail to live according to the Bible. Yet, they wonder why they do not have the joy, peace, love, and power that God promises. How different their lives would be if they truly focused on the Word, and make it their foundation!

Today, make a commitment to read and study the Bible eve- ry day. In your life, make sure that you begin every day with the Word. As you have difficult decisions to make, fill your mind with the Word. Let it provide your standards. The Word will give you wisdom, and will help shape your mind and heart, and give you discernment and a victorious lifestyle. And it will prepare you to receive more of God's blessings, today, and every day.

#### **Announcements**

## **Prayer Requests This Week**

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments

#### **Communion Preparation**

- Sign up sheet for 2021 is in foyer
- October Potts
- November Rowell

• Dave Cradic - 6th

• December

## October Birthdays & Anniversary's

• Sonja Rowell - 23rd

- Patrick Ford 1st • Maxine Powell - 17th
- Bowen Stephens 4th • Don Potts - 22nd
- Gerri Thrash 13th • Keren Thrash - 29th
- Austin & Morgan Dudley 24th

**Every Sunday Morning** 

@ 8:00 AM

on WTOK-TV

### **Men to Serve**

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WHAT IS AHEAD

PHILIPPIANS 3:13

**Sermon Notes** 

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Larry Montgomery

Scripture Reading - Philippians 3:7 - 16

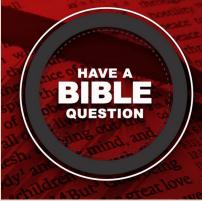
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Rick Carlberg

Assist on Lord's Table - Anthony Juliano

Scripture Reading - Matthew 27:27 - 31

Closing Prayer - Don Potts



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