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Goals For 2022
 Theme
 Be Ye Imitators of Christ
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40:
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Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

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Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
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Gary Henry
is preaching today

We are now in week #36 of our Daily Bible Reading.

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

THIS MONTH:
 Yielded to the Father's Will
 Lk. 22:42, 1 et. 4:18

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper
 Lk. 22:14-23

Scripture Reading
 AM: 1 Sam. 3:9
 PM: Rom. 12:2

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 0
 Invites last month: 19
 Visitors YTD: 15

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Our Theme for 2022...
"Being Imitators of Christ"
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Speak Lord, For Your Servant Hears

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.

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Reading: 1 Sam. 3:9
Introduction

Often it is true that we only "hear" what we want to hear.

If we have a *predisposition* against God or any part of His will, it will affect our "hearing."

How much better it is if we determine to have the attitude expressed in the words of young Samuel:
 "Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears" (1 Sam. 3:9,10).

What is involved in this kind of attitude toward God's word?

REVERENCE TOWARD GOD HIMSELF

How *humble* and *respectful* are we before God?

Samuel's sentiment was: "Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears" (1 Sam. 3:9).

We ought to have the attitude of the "good and faithful servant" (Mt. 25:21).

RESPONSIVENESS TO DIVINE TRUTH

Are we spiritually "autistic" — so withdrawn into our subjective selves that we are *unresponsive* to outside communication, even from God?

Are we eager to study the Bible?

READINESS TO OBEY GOD

How eager and ready are we to *obey* God?

We should have a quite *practical purpose* for listening to God: we should be seeking "know how" in the matter of *living more obediently* before Him.

Genuine eagerness to do God's will includes a willingness To do *whatever* He commands. To do it with our *full strength*. To do it *without delay*.

Conclusion

Let's strive to be those who "having *heard* the word with a noble and good heart, *keep* it and *bear fruit* with patience" (Lk. 8:15).

Gary Henry

Renewing Our Minds

Reading: Romans 12:2

Christians are described as those “who were once *enlightened*” (Hb. 6:4).

But even after obeying the gospel, we are challenged to “renew” our minds continually - Rom. 12:2.

CONFORMED VS. TRANSFORMED

“Conformed” to the world is what the Christian will be if he does nothing — being “transformed” requires *conscious action* that produces a *change*.

Conformity to the world is *the course of least resistance*.

Most of us are probably more conformed to the world than we are willing to admit.

We need to set ourselves the goal of *transformation* to the Lord’s way of thinking!

THE CHRISTIAN’S TRANSFORMATION IS THE RESULT OF A “RENEWED” MIND

There must be a radical *inward change* in a person in order to live godly in this world.

The “mind” = intellect + emotions + will. Each of these must be placed under the influence of the truth.

“Spiritual-mindedness” (as opposed to “carnal-mindedness”) is our goal. Rom. 8:5-11. Eph. 4:17-24 (esp. v.23). 1 Jn. 2:15-17.

The Christian no longer views things and appraises them “according to the flesh” (2 Cor. 5:16).

THE RESULT: “PROVING” WHAT IS THAT GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT WILL OF GOD

“Prove” = *dokimazo* = to scrutinize or test something to see if it is genuine > to approve as genuine upon trial.

The carnal-minded person is a *poor judge* between right and wrong actions - Eph. 5:8-10,17.

The person who has been transformed by the renewing of his mind is not only better able to discern what is God’s will, he can more properly appraise the *excellence* of it, etc. Cf. Rom. 2:18; Phil. 1:10.

Theorizing alone will not give one the answers he needs concerning God’s will.

The Christian’s life is a *demonstration* of the truth, practicality, and excellence of God’s will — his life is Exhibit A that God’s truth “works.”

Conclusion

The renewal of the Christian’s mind is a *continual, daily process*. Transformations are *difficult*, and sometimes *painful*. The more the world is ingrained in us, the more difficult the change will be. But to stay in our “comfort zone” is to be lost.

What we are after, essentially, is the “mind of Christ.” Cf. Phil. 2:5. May our *treasures* be in heaven, that our *hearts* may be there also - Mt. 6:21.

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Humbling Himself, He Became Obedient

"And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8).

God could not have died an atoning death for our sins without becoming a human being. There was only one sacrifice that could save us, and He had to take upon Himself human form in order to make that sacrifice. From our limited viewpoint, we have no idea what it cost Him to humble Himself in this way.

The word “humility” is the only word that can describe it, of course, but what we know of humility in our human relationships hardly seems sufficient. When God “humbled himself” by diving into the cesspool of the human race and allowing Himself to be killed on our behalf, He engaged in an act of sacrificial service that should make any of us reluctant to say that we’ve ever really given up anything for anyone. In eternally unfathomable ways, He “emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant” (Philippians 2:7).

But it was not merely by being humble that Jesus procured our salvation — it was “by becoming obedient.” We have learned nothing of Jesus Christ and His gospel if we have not learned the necessity of obedience. Our ears are deaf if we can’t hear the courage of His submission to His Father’s will on the eve of His execution: “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will” (Mark 14:36). But oh, how thankful we are for His obedience. We would be lost without it, would we not? “Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him” (Hebrews 5:8,9).

In the Roman Empire, there was no more humiliating death than crucifixion. Jesus was not the only person executed by Rome in this way, but the uniqueness of His crucifixion was that the most humiliating form of death was meted out to the most powerful Being in the universe: God Himself. And if God would submit to such a thing, what are the implications for us? At the very least, it means we cannot “follow” Christ or “accept” Him without emulating His example of obedience — even when it is costly.

“To be like Christ. That is our goal, plain and simple. It sounds like a peaceful, relaxing, easy objective. But stop and think. He learned obedience by the things he suffered. So must we” (Charles R. Swindoll).

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