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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Ethan Allen

PM: cancelled

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

**“EXCEPT THE LORD BUILDETH THE HOUSE,  
THEY LABOR IN VAIN THAT BUILD IT”  
PSALMS 127:1**

**"It is good to be zealous always in a good thing" -Galatians 4:18  
(but make sure it's the RIGHT thing!)**

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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

Any Time On Request  
*Everyone Welcome!*  
Bring your friends & Bible questions

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Other than the members  
none at present time  
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**“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b**

## LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Romans 8:14 says, **“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”** Everyone interested in salvation should understand how this is accomplished. Due to false teaching, it is often shrouded in darkness, and people fail to investigate Gods word and are thus deceived.

The church of Christ is often misrepresented. Opponents say God must do the converting and accuse us of denying that. They also say one must be converted by the Spirit and power of God and imply that we also deny that. Some say the heart is changed by faith and that faith is a gift from God and accuse of denying that. But we believe all these things to be true. There is no difference on what God does, but how He does it. Look at the law and the testimony (Isaiah 8:20), and let that decide.

**Faith Is Produced By The Word Of God:** Jesus prayed for a certain class of people — those who believe on Him through the words of the apostles, His personal representatives on earth (John. 14:26; 16:13-15; 2 Cor. 5:18-20). John 20:30-31 shows that saving faith comes through the written word of God. Peter said that the Gentiles believed by hearing the word from his mouth (Acts 15:8).

The apostle Paul testifies that faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17), but that one must hear before faith can be produced (Rom. 10:14). There is no belief without first hearing the word. All these witnesses agree. The only difference is that now the word that produces faith is written in the New Testament.

Paul told Timothy to preach the things that he had heard from him with many witnesses (2 Tim. 2:2). Further, he said we should stand fast in the word he had taught whether by word or letter (2 Thess. 2:15), and that any who would teach a different doctrine would be accursed (Gal. 1:6-9).

**How The Holy Spirit Gives Faith:** As shown above, in reference to John 16:13-15, the Spirit was sent to the apostles to guide them into all truth. First Peter 1:12 says they preached the gospel with the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven. Acts 2:1-4 reveals the coming of the Holy Spirit, and that the apostles began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. In Revelation 2:1, Christ says, **“Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus, write...”** And verse seven says, **“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”** So the Spirit speaks through the written word.

Where is all this found? In the New Testament. Second Timothy 3:16-17 says that the Scripture furnishes all one needs for perfection. Second Peter 1:3 says that everything that pertains to life and godliness comes through knowledge, and for that reason one should study (2 Tim. 2:15).

**How People Are Converted By The Power Of God:** Romans 1:16 says the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone who believes it, and that faith comes by hearing (Rom. 10:17). This word was given to the apostles by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:13). — **(Continued on page 3)**

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

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Merrie Chrismus, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Barbara and Melvin Reeder, Stephanie Rigney.**

Until further notice, all meetings are cancelled except, Lord willing, the church doors will be open at 11 AM each Sunday for the worship assembly. This assembly is broadcast on Facebook and it is recorded for later viewing.

For help connecting to this, please call **Connie Richbourg 413-8533**.

**“And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them “ - Acts 20:7**

The Bulletin is sent to an email list and posted each week on the church website. We're also **mailing** the bulletin each week to those without computer access. When you contact other members, see if they're getting the bulletin, and if not, let Ed know.

We need news on members, how they're doing and any needs they might have. Members are calling each other, which is a good thing we all should be doing! Some members don't have family they can count on for help.

If you have news on members, even just to say you've contacted them and they're ok, please share it with **Paula Kennedy**, by call or text to 260-2000 or by email **KennedyPaulaM@Gmail.com**. She will summarize it on Fridays to be included in the next bulletin.

Here are some who aren't connected electronically and need to be checked on by phone regularly. Call them, see how they're doing and then let **Paula** know also.

- **Judy Corneilus 606-6401, 2402 Breeze Rd, Cayce 29033**
- **Pat Joyner 807-9332, 5 Chicorana Rd, W Cola 29169**  
Michelle, her grand daughter, is visiting from Texas for a couple of weeks and helping her out. Pat's washer overflowed and she's having flooring replaced.
- **Margaret Herring 926-1786, 1146 Pinecroft Dr, W Cola, 29169**  
Was in her yard, saw a snake, drove it off then fell, managed to get up leaning on a tree, then fell again and broke several bones, including her hip. She is hurting, but in good spirits knowing God loves her. She doesn't want to be a burden on the church, and has someone coming in 3 times a week, but misses hearing from the church. Please give her a call AND send her a card or letter. If you're able to get out, see if you can take her anything.
- **Barbara Reeder 834-4265, 216 Burlie Ct, Apt K, W Cola 29169**  
Misses the church and meetings. She's not able to get out. Some members have been bringing food. Others are very much needed to help in this also: Canned meats, Spam, bread, apple juice, canned fruit, bananas, peanut butter, squeeze bottle jams (strawberry). Leave them on her door step. Give her a call, send a card. Coordinate with **Martha or Dawn** on what they need.

**“For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” - Matthew 7:8**

## **LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT—(continued from page 1)**

Paul said the gospel came to him by revelation (Gal. 1:11-12), and Peter affirmed that the Gentiles were purified by faith which was produced by his preaching (Acts 15:7-9). Furthermore, Peter says one purifies his soul in obeying the Truth (1 Pet. 1:22).

Without doubt, therefore, the Scripture teaches that faith is a gift of God, but that it comes from a study of God's word, not in some mysterious, direct means.

**This Is Demonstrated By Divine Example:** Acts two reveals that the Holy Spirit spoke to the multitude through the apostles (Acts 2:1-4, 22). When they heard the word preached they were pricked in their hearts — made believers. The word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17) which was wielded by the apostles and other preachers (Acts 2:1-4, 22-27; 8:4-5, 12). When the people on that Pentecost day heard the word preached by the apostles, they were pricked in their hearts — convicted of sin.

**The Pentecostians Led By The Spirit:** Their change, or purification, was begun, and the effect was produced by the Holy Spirit. They were led by the words spoken by the apostles. But where? They were led to cry out, **“Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter answered and said, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:37-38).**

With this example, it is clear that to be led by the Spirit, to receive faith, and be saved by the power of God is accomplished by the written word. Please observe that the whole process of conversion was begun in preaching the gospel, and hearing the gospel which produced faith and repentance, and obeying the gospel in baptism which consummated salvation.

**Is Something Besides The Word Of God Needed?:** How do you know Christ is the Son of God? The Bible says so. Don't you need some other proof? No, for the Bible says so. How do you know there is a heaven to be gained and a hell to be avoided? The Bible says so. Do you not need other testimony? No, the Bible is enough.

If one were to hear Christ say, "Thy sins are forgiven thee," how would he know he was pardoned? Christ said so. Would you not need other proof? No, for Christ said so.

The same Christ says that in order to be saved one must:

1. Believe in Him as God's Son (John. 8:24).
2. Repent of sins (Luke. 13:3); Acts 3:19).
3. Confess Him before men (Matt. 10:32; Acts 8:37).
4. Be baptized to be saved (Acts 2:38; 10:48; Rom. 6:3-6).

Christ promises to save one who obeys His word. Why fight it?

- **Roy J. Hearn, 1911-2000, Gospel Preacher, Founder Memphis School of Preaching**

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