

Northside Church of Christ

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



Rejoice – We're In Good Company!

By Mike Riley

To simply preach and teach Christ, we must point people to “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29), and “Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:2). Preaching Christ to folks is showing them His character to be imitated (1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6), His authority to which we must subject ourselves (Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:7; Acts 3:22-23; Acts 7:37), and His commands to be totally obeyed (Hebrews 5:9; 1 Peter 1:22; cf. 1 John 2:3-5).

When Philip went to Samaria and simply “preached Christ to them” (Acts 8:5, we can see the results. Note that “when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized” (Acts 8:12).

“The name of Jesus Christ” refers to His authority. Saying “Lord, Lord” has no value in and of itself (Matthew 7:21-22) — we must be willing to live our lives at His direction and not our own (Colossians 3:17). To act “in the name” of Jesus then, is to act by His direction and power (Acts 4:7-12). Salvation is “in His name” and thus preaching and teaching Christ would include preaching and teaching His name (cf. Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:25-30).

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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

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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Two Characteristics Of A Successful Church

By Mike Riley

In Proverbs 22:6 (ASV), the wise man states, “Train up a child in the way [marginal reading – Heb. “according to his way”] he should go, And even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

The Hebrews taught that nothing was more important than the rearing of a child in godliness. Discipline was an integral part of that training (cf. Proverbs 13:24; Proverbs 19:18; Proverbs 22:15; Proverbs 23:13-14; Proverbs 29:15; Proverbs 29:17). No reward in life was more satisfying than to have a “wise son,” and no sorrow was greater than to have reared a “foolish son” (Proverbs 10:1; cf. Proverbs 15:20).

The Hebrew word “Chanak”, which we translate, “train up” or “initiate,” signifies also “dedicate,” and is often used for the consecrating of anything, such as a house (2 Chronicles 2:4), or person (1 Samuel 1:9-11) to the service of God.

The phrase, “in the way he should go,” is often misapplied. The assumption is that it means “in the way of righteousness and the true religion” — a course which all should follow, but this is not what Solomon means here. This phrase means, “in harmony with his disposition, his natural talents, and his individual character.” Also taught here is the obligation of parents to study the nature and disposition of their children and to train them accordingly.

This is in harmony with Paul’s instructions to the Ephesians and Colossians (Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21). Instead of giving all the emphasis to a rigorous standard to be applied indiscriminately, each child’s temperament is to be closely considered and the teaching is to be done so as to achieve the greatest possible adaptation to the child’s need.

Also, the phrase, “when he is old,” is usually interpreted to mean, when a person is grown or has reached adulthood. However, this passage does not say nor teach this concept. The affirmation of Solomon deals with the fruits of training in old age.

Thus the meaning is, that an individual who has been properly trained in the principles of truth, and has lived in harmony with those principles until he reaches old age, will not readily abandon that which has become second nature to him. Seldom do people, who have followed a course of rectitude and devotion to God, abandon this life-long mode of living in their declining years.

Please note that the Scriptures do not teach the impossibility of apostasy; Were it taught here that a properly taught child cannot fail to be faithful in adulthood, it would be in conflict with many, many passages asserting that anyone can fail of the grace of God and be lost (cf. 1 Chronicles 28:9; Romans 11:22; Gal. 5:4.)

It is ironic that Solomon, the son of the dedicated David, the “friend of God,” forsook the counsel of his father (1 Chronicles 28:9; 2 Chronicles 7:17), and “turned away his heart after other gods” in flagrant, open disobedience to the expressed will of God (1 Kings 11:1-13).

And, it is remarkable that the sacred historian particularly observed that it was “when Solomon was old” that this occurred (1 Kings 11:4). He obviously had not properly received and made application of the instructions his father left him.

When Philip preached Christ, note that he instructed folks to be baptized “into Christ” (cf. Gal. 3:26-27). Also note that when the Samaritans heard the preaching of Christ, they were baptized (Acts 8:14-16). The result of Philip preaching “Jesus” to the eunuch (Acts 8:35) was when “they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, here is water; what hinders me from being baptized?” (Acts 8:36).

While Jesus was on earth, He told his disciples that He would send them His Holy Spirit to guide them into “all truth” (John 16:13). As His chosen witnesses, they were to preach Christ to the world (Luke 24:46-47) and to teach “all things whatsoever I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:18-20). Today, those who think of themselves as teachers and preachers, fail in their obligation if they preach and teach less than the whole truth (cf. Acts 20:27).

Regarding the preaching and teaching of Christ, we might ask, “Is it a tremendous responsibility?” Yes, it is certainly that — and much more (James 3:1). Any individual who lightly regards simply preaching and teaching Christ, is the individual who neglects Bible study and substitutes a glad-hand and glib tongue — he is the individual who is unworthy of the name “preacher” or “teacher.”

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

- September - Thrash

- October -

- November - Rowell

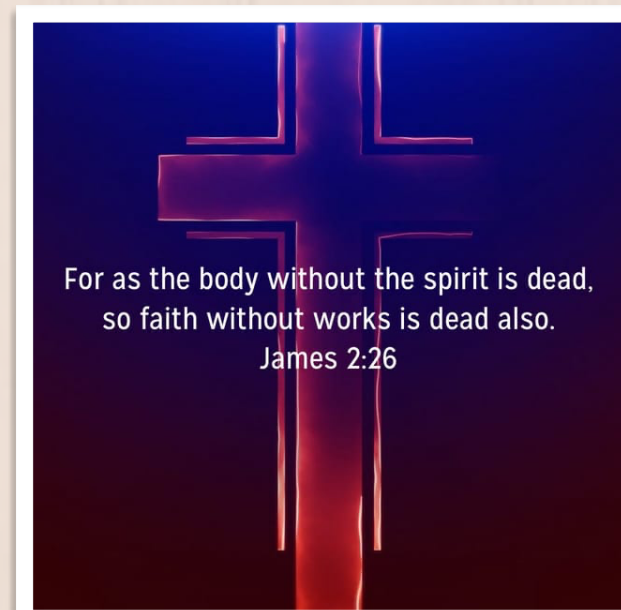
October Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Patrick Ford - 1st
- Maxine Powell - 17th
- Bowen Stephens - 4th
- Don Potts - 22nd
- Dave Cradic - 6th
- Sonja Rowell - 23rd
- Gerri Thrash - 13th
- Keren Thrash - 29th
- Austin & Morgan Dudley - 24th

Every Sunday Morning

@ 8:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Larry Montgomery

Scripture Reading - James 2:21 - 23

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord’s Table - Rick Carlberg

Assist on Lord’s Table - James Johnson

Scripture Reading - John 19:1 - 6

Closing Prayer - Don Potts

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