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Beginning Our 66th Year Dec. 3, 2023

GOALS FOR 2024
Theme
“Respecting Bible Authority!”

- Giving:** Meet Our Yearly Budget
- Invitations:** 130
- Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading
- Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer
- Every Member Committed To Each Assembly
- Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
- Hold A Men’s Training Class
- Hold One Gospel Meeting
- Converting 10 People Per Month

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Luke Capps
 will be preaching today.

We are on week # 12 of our daily Bible reading.

Prayer List
 (Pray for Ward’s) Beth McFarland passed away last week, Rob Kelly’s brother (John) is at Lincoln Hills, Mary McAfee, Sharon Nale, Polly Ward, Macon Ward, Debby Spears (Roseanna’s sis) Sharon Thompson, Beth McFarland, Pam Caudill
 Brooke Thomas, Cathie Hall
 Debbie Lewellen, Peter Hunt

This Month: Authority... Worship
 1 Cor. 11:17-29; 14:15, 26-40; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:17;

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord’s Supper Reading
 Luke 23:33-49

Scripture Reading
AM: Matthew 25:31-33
PM: Romans 6:11

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month 5
 Invites last month: 20
 Visitors YTD:

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 Matt. 28:18
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Which Side Will You Fall?

Matthew 25:31-33

Introduction

A. Christ speaks about a separation between heaven and hell.

I. What Is The Line of Demarcation?

A. It is personal treatment of God’s people (Mt. 25:40a, 45a).

B. It is how I have treated Christ Himself (Mt. 25:40b, 45b).

II. How Do I Treat Christ — Through My Brethren?

A. Am I hurting Christ through my brethren (Act 9:3-5)?

B. Am I not serving Christ by not serving brethren (Jas. 2:15-16)?

C. Am I showing apathy toward God through my brethren (1 Jn. 4:20-21)?

II. Conclusion

A. We have the capability of serving, visiting, ministering to, helping Christ — and it’s by doing so toward His people!

B. Not doing so is hostility toward God.

C. Doing so is fellowship and true love for Him!

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
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Alive For What?

Romans 6:11

Introduction

- A. This is a passage that very clearly and irrefutably reveals the need for baptism if one wishes to be truly converted and born again into Christ's Kingdom.
- B. While we need to be able to make the point that it's required by God to be saved, we also need to be able to describe what baptism represents and the application we must make even after the point of our conversion.

I. United In Christ's Death

- A. To be resurrected, one has to die first — there is a cost (Rom. 6:1-4).
- B. That required death is contacted through baptism (vv. 3, 5-7).
- C. "Newness of life" is also contacted through (v. 5).
- D. We must both die to sin, but also be "alive to God" (vv. 8-11)!

II. United In His Life — Alive To God!

- A. This means God reigns — no longer sin (Rom. 6:12-19).
- B. This means looking like God — internally & externally (Rom. 8:29; Col. 3:12-14).
- C. This means you'll be sharing it with others (Acts 5:40-41; 8:4).

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"Spiritual Food for Spiritual Thought" Swapping A Phone For A Bible

What would your life look like if you swapped your phone with your Bible? There was an interesting video, recently, that tried to depict this very thought. Instead of waking up and scrolling through TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, and other social media platforms he reached over and grabbed his Bible. Instead of watching a video while eating breakfast he was entertained with the Scriptures. Instead of checking notifications while brushing his teeth he was reading the The Gospel.

Honestly, this struck me! For someone who spends much time preaching that the Christian's "citizenship is in heaven" (Phil. 3:20-21) I sure can get distracted with things that would imply my "citizenship" is on earth.

Of course, phones aren't the only distraction. How many people let their narrative be shaped by podcasts, politics, and trendy philosophies that they find interesting but leave God's Word as mere supplement to those thoughts? How many others focus so much time and energy on education, occupation, or financial stability just to possibly "get around" to the spiritual matters? How many get sucked into spiritual inactivity due to the never-ending stream of recreational entertainment (shows, movies, video games, internet, etc.)?

Certainly, none of these things are inherently sinful, but they become such when what is described above becomes reality — i.e. a prioritized focus on earthly matters over heavenly ones.

I enjoy playing chess on my phone, watching shows, and learning from podcasts! However, when I think about how much time I have given to those things in contrast to godly things, frankly, I'm ashamed.

Let's Do A Mental Exercise

Pick one thing that you do every day (i.e. T.V., video games, phone, favorite hobby, education, exercise) and calculate (in hours) how much time you spend on that one thing throughout one week. Then, do the same with your Bible reading throughout one week. Now, compare how much time you spent on each and note which one gets the most attention. Unfortunately, it's the former that wins a lot of the time.

Passively Distracted OR Actively Mindful?

Understandably, there are times where we get innocently distracted, but when it becomes a normal, recurring way of life that's a serious problem. That much is certain, because our minds are supposed to be "set on the things above, not on the things of this earth" (Col. 3:2).

Though this is not to say that the person who's spending 40 hours a week at work is distracted. We all have responsibilities; we all have jobs. But isn't it true that we can make that 40 hour work week more of a priority than our responsibilities and jobs for God?

In fact, even though we have jobs to do, we never let certain things go undone that we deem important. Even after a long hard day we find the time to brush our teeth, feed our pets, do homework, read a book, spend quality time with family, etc. Why? Because it's too important to us for it to be left undone. The question is: *Do I view God's Word and will as something that cannot go undone today?*

"Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." (Eph. 5:15-17)

This is the answer:

(1) The days are evil, don't be absentminded. Once we recognize that precious time is slipping away (for my kids, my spouse, me) it breaks us out of unmindful inactivity. It's a lot harder to be sucked into the distraction of my phone when I realize that precious time is slipping away from me and those I care for.

(2) Understanding the will of the Lord means active mindfulness. I know it's hard when all we want to do is shut our brains off, but that is exactly what the devil is counting on. Being passive with our attention means anything can grab it. In fact, this is more strenuous and tiresome than being active in our thinking!

How so? Well, when we don't dwell on godly things what else is left for us but anxiety and doubt. On the other hand, Paul says that those who give thoughtful consideration to God and the things that reflect Him are the ones who will have "the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension" (Phil. 4:6-9).

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