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Goals For 2022
Theme
 Be Ye Imitators of Christ
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

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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Gary Henry
is preaching today

We are now in week #22 of our Daily Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Lynn Maudlin, Mark Maudlin
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson
 Gene Ward & Beth McFarland
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

THIS MONTH:
"Sought the Lost"
 Lk. 19:10; Gal. 6:1; Matt. 28:19-20

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper
 Mark 14:22-25

Scripture Reading
 AM: Phil. 3:8-11
 PM: Heb 2:1-4

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 4
 Invites last month: 44
 Visitors YTD: 7

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"Being Imitators of Christ"
 1 Cor. 11:1
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WHAT IS THE POINT OF LIFE IN CHRIST?

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, 1 Pet. 4:11.

VISITORS
 Please fill out a visitor's card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.



Phil. 3:8-11

THE "MARKETING" APPROACH TO THE GOSPEL

Larry Crabb made this incisive comment: "Modern Christianity, in dramatic reversal of its biblical form, promises to relieve the pain of living in a fallen world."

What most people want is *a way to be happier in the here-and-now* — and so, taking a "marketing" approach, many churches present a gospel that is primarily about the improvement of our emotional well-being. Anything beyond this is rarely mentioned. (And unfortunately, it is not just "denominational" churches where we see this approach.)

THE MAIN POINT OF OUR LIVES IN CHRIST

In the words of Paul, Christ died that we may "know Him and the power of His resurrection" (**Phil. 3:11**).

In the NT, the gospel was about *eternal salvation* - **Mt. 16:26; Phil. 3:12-14; Tit. 2:11-13; 1 Pt. 1:13**.

In the first century, Christians lived with the daily, fervent expectation of Christ's return - **2 Tim. 4:8**.

WHAT IF WE REALLY BELIEVED THIS?

There is a difference between "professed" beliefs and "practical" beliefs — do our lives indicate that we really believe what we say we believe? Cf. **Col. 2:6**.

What changes might take place if we believed, at the practical level, what we say we believe about the gospel?

Less worry about "how things are going" at present.
 Greater holiness, purity - **2 Pt. 3:10,11**.
 Willingness to sacrifice anything else in order to be with Christ in eternity.
 Evangelism — which comes from seeing people as Jesus always saw them: lost souls.

There needs to be a greater "integrity" between our daily activities and the main purpose of the gospel.

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Attending to Our Salvation

Heb. 2:1-4

The original recipients of Hebrews were in danger of falling away from the faith because they were failing to properly *consider* and *value* their salvation in Christ.

We can't afford to take our salvation for granted.

OUR CONFIDENCE IN THE GOSPEL RESTS ON A SOLID FOUNDATION - HB. 2:3,4

The gospel was *announced* by the Lord Himself. Cf. [Jn. 14:25,26](#); [Hb. 1:1,2](#).

The gospel was *confirmed* by eyewitnesses of the Lord. Cf. [Lk. 1:1,2](#); [1 Jn. 1:1-4](#).

The gospel was *further confirmed* by God with miracles. Cf. [Mk. 16:19,20](#); [Jn. 20:30,31](#).

WE WILL NOT ESCAPE IF WE NEGLECT OUR SALVATION - HB. 2:2,3

Salvation is through the message preached - [1 Cor. 1:21](#).

If we ignore the *message*, we will forfeit *salvation* - [Hb. 12:25](#).

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" ([Hb. 10:31](#)).

WE MUST PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO KEEP FROM DRIFTING AWAY - HB. 2:1

"Beware" is an important biblical concept - [Hb. 3:12](#).

"Diligence" is necessary if we are to be saved - [2 Pt. 1:10-12](#).

No one is exempt from the need for *caution* and *carefulness* - [Ac. 20:28-31](#). Cf. [Rom. 15:14,15](#); [1 Cor. 10:12](#).

Conclusion

There is an important "if" attached to our salvation in Christ. Cf. [Hb. 3:6,14](#).

We must "continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard" ([Col. 1:23](#)).

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THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE GOSPEL

"Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead" (Philippians 3:8-11).

The point of life in Christ is that we may "know Him and the power of His resurrection." The value of knowing Christ so far excels the value of anything in this world that we are willing to suffer the loss of all else, if need be, in order to "gain Christ and be found in Him." Life in Christ is not primarily about relief right now from the trauma of living in a broken world. Indeed, to be in fellowship with Christ means to know "the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death" in order that we may "attain to the resurrection from the dead."

To the ears of the Christian these truths should sound self-evident. Unfortunately, the concept of Christianity that has come to be dominant in our day is one that runs in a different direction. According to this concept, emotional pain relief is the basic, overall concern of life in Christ. Offering health, wealth, and complete emotional bliss, it promises to take away the deep ache of our needy, broken souls and to do so in the here and now. The new gospel is fundamentally about "feeling better." It is about us.

But the historic gospel is not first and foremost about feeling better; it is about glorifying God through Christ and coming to be like Him. Christ did not die for the mere betterment of our feelings, and seeking God through Him is not mostly about pain relief. It is about character transformation. And even more than character transformation, it is about the glorification of God. Far from eliminating the possibility of pain, the glorification of God may require the suffering of pain, even to the point of death. Our expectation should be no less than that of Paul, whose only hope was that "with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:20,21).

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