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Sundays
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Mid-Week
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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A multi-racial community of believers with a purpose and vision to live holy lives, fulfill the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving each other and our community with compassion, love and the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ.

Records you Made:	2/08/15	2/01/15
Bible Classes	28	40
Worship Service	80	98
Contribution	\$1824.00 \$348.00	\$2571.00
Wed Bible Class	28	27
Baptisms/Placing membership	-	1

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. Ro 16:16

Youth Corner

By
Jamal Colson



Is Not Life More Important Than Food?

Young people, have you ever considered the question Our Savior asks in Matthew 6:25, "Is not life more than food?" According to Scripture, this is where God wants us to learn from his creation such as the birds of the air:

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matthew 6:26 NIV).

"Your Heavenly Father feeds them" What a powerful statement!!! Sometimes in our country we are so focused on food that it becomes a distraction. When was the last time you went to a party where they DID-N'T serve food? It doesn't happen too often does it? We love to celebrate and eat!! However, too much, and we miss out on the important things in life, namely, God's Kingdom.

In conclusion, the answers are found in the scriptures like these " seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matt. 6:33 NIV).

If we use our hunger pains as reminders to seek his kingdom daily and feed each other with the Holy Scriptures we will realize that life IS more important than food.

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We should obey God

"Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men ... We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him," (Acts 5:29-32).

From the very cradle of creation, God Almighty has been trying to get you and I to do but one thing, and that is to obey Him. There is nothing in life that is as important as our obedience to God! The life and mission of Jesus Christ, his sacrificial death and atonement on the cross are all useless, unless we obey God. Why should we obey God?

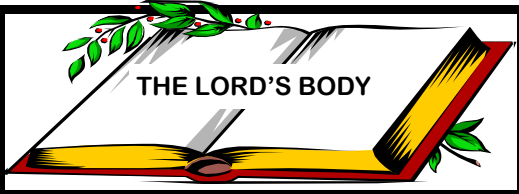
First, We should obey God because our obedience honors Him. Nothing is more inconsistent with right reason and common sense than for us humans whom God made in his own image to be disrespectful of our Maker and to be disobedient to the One who has bestowed on us so much good. Jesus addressed such persons in His time on earth, "You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'" Matt 15:7-9. Let's honor our God with our obedience to Him in all things, (Matt. 28:20).

Second, we should obey God because Fearing God and obeying Him are the real essence of life. Solomon the wisest man of all times tells us that knowledge, power, prestige, pleasure, riches and worldly possessions, without God, are all "vanity and vexation of Spirit." Having God and obeying Him are where real life is to be found. "Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandment, for this is the whole [duty] of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Let's obey God in all things so we can rediscover the true essence of life.

Third, we should obey God, because by our obe-

dience to God, He gives us what we cannot earn. Salvation from sin and entrance into heaven cannot be earned by our performances or works. However, God will not give us salvation if we ignore and or disobey Him. The Bible is emphatic on this point; people who do not obey the gospel of Jesus will be punished with everlasting destruction. "God is just... He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power" (2 Thessalonians 1:6-9). We obey Christ by obeying His teachings, the New Testament Scriptures. We do not earn salvation with our obedience but salvation will not be given to us without our obedience! "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast," (Ephesians 2:8-10). "Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,"(Hebrews 5:8-10).

Fourth, we should obey God because by it we are made free from sin and become servants of righteousness. "Though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness." (Rom. 6:17) The obedience this verse refers to, is the culminating act that completes our salvation; we are baptized into Christ and into the benefits of His death (Romans 6:3-5). In this obedience process we get rid of our sins by the blood of Jesus and by the power, grace and mercy of God Almighty, (Ephesians 1:7-8, 18-23). Let's obey God in every way and every day.
Lancelot W.



