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You are invited to the
27th Annual Singing

at the

Green Plain Church of Christ

*3980 Murray Paris Road
Hazel, KY 42049*

Friday, November 20, 2009

From 7:00 pm until ???

There will be a refreshment break at 9:00 pm

*The church building is
located southeast of
Murray - One mile off
highway 641 -
Near the corner of the
Green Plain and
Murray Paris Roads*

Divorce and Remarriage

Victor M. Eskew



In Matthew 19:9, Jesus teaches that there is one cause for divorce and remarriage, fornication. *“And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.”* Some, however, teach that Paul allowed another cause in 1 Corinthians 7:15. This cause involves the desertion by an unbelieving mate. Many refer to this as “The Pauline Privilege.” Here is what the text says: *“But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.”*

A diligent study of this verse will show that it does not provide another “cause” for divorce and remarriage. First, the word translated “bondage” is interesting in the Greek language. It comes from the word “doulooo.” It means “to enslave, to make one a slave.” If this has reference to the marriage bond, Paul would be referring to it as a slave-relationship. God-ordained marriage is not intended to be such. If Paul had been addressing the marriage bond, he would have used another

Greek word, the word “deo.” In fact, he uses this word in two other verses in 1 Corinthians 7 in reference to the marriage bond (1 Corinthians 7:27, 39).

Second, when one considers the verb tense of the words “under bondage,” he realizes that the apostle is not speaking of the marriage bond. “Under bondage” translates the perfect passive indicative form of “doulou.” The perfect tense points to an action that was completed in the past, but has present, continuous results. In our verse, the word “not” has been placed before the word “under bondage.” Thus, Paul negates the action. In essence, Paul states: “You are not under bondage now, nor have you ever been under bondage.” This meaning cannot refer to the marriage bond. If the believer and unbeliever were husband and wife, there was a time when they were bound to each other.

The difficulty now comes in trying to properly interpret the text. Let’s remember that this relationship involves a Christian being married to an unbeliever. Sometimes these marriages were very strained. The unbeliever would oftentimes put pressure upon the Christian to deny his/her profession of faith. If this was not done, the unbeliever would threaten to depart. Paul says that if the unbeliever departs, let him depart. The believer is not, nor has he/she ever been obligated to deny the faith to maintain the marriage. The believer is not the unbeliever’s slave, but rather Christ’s servant.

Letting the unbeliever depart does not give the Christian the right to remarry. Jesus gave the only cause for divorce and remarriage in Matthew 19:9. Some believe that these are extremely tough pieces of divine legislation. Perhaps they are, but God knows what is best for man. Marriage is not a game; it is serious business. Much prayer and contemplation should go into the selection of a mate. The words, “I do,” are serious. They are intended to obligate one for life. When one says them, he should mean them!

God’s Precious Promises

When I am tempted...

“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13).

When I have sinned...

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

When I am lonely...

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me” (Revelation 3:20).

When I am afraid...

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness” (Isaiah 41:10).

When I need guidance...

“In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths” (Proverbs 3:6).

When I need wisdom...

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him” (James 1:5).

When I fear death...

“...I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die...” (John 11:25-26).

...Selected

His One Mistake

He brushed his teeth twice a day,
with a nationally leading toothpaste.

The doctors examined him
twice a year.

He wore his boots when it rained.

He slept with the windows open,
for the fresh air.

He stuck to a diet with plenty
of fresh vegetables.

He relinquished his tonsils and
traded in several worn out glands.

He golfed—but never more than
18 holes at a time.

He got at least 8 hours of
sleep every night.

He never smoked, drank,
nor lost his temper.

He did his "daily dozen" daily.

He was all set up to live
to be a hundred.

The funeral will be held Wednesday.
He is survived by eighteen special-
ists, four health institutes, six gym-
nasiums, and numerous manufac-
turers of health foods and antiseptics.
He made just one mistake.
HE FORGOT GOD, and lived as if
this world was all, and is now with
those who say, "*The harvest is past,
the summer is ended, and we are
not saved*" (Jeremiah 8:20).
THINK! ...Selected



Prayer List: James "Ed" Edwards (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent's sister), Rex Hutson (Griselda Adam's cousin), Harold & Betty Pond (Vicki Canter's parents), Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), Gail Wright, 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: On Thursday, the 19th, the ladies will be going to Dumplin's and the men to Cracker Barrel at 11:30 am.



Green Plain School of Biblical Studies continues each Monday night through December 7th. The subjects are **The Work of the Church & the Book of James**.

We appreciate your prayers and every good deed you have done for us. Thanks for all the delicious food you brought us.

We won't need the food anymore. Gail can't eat, she is so sick, & I don't eat very much, so thanks again.

Love, Gail & Larry

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery" Mt. 19:9

ATTENDANCE November 15, 2009

Bible Study	77	Worship P.M.	72
Worship A.M.	92	Mid-week (11-11)	61

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
November 2009**

USHERS: Jesse Vincent & Tristan Enoch
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chad Canter

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
A.M.: Max Henry & James Plgg
Substitute: Frank Pool

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE :
A.M.: Bobby Hall & Preston Barrett
Substitute: Robert Meredith

Sunday P.M.
11-22.....Rob Enoch
11-29.....Frank Pool

SCRIPTURE READING:
11-22.....Paul Brandon (Ex. 20:4-6)
11-29.....Larry Enoch

OPENING PRAYER:
11-22.....Roy Wyatt
11-29.....Rex Enoch

CLOSING PRAYER:
11-22.....Preston Barrett
11-29.....Frank Towery

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Robert Barrett & Paul Brandon

SONG LEADERS:
Sunday Morning...Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening....Larry Enoch
Wednesday.....Bill Stubblefield
Substitute.....James Pigg

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:
Matthias Meredith & Kye Luffman

GREETERS: Rex & Margrette Enoch
LAWN CARE: Larry Enoch

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



Mark 3

1. In the first part of the chapter, with which group did the Pharisees take counsel?
2. Which verses list the twelve apostles?
3. By whose power did the scribes say Jesus received His power?
4. Which sin can never be forgiven?

1. Herodians (v. 6)
2. Verses 16-19
3. Beelzebub (v. 22)
4. Blaspheme against the Holy Spirit (v. 29)

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

**Pantry Item
Paper Plates**

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
“A Friendly Welcome Awaits You”

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
November 22, 2009**

A.M. - God's Emotions

P.M. - Searching the Scriptures

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