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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 #10 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
 The Wards & Beth McFarland
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

THIS MONTH: "Humble"
 Matt. 11:29; Phil 2:5-8; 1 Pet.5:5-8

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
 Mark 14:22-25

Scripture Reading
 AM: Phil. 2:5-8
 PM: Matt. 13:20-22

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 0
 Invites last month: 62
 Visitors YTD: 0

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THE HUMILITY OF JESUS

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.

"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart . . ." (Mt. 11:29).

Of all the things about Jesus that we need to imitate, none is more important than His humility.

In this lesson, we'll look first at the humility of Jesus and then at our own need for humility.

JESUS' HUMILITY

From its start to its finish, Jesus' life in this world was a demonstration of humility - **Phil. 2:5-8**.

Jesus humbled Himself by "taking the form of a bondservant" (**Phil. 2:7**). Is that not the very essence of humility, the willingness to be a bondservant?

When we look at how Jesus lived, we see Him consistently subordinating Himself before others in order to serve them.

Subjection to His earthly parents - **Lk. 2:51**.
 Ministering to the multitudes - **Mk. 6:30-44**.
 Washing His disciples' feet - **Jn. 13:1-17**.

OUR OWN HUMILITY

Humility in our *attitude*.

Humility is, first and foremost, a character trait, a way of thinking, a basic attitude - **Phil. 2:1-5**. The opposite of humility is pride and self-exaltation - **1 Pt. 5:5,6**. Cf. Prov. **25:27; 27:2**. Ironically, however, we must guard against *the pride of pretended humility!* The Pharisees were notorious for exalting themselves, but they were probably very adept at feigning humility - **Mt. 23:5,6**.

Humility in our *actions*.

While humility is primarily a matter of the heart, it is also matter of our conduct. *Humility is as humility does*. If our hearts are truly humble, it will show up in the way we relate to other people and their needs. In particular, humility has to do with how we treat those who cannot "repay" us in any way, situations in which no possible "advantage" can accrue to us for having served others humbly - **Lk. 14:12-14**. If we do not humble ourselves before God and our fellow man, the time is coming when God will bring us down to where we deserve to be - **Mt. 23:12**.

Conclusion

Certainly, we need to pray for greater humility — but are we prepared for how God might *answer* that prayer?

MAKING THE COMMITMENT

Gal. 2:20

Introduction

Text: **Gal. 2:20**.

The gospel will profit us nothing without **commitment** - **Mt. 13:20-22**.

Obedience to the gospel requires a unique combination of **honesty** and **courage**.

With **HONESTY**, we will want to **hear all the truth** God wants us to hear (both the sinful truth about ourselves and the saving truth about God).

With **HONESTY**, we will come before our Creator in **godly sorrow**, longing for salvation from our sins.

With **HONESTY**, we will **count the cost** of discipleship and be willing to pay the price.

But honesty can carry us no further — at this point, a **commitment** has to be made, and that takes **COURAGE**.

COMMITTING OURSELVES TO JESUS CHRIST

"Lord, what do You want me to do?" (**Ac. 9:6**). Notice the commitment involved in all of the following:

Faith - **Jn. 8:24; Rom. 1:16,17; Hb. 11:6**. Without commitment, just an empty belief.

Repentance - **Lk. 13:3; Ac. 2:38; 3:19**. Without commitment, no lasting change. Cf. **Lk. 24:46,47**.

Confession of faith - **Mt. 10:32,33; Rom. 10:9,10; 1 Tim. 6:12**. Without commitment, just empty words.

Baptism - **Ac. 2:38; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12**. Without commitment, no newness of life and no endurance.

TWO SCRIPTURAL "PICTURES" OF THE CHRISTIAN'S COMMITMENT

Dying with Christ - **Rom. 6:3**.

Putting on Christ - **Gal. 3:27**.

ALVATION — BOTH A FACT AND A PROCESS

Is "salvation" an accomplished fact or a goal to be pursued? It is both.

Salvation as an accomplished fact - **Eph. 2:8**.

Salvation as a goal to be pursued - **1 Pt. 1:5,9**.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRESENT MOMENT — DECISION

We must understand the importance of the present moment.

We face a "moment of truth" every time we consider what the gospel requires of us.

Conclusion

Trusting God to forgive you, are you ready to commit yourself to Christ by dying with Him in baptism? Cf. **Rom. 6:3**.

Jesus Christ implores you, "Come to Me" (**Mt. 11:28**). **So come to Him with repentance, obedience, and commitment.**

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Making the Commitment

"Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, 'See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?' And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him" (Acts 8:35-38).

If (1) godly sorrow is moving us to seek God's forgiveness, (2) we believe Jesus Christ is the One sent by God to save us, and (3) we are willing to begin a life of real trust, what should we do? A commitment to God must be made through Jesus Christ, and we have talked about counting the cost of that. But if we are ready, what must we actually do to make the commitment required by the gospel and receive all its joyful benefits?

REPENTANCE. *It would make no sense to seek the forgiveness of sins which we refuse to give up, so God requires that we lay down our rebellion and pledge allegiance to His rule. The gospel is a message of "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47), and that means committing ourselves to a changed life.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH. *Christ's acknowledgment of His true identity cost Him dearly, and He requires that we be equally open about our faith in Him. The apostle Paul wrote, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).*

BAPTISM. *In Colossians 2:12, Paul wrote that we are "buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead." If we are presently "in Christ," it was in baptism that we moved from condemnation to salvation — our forgiveness was not the result of the water itself or any meritorious quality of our obedience; it was our "faith in the powerful working of God."*

As you can see, there is something special about the act of baptism. Whether we understand God's purpose in this or not, He has made baptism the doorway, or division, that separates the old from the new. In the gospel of Christ, it is in baptism that our sins are washed away (Acts 22:16). Urgently viewing Christ's command to be baptized, and trusting the Father to forgive us, we commit ourselves to Christ by dying with Him in baptism (Romans 6:3,4).

"Baptism points back to the work of God, and forward to the life of faith" (J. Alice Motyer).

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