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THE BIBLE

ORIGIN

INSPIRED...2 Tim. 3:16
HOLY SPIRIT...Jno. 16:13
HOLY MEN...2 Pet. 1:21
40 MEN
1600 YEARS
COMPLETED 96 A.D.

COMPLETE

ALL TRUTH...Jno. 16:13
ALL THINGS...2 Pet. 1:3

WARNINGS

NOT BEYOND...2 Jno. 9
NOT PERVERT...Gal. 1:7
NOT ANOTHER...Gal. 1:8
NOT ADD UNTO...Rev. 22:18
NOT TAKE FROM...Rev. 22:19
PREACH WORD...2 Tim. 4:2
ORACLES OF GOD...1 Pet. 4:11
IN HIS NAME...Col. 3:17
JUDGE US...Jno. 12:48

It's Time To Remodel The Church!

Allen Webster



They're at it again. We are hearing, "Let's remodel the church. It's old and run-down. Nobody wants to be part of an old church. It needs updating." They are not talking about the building, but the church! They have out-grown the Scriptural blueprint and feel the church of Christ needs modernizing to fit the modern times. Humm...do we need to remodel?

We would not argue that the church is old. It has been in the mind of God longer than dirt has been brown (Ephesians 3:11). It has been a part of American culture nearly as long as there has been American culture. It has been on earth going on two thousand years.

It is old, but is it outdated? There are many old things that need no updating. Nobody's arguing for a new constitution just because times have changed. Bull dozers are not waiting to level St. Peter's Cathedral for a more modern approach to art. The White House is old but the President does not seem to mind. The sun has been around for awhile, but it faces no political fight to keep its job. Folks have been feasting on food for a few thousand years, but no one seems to want to change this

practice.

Do we need a new church for a new age? Let's start with the foundation. Do we need a new foundation? Who has come up with a better one? "*For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ*" (1 Corinthians 3:11). "*And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone*" (Ephesians 2:20).

Do we need a new temple on the foundation? "*In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in Whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit*" (Ephesians 2:21-22). No one has come up with a better idea than individuals washed in the Lamb's blood and sealed with the Spirit to make up the spiritual building of the church. Only those who have obeyed God's form of teaching (Romans 6:17) by death to sin (repentance, Romans 6:1), burial in water (baptism, Romans 6:4) and resurrection (to a new life, 2 Corinthians 6:17) have been chiseled to fit God's spiritual house. Those who were not taught truth have not been added to the house by Nazareth's Chief Carpenter (Acts 2:38, 47).

We need no new windows for the building is well-lighted with the Gospel (Psalm 119:105). It still provides our light enough to walk through this world of darkness into the land that has no night (Revelation 21:25).

We need no new furnishings, for the Lord's Table still fills the soul's need for a feast (1 Corinthians 11:23-28), and man's knees still fit the altar of prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Simple worship is sufficient for the Lord was a simple Man. He never jumped and shouted, played or plucked, dramatized or sensationalized, and does not expect us to. Since we are supposed to be worshipping God, and God does not change from generation to generation (Malachi 3:6; cf. Hebrews 13:8), then our worship needs no updating.

God made the church just as He wanted it. If it needs remodeling, He will do it. The only work He wants us to do is adding to it by teaching and baptizing sinners (Acts 2:41,47).

The Gift of Friendship

FRIENDSHIP is

a PRICELESS GIFT

That cannot be bought or sold,

But its value is far greater

Than a mountain made of gold -

For gold is cold and lifeless,

It can neither see nor hear,

And in time of trouble

It is powerless to cheer -

It has no ears to listen,

No heart to understand,

It cannot bring you comfort

Or reach out a helping hand -

So when you ask God

for a GIFT,

Be thankful if He sends

Not diamonds, pearls or riches,

But the love of real true friends.

...Helen Steiner Rice

IF ONLY THEY KNEW

It seems like more and more people know less and less about the Bible. Certainly it is not taught in colleges, nor is it taught in public schools, and rarely is it even mentioned in the home setting. Why the disregard for the Bible? Let us consider that question.

There are many who look at the Bible and feel that it is not essential to follow its teaching, but 2 Timothy 2:15 teaches that one who does not study is not approved unto God. Further those who do not know what the Bible teaches are to be ashamed. Think about all of the parents who are letting their children grow up away from God simply because they do not believe the Bible is essential.

In the age in which we live, purity is scoffed at, and perhaps that is another reason why the Bible is ignored by the majority of men. David wrote, "*Thy word is very pure: therefore they servant loveth it*" (Psalm 119:140). Surely it is pure, and it will be those who are pure in heart that one day will see God (Matthew 5:8).

A third reason why many do not heed its teachings may be that men do not see the Bible as being a comfort. To men who are suffering persecution, the Word of God is a way of escape. To those who see that they are spiritually sick, it is a balm. To those who have lost love ones, it is a way to meet again. To those who are dying, it is the promise of a better life. To those who do not cling to it, however, it is an eternal sentence of punishment.

...Daniel F. Cates



Prayer List: John Brinkley, James "Ed" Edwards (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent's sister), Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), 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

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Wednesday, the 16th, following Bible Study.

Monthly Luncheons: On Thursday, the 17th, the ladies will be going to the home of Teri Meredith and are asked to bring a Christmas dessert, and the men will meet at Pagliai's. The luncheon is at 11:30 am.

Our monthly fellowship meal will be Sunday night, the 20th.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK
"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ"
(1 Corinthians 3:11).

ATTENDANCE December 13, 2009

Bible Study	83	Worship P.M.	64
Worship A.M.	94	Mid-week (12-9)	55

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southeast of Murray -
One mile off highway 641 -
Near the corner of the Green
Plain and Murray Paris Roads

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
December 2009

USHERS: Roy Wyatt & Bobby Ward
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rob Enoch

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
AM: Chad Canter & Larry Enoch
Substitute: Rex Enoch

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
AM: Paul Brandon & Robert Barrett
Substitute: Dave Thompson

Sunday PM
12:20.....Larry Enoch
12:27.....Bobby Hall

SCRIPTURE READING:
12:20.....Bobby Ward
12:27.....Bobby Hall

OPENING PRAYER:
12-20.....Charles Enoch
12-27.....Bill Stubblefield

CLOSING PRAYER:
12-20.....Paul Brandon
12-27.....Robert Meredith

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Roy Wyatt & Jesse Vincent

SONG LEADERS:
Sunday Morning.....Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening.....James Plgg
Wednesday.....Chad Canter
Substitute.....Larry Enoch

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:
Cheyenne & Cadence Sellars

GREETERS: James & Jan Plgg

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



Mark 7

1. What did the Pharisees and scribes mean by defiled hands?
2. Why did the Pharisees and all the Jews say this?
3. How did Jesus answer them?
4. What did Jesus say that defileth the man?
5. What three things did Jesus do to the man who was deaf and had an impediment of speech?

1. Eating with unwashed hands (v. 2)
 2. They were holding to the tradition of the elders (v. 3)
 3. He said Esau had prophesied of them calling them hypocrites, saying they honored Him with their lips only (v. 6)
 4. That which cometh out of the man (v. 20)
 5. He put His fingers in his ears, and He spit and touched his tongue (v. 33)

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

**Pantry Item
Spaghetti Sauce**

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
December 20, 2009**

A.M. - Guest Speaker

P.M. - Guest Speaker

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