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Goals For 2020
Theme
 A Church With 2020 Vision
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Hold a "Bible Basics" Class
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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We are now in the 19th week of our Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Sharon Nale
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson
 The Wards
 Dale & Greg Kahl (Debbie L's & Ronnie's brother)

Church: Matt.16:18, Acts 2:47
 I Cor. 12:13, Col. 1:18, Eph. 1:22-23, Acts 20:28, Eph. 5:23-25

Who Have You Invited To Come to Services This Week

Lord's Supper Reading
 I Cor. 11:23-29

Scripture Reading
 AM: Eph. 5:25-27
 PM: Nehemiah 1

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 2
 Invites last month: 110
 Visitors last year: 48
 Visitors YTD: 8

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The Glorious Church

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

Intro: Read Eph. 5:25-27. Many relegated the church to a thinkg of little value. It is something yo ucan take or leave. I beg to differ. The Lord's church is Glorious! Let's see why.

I. In It God is Glorified

Eph. 3:21, 2 Thes. 1:12, Ps 29:2, I Pet. 2:5, 9

II. Its Glorious Price

Acts 20:28, Eph. 5:25, I Cor. 6:20, Eph 1:7, Heb. 9:22

III. Its Glorious Builder and Head

Matt 16:18, I Cor. 3:11, Eph. 5:23, Col. 1:18, Eph. 1:22

IV. Its Glorious Mission

I Tim. 3:15, Mt 28:19-20, I Thes. 1:8, Rev. 22:17

V. Its Glorious Make Up (The saved)

Acts 2:47, 36-41, I Cor. 12:13, I Pet. 3:21

VI. Its Glorious Uniqueness

Col. 1:18, 24 Eph. 1:22, Eph. 4:4, I Cor. 12:13

VI. Its Glorious End

I Cor. 15:24, Rev. 21:1-6, Rom. 8:18

Does Anybody Really Care?

Read Nehemiah Chapter 1. Have you ever got to wondering if anyone cares? If I were to ask you this evenings, “do you care?” What would your answer be? Let’s take a look at some characteristics of someone who cares.

I He Cared Enough To _____

Neh. 1:1-3, Mt 7:12; 22:39

I Cor. 15:25-26

II. He Cared Enough To _____

Neh 1:4, Rom .12:15, Jer. 9:1

Acts 20:19, Lk 19:41

III. He Cared Enough To _____

Neh 1:5, 6-9, 11, Js 1:17, Rom. 1:9

Rom. 15:30, 2 Cor. 1:11

IV. He Cared Enough To _____

Neh. 1:11, Is 6:8

Notes:

Established Only One Church

It may seem strange to some people that the church is even included in a study like this—some may think such is out of place. However, when we come to understand what the Scripture teaches about the church, we see how empty and incomplete such a study would be without investigating the church that we read about in the Bible.

First, we need to understand the origin of the church. The church that we read about in the Bible did not originate in the mind of man. Much to the contrary! Before God ever created the world, the Bible teaches that “the church” was part of “the eternal purpose” of God (Eph. 3:10-11). God had a plan to establish His (one) church before He ever made the first man.

Second, we need to understand the price of the church. When Jesus came down to live on this earth, He promised, “I will build My church” (Matt. 16:18). It was not a building that He needed to erect but a redeemed people that He wanted to unite into one body (Eph. 2:13-22). He did this when He “purchased” the (one) church “with His own blood” (Acts 20:28).

Third, we need to understand the establishment of the church. The church began on Pentecost in Acts 2, in the very way that the Lord had prophesied it would happen. The Holy Spirit came with “power” (Mark 9:1; Acts 1:8) upon the apostles so that they could preach the gospel and do miracles to confirm that their message was from heaven. Upon hearing the glorious message about Jesus Christ’s death, burial and resurrection, about 3,000 people were baptized that day and the Lord’s (one) church began (Acts 2:41-47).

Fourth, we need to understand the intention for just one church. When the Old Testament prophets foretold the coming church (also called the house and kingdom of God), it was always singular (Isa. 2:2-3; Dan. 2:44). When Jesus promised to build His church, it was singular (Matt. 16:18). Just hours before His death, Jesus prayed that all believers would “be one” (John 17:20-21). The Lord always intended for there to be only one church!

Fifth, we need to understand the reality of just one church. About 30 years after the establishment of the church, Paul wrote, “There is one body” (Eph. 4:4), and he identified that one body as “the church” (1:22-23). In an earlier letter, Paul pleaded with the early church, “by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you...” (1 Cor. 1:10). In the first century, there was only one church!

When the Lord started His church, there were no denominations. He established His one church in Acts 2 and emphatically called for that one church to preach one message and never be divided. Do you know that His one church still exists today and you can be a part of it? If we go back to the Bible, we can find God’s pattern for His church and identify it today.