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ATTITUDES THAT NEED DROPPING Christians need to drop the:

FEAR attitude.....2 Timothy 1:7

PROCRASTINATION attitude.....2 Corinthians 6:2

LACK OF FAITH attitude.....Mark 9:23

“SMALL IS OKAY” attitude.....Mark 16:15

WORRY attitude.....Matthew 6:25-34

DEFEATIST attitude.....Romans 8:37



What Is A Christian?

Robert Meredith

Often times one will ask another, “Are you a Christian?” It is a very important question because only Christians have been saved by God’s grace and only they will be allowed in heaven (Revelation 21:27). The fact that only Christians will have heaven as their eternal abode raises the all important question: “What is a Christian?” One needs to understand that what the world considers a Christian and what God Almighty declares is one are two different things.

Some believe that a Christian is anyone who lives in a nation that may espouse Christian values. Our country was built on the principles of the Bible and therefore it is called a “Christian nation.” Likewise, there are areas around the world known as Moslem, Hindu, Jewish, or Christian. A person living in most parts of Europe would be considered a Christian. This would make devout atheists, Christians.

Also, many honestly believe that anyone who has claimed Jesus as their Lord is a Christian.

The Bible gives numerous examples of how individuals became Christians in the first century. When one does as they did, then he will be what they were, not before. Sadly, some believe they are Christians even though they have never obeyed the Lord as revealed in the pages of the Bible.

How does one become a Christian? Saul of Tarsus was a great persecutor of the church. He had obtained letters from the Jewish religious leaders giving him authority to travel to Damascus and arrest Christians there. As he was traveling towards the oldest continuously inhabited city on record (Genesis 14:15), the Lord appeared to him for the purpose of qualifying him to be an apostle (Acts 26:16-18). Saul was not saved on the Damascus road, for he was told to go into the city and he would be told what he must do (Acts 9:6; 22:10). After he went to the city, God sent a gospel preacher to him and the preacher told him, *“And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord”* (Acts 22:16). Notice from Acts 9:9 & 11 that Saul was penitent and praying to God, yet he was still lost in his sins (Acts 22:16). He had to have them washed away in the act of baptism. Later, when he was known as the Apostle Paul, he reminded a group of Christians living in Galatia how they became children of God. He wrote, *“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as man of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ”*: (Galatians 3:26-27).

One should realize that baptism only does not save, but it *“doth also now save us”* (1 Peter 3:21). Baptism is involved in salvation, but it is not the only thing involved in salvation. There is not one passage to which one can go and read everything that is involved in salvation. When one looks at the entire New Testament, he will learn that the source of man’s salvation is God’s grace and mercy motivated by

His love (Ephesians 2:5; Titus 3:5; John 3:16). This grace is accessed through an obedient faith (Romans 1:5; 16:26; 5:2). It is not faith only (James 2:24), but a faith that does what God requires of him (Acts 2:40; Hebrews 5:8-9). God demands that one repent of his sins (Luke 13:3, 5; 24:47; Acts 2:38; 17:30; 2 Peter 3:9), confess his belief in the Lordship of Christ (Acts 8:36-37; Romans 10:10), and be baptized for the purpose that God set forth (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Romans 6:1-6; 1 Peter 3:21). When one has done what the Lord has authorized, he has called upon the name of the Lord (Acts 2:21; 22:16; Romans 10:13). To call on the name of the Lord from those contexts means to obey what the Lord has said to do. How is one calling on the authority of God when he refuses to obey Him? As one obeys the instructions of God, he is obeying the Holy Spirit and thereby fulfilling John 3:3-5 and Ephesians 5:26. The Lord adds that saved person to His church (Acts 2:41, 47; Colossians 1:13; 1 Corinthians 12:13).

There is one more vital aspect of being a Christian at which one should look. In Romans 8:1, the Holy Spirit directed Paul to write, *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”* The Christian must not live a life directed by carnal desires and passions, but one that follows after the teaching of the Holy Spirit. When one follows His teaching he will be *“conformed to the image of His (the Father’s) Son”* (Romans 8:29).

