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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 # 10 of our daily Bible reading.

Prayer List
 Rob Kelly’s brother (John), 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, John Kelly (Rob’s brother), Peter Hunt, Condolences to Thompson family, Kahl and Metcalf families

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
 1 Peter 2:21-24

Scripture Reading
AM: Philippians 1:29-30
PM: Romans 15:4-6

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month 20
 Invites last month: 8
 Visitors YTD:

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 Matt. 28:18
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Joy & Suffering

Introduction

- A. Paul is writing while in difficult circumstances.**
- B. Yet, he is joyful! Isn’t there something to learn here?**

I. Christian Joy Is Not Reliant On...

- A. An absence of persecution (Phil. 1:12-14).**
- B. An absence of conflict (Phil. 1:15-18a, 29-30).**
- C. An absence of sacrifice (Phil. 1:18b-21; 2:17-18; 3:2-7).**

II. True Joy Is Reliant On God

- A. He is the only place you can find such enduring joy!**
- B. Because He can offer an unshakable hope (Phil. 3:12-14; 20-21).**
- C. Because He is the only certain thing in a world filled with uncertainty (Phil. 4:10-13).**
- D. Because He is the only source of grace (Phil. 1:5; 2 Cor. 12:7-9)!**

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.



The Case For Old Testament Preaching

Romans 15:4-6

Introduction

- A. Do we need the Old Testament today?
- B. Does it matter anymore?
- C. If it's old, why bother with it at all?
- D. Why Do We Need The Old Testament???

I. It Is God's Word

- A. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- B. Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:18-19

II. It Gives Context To The New Testament

- A. Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:1-11
- B. Jude 3-4, 11

III. It Is The Foundation of the New Testament

- A. Micah 5:2; Isaiah 7:14

IV. It Contains Hints of the New Testament

- A. Colossians 2:17; Hebrews 8:4-6
- B. 1 Peter 1:10-12
 - Isaiah 61:1-2; Matthew 11:2-6; cf. Luke 4:18
 - Hebrews 4:1-2, 6; cf. Luke 3:18
- C. Luke 24:47, 44
- D. Matthew 5:17-18

Luke Capps

Theme: Authority In Church Worship “Which Is More Important?”

“But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
(John 4:23-24)

Are we addressing questions that shouldn't be asked? Written above are the unadulterated words of Jesus! However, if I were to ask you, “Which is more important? To worship in Spirit OR to worship in Truth,” what would your answer be? This is a question I heard posed by a Gospel preacher recently.

Of course, how you would expect a Gospel preacher heralding God's Word to answer would be, “Who am I to prioritize one over the other when God said they're both necessary and critical?” Unfortunately, he (again, a Gospel preacher) did not conclude with that thought. While, at first, he said some true things about the need for both and how they're equally important... he didn't stop there.

He started erasing everything he stated prior by presenting two illustrations. Church A, this group has instruments, but their worship is lively, memorable, and emotionally stirring. Church B, this group has the truth (no instruments) in worship, but it's really bland, forgettable, and boring. In conclusion, he spoke very positively of Church A (no truth, but spirit) and spoke disparagingly of Church B (truth, but no spirit).

Here's the problem. The Bible condemns both situations. (Isaiah 1:13) **“Bring your worthless offerings no longer, incense is an abomination to Me. New moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies — I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly.”** Some would suggest that Israel's problem was that they were robotically going through the motions while others say it was really that they didn't have truth on their side in the first place. The context of the whole chapter would reveal that it was not just one of these issues but both.

How can we have the Scriptural “spirit” without the scriptural “truth”, and vice versa? It would be like asking, “Who would you rather have a relationship with: Jesus **OR** the Father?” Utter insanity! Moreover, what if one went beyond that by saying they're equally important, but then spoke more positively about having a relationship with Jesus and more disparagingly about having one with the Father? Even if he/she said that both were necessary it is asinine to even lean one way or the other! Is this a question that is even appropriate to ask?

At the very least it is the opposite of edifying and encouraging which is what we're charged to do with brethren (1 Thes. 5:14; Eph. 4:14-16), not stir up unbiblical thoughts that only breed doubt and temptation.

God desires our worship to be “in spirit and truth.” When you take one variable out of that equation (regardless of which one) it will never equal God's approval.

So, should we answer this question of “Which is more important?” Of course not! Should we even be asking such a worldly minded question (1 Cor. 2:14-16)? Much less so!

Luke Capps