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**SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:**

AM: Spencer Strickland

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*A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!*

**HOW ARE YOU RUNNING?**

**“Know ye not that they which run in a race run all,  
but one receiveth the prize?**

**So run, that ye may obtain. “ - 1 Corinthians 9:24**

**Examine yourself! Are you really in the faith? (2 Cor 13:5)**

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**JOIN US IN  
PRACTICING  
NEW TESTAMENT  
CHRISTIANITY  
TODAY,  
COME SEE!**

**SERVICES**

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study  
Sunday 11 AM , 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
Office Phone (803) 794-5320  
*Nursery provided*

**INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY**

Saturdays 3 pm  
*Everyone Welcome!*  
Bring your friends & Bible questions

**EVANGELIST**

Other than the members  
none at present time  
Full time position open

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**“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b**

**TRUTH MAKES CHRISTIANS**

A perverted gospel cannot save. Jesus declared that it is the knowledge of truth, not the belief of error, that makes men free. (John 8:32). Though a perverted gospel may have in it all the elements of the true gospel, its power to save is lost in perversion. Bread is God's power to quell the hunger, but the admixture of a poisonous element — a spoonful of arsenic, for instance, in a loaf of bread — would destroy its power. Water is God's power to quench the thirst, but the admixture of salt will destroy the quenching power of water.

The gospel is God's power to save the soul, but its admixture with error — the doctrines and commandments of men, when heard and believed — destroys its saving power. Hence, Paul's alarm concerning the perverters at Galatia:

**“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.” - Galatians 1:6-7**

Error preached, error heard, and error believed cannot result in the truth obeyed. No man can accidentally obey God. The truth preached, the truth believed, and the truth obeyed makes a Christian. Nothing else does. How careful then men should be in their handling of it!

**- Foy E. Wallace, Jr., 1896-1979, Gospel Preacher**

**“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” - John 8:31,32**

**Examine yourself, whether you are in the faith ... or not! (2 Cor 13:5)**

## **“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Merrie Christmus, Dorothy Gray & family, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Stephanie Rigney.*

- Please continue to pray for **Lauren Beard** who still having serious health problems.
- Also, **Amy Strickland** was ill. Continue to remember in prayer: **Judy Cornelius, Marshall Turbyfill, Pat Joyner, Gail Allen's mother, John Beasley's** grandma and **Jan Kelleher** who continues to be in pain from bone cancer and the chemotherapy she is taking, but latest scans shows the cancer is not spreading. All thanks and glory to **God**, she is really enjoying her new grandchildren.
- Also remember **Margaret Herring** and family with many ills. **Pray for all these**, and our search for an **evangelist** to help us with the work of the Lord here at West Columbia. Give **thanks** to God for his goodness and love for us.

**"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." - 2 Corinthians 1:3,4**

## **“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- **MEN!** Sunday AM and PM please find **Jason, Jones** or whoever is putting together the assembly duty roster and volunteer to help with prayer, Lord's table, singing, etc.
- **ALL! Contact** those on the Directory list you've not seen recently (like last Sunday).
- **ALL! INVITE SOMEONE TO VISIT US!** Give them one of the **church cards** that are on the table in the foyer. If you take some, please use them.

**"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might;  
for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom,  
in the grave, wither thou goest." - Ecclesiastes 9:10**

## **“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15**

- **Katie Kennedy** has been selected to be the interim director of the USO in Fort Drum, New York. She leaves Monday and will return April 16th.

## **HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYETH**

**“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” - Revelation 3:4-6**

## **“DIVISIONS MUST COME”**

Division in the churches is painful. It wrings the heart with anguish. But God asked, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). This is a strong declaration that they cannot. It is true as applied to both God and man. Can you walk with God unless you agree with Him? He claims to be the Lord, the only Ruler of the universe. Can you walk with Him while you insist on making laws and changing His order? It also applied to man. Can two walk together when one insists on going another way?

Often, those we love must force us to the choice as to whether we will cling to God or go with them. If we love God better than we love them, we will cling to God and His ways. If division must come, let it come along the lines of love and loyalty to God. If we separate from others and do not walk with God, another separation must come. Separation after separation must come until the lines of cleavage run with the line of loyalty to God. Until division along this line is reached, divisions must continue and multiply. As soon as, and not until, divisions along this line is reached, the union with God and those true to Him will be permanent.

God is directing these things and does all things well. All we have to do is to stand true and firm to God and His word all along the line, and leave results with Him. We can do nothing else. We are poor and foolish and weak; God is wise and strong. Our only hope is to walk with and be true to God in all things. "For there must be also heresies (divisions) among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you" (1 Corinthians 11:19). Divisions must come until we are all willing to be led by God.

**- David Lipscomb, 1831-1917, Nashville Tennessee**

**“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” - 1 Corinthians 1:10**

## **DOES THIS MAKE ANY SENSE TO YOU**

**“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. ” - Psalms 100**

**IF NOT**

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