What is a Christian? One who has been born again by faith, repentance, confession and immersion. When one has become a child of God, he then must strive to *“grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”* (2 Peter 3:18).

Are YOU a New Testament Christian?

A GREAT CHURCH IS A CHURCH WITH...

- ...a great plan for the future,
- ...a great worship attitude and practice,
- ...a great faith in God and His promises,
- ...a great belief that prayer is important,
- ...a great willingness to work in God's kingdom,
- ...a great spirit of togetherness in God's work,
- ...a great compassion for the needs of others,
- ...a great burden and vision for souls,
- ...a great spirit of urgency to win lost souls,
- ...a great persistence (it will not be stopped).

You can make this church a great church by being a great member. Bible greatness is doing God's will (Matthew 20:20-28; Mark 9:33-35; John 13:1-15).

...Selected



Prayer List: Paul Brandon, Danette Delaney (Teri's sister), James "Ed" Edwards (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), Charles Enoch, Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent's sister), Jason Hill (Amy Barrett's father), Dub Henry, Binita Irvin, Warren Jackson, Jimmy Shelly (Robert's uncle), Ross Simmons, Peyton Smith, Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), Ovie Ward (Bobby's father), Frances Wyatt (Roy & Marie Wyatt's sister-in-law) and any who may be in need of our prayers.

Shut-ins: Anne Brinkley, Tom Meredith & Mary Miller.

News at Green Plain

Monthly Luncheons: Our monthly luncheons will be on **Thursday**, the **21st** at **11:30 am**. The **ladies** are going to **August Moon** and the **men** to **Sirloin Stockade**.



There will be a **baby shower** for **Darren & Rhonda Mays** on **Sunday, February 7th**, from **2:00 - 3:30 pm**.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27).

ATTENDANCE January 17, 2010

Bible Study	71	Worship P.M.	62
Worship A.M.	80	Mid-week (1-13)	59

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southeast of Murray -
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Near the corner of the Green
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
January 2010

USHERS: Robert & Preston Barrett
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Larry Enoch

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
AM: Bobby Ward & Roy Wyatt
Substitute: Bobby Hall

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
AM: Dave Thompson & Jesse Vincent
Substitute: Frank Towery

Sunday PM
1-24.....Chad Canter
1-31.....Frank Pool

SCRIPTURE READING:
1-24.....Rob Enoch (Dt. 6:6-9)
1-31.....Bill Stubblefield

OPENING PRAYER:
1-24.....Robert Meredith
1-31.....Paul Brandon

CLOSING PRAYER:
1-24.....Roy Wyatt
1-31.....Ira Sellars

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Jesse Vincent & Preston Barrett

SONG LEADERS:
Sunday Morning.....Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening.....Chad Canter
Wednesday.....Eddie Ward
Substitute.....Bill Stubblefield

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:
Isaac Ward & Katelyn Canter

GREETERS: Bobby & Faye Ward

If you are unable to serve, please
contact Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.

 **Mark 12**

1. In the opening parable, what did the husbandmen (the Jews) do to the Son (Jesus)?
2. Did Jesus say it is lawful to pay taxes?
3. According to verse 25 will we be married in heaven?
4. How much money did a poor widow put into the treasury of the Temple?

1. Killed Him (v. 8)
2. Yes (v. 17)
3. No
4. 2 mites which makes a far-thing (v. 42)

**Remember to
bring snacks for
the hospital.**

**Pantry Item
Fruit Cocktail**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes.....10:00 A.M.
Worship.....10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.
For transportation call 492-8206
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RADIO PROGRAMS

WORDS OF LIFE RADIO BROADCAST
Weekdays, 11:30 AM.WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES RADIO BROADCAST
Sunday, 7:30 A.M...WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

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**SERMON TOPICS FOR
January 24, 2010**

A.M. - How Shall We Teach Our
Young to Worship?

P.M. - Jesus Walks On the Water

WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED

Hear the gospel
Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17

Believe
Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6

Repent
Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30

Confess faith in Christ
Mt. 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10

Be baptized (immersed)
*Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16;
Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21*

Continue faithful unto death
Mt. 25:21,34; 2 Pt. 1:1-11; Rev. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:6-9