The family by John Stallworth

Privileged to Serve 02/15/2015	
<u>Morning Service</u>	
Song leader	Jason Harper
Welcome/Prayer	Mike Salimbene
Song #	587
Scripture – Rev. 19:4-11	Brian Maddox
Songs #	555
Song #	875
Second Prayer	Steve Lynch
Song #	382
Lord's table and Collection:	
Lead	Jamal Colson
Assistant	Anthony Soto
Assistant	John Sicignano
Assistant	C. Hendrickson
Song – Kids to class	
Song #	959
Scripture – I Tim. 1:3-7	John Stallworth
Sermon –	Lancelot Watson
Invitation #	934
Responses & prayer:	
Jason Holfman	
Jason Harper	
Announcements &	
Closing Prayer	Mile Salimbene
Closing Song #	703

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“I don’t wa’nna - Love”
Gal. 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. We asked last week: if these are “fruit of the spirit”, how are non-Christians able to do these things.
Do you know what love means? Pause and think and about it for a minute. We often use the word as a form of affection. “I love you.” The Bible has a depth of information and concepts on the meaning and the different Greek words translated to this one word. I’d like us to consider one of the perspective given by the Bible. The Greek word (Agapē) in Galatians is the same word used by Jesus:
Lk. 6:27-35 - If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full. 35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. So, consider what you were originally thinking about the meaning of the word “love”. Does it match what Jesus says? Are you saying: “I don’t wanna.”
Jesus here challenges our definition and what we claim to practice as ‘love’. One powerful point: Jesus answers the question of non-Christian vs Christian and what is produced by the spirit. If we love those who love us, we are not even meeting the minimum of the Bible definition or that which is from the spirit. As Jesus points out, “even sinners” love those who love them. The Bible is calling us to a higher love. John will say,
1 Jn. 3:18 - Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.
Do you know what the Spirit is calling you to do?
Just do it!We’ll continue next week. Stay blessed and LOVE.



LIVING IT OUT— PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY BY BENJAMIN FIELD

“Son of Man?”
This is not an exhaustive doctrinal statement, but is instead a reflection to help clarify and stimulate consideration of a repetitive phrase in scripture. Mention of the **“Son of Man”** occurs throughout scripture (Dan 7:13, John 5:2, Matt 24:30, Ezk 2:3.), but most Christians just gloss over, think “Jesus,” and move on. **But what does “Son of Man” mean? What is the significance of the designation “Son of Man?”**
Let’s begin considering there are two beings described in scripture; they are the “sons of men,” and the “sons of God.” These “sons of men” are born of earthly women, mankind, and possess the image of God through Adam. Ps 115:16 says it perfectly; *“The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, but the earth He has given to the sons of men.”* In contrast, “sons of God” are beings formed by God, angels/demons, and of heavenly origin, regardless of their current habitation. Genesis 6:1-4 and Job 1:6 and 38:7 concur by reason of translation that the “sons of God” and “daughters of men” (translated **“daughters of Adam”**) hold distinct differences as living beings. Contrary to some explanations, proper translation of Hebrew clearly indicates “sons of God” were never born on Earth. Also, in Genesis 3:24 the angle of God guarded a physical place so we know that the sons of God are not just amorphous spirits. *Indeed, scriptures states we have even entertained them unknowingly.* Jude 1:6 tells that angelic beings gave up their higher state of existence, which is consistent with Genesis 6 and Job.
The promise given to Satan in Genesis 3:15 was that a seed of Eve (“son of man”) would triumph over the seed of the serpent. Without sowing our own theories into God’s Word we can clearly say that scriptures indicate that the lineage of man was promised to produce the Savior, and that corruption of that lineage by the sons of God would halt prophesy. Likewise, Hebrew also suggests that Noah was not only good, but his line was “undefiled,” thereby making him eligible to carry the lineage of Christ.
So what does this all mean? It is quite beautiful. The “SON of God” (as He is in heaven) was fused to a virgin “daughter of Adam” (Mary) who possessed the lineage required to fulfill prophesy. HE was “born of men” by conception through the Spirit, and it was then that the **Son of Man** came forth - “God” born of “man”; the **“SON OF MAN” was both man and God.** He possessed a new and third existence that neither angelic beings nor man could claim. Read Hebrews 4:15, and John 5:27. **“And he has given Him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.”**
God and man as one - claiming dominion of heaven and Earth



ladies' Corner by Paulette Watson

Loving Self
We are commanded to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, in the first part of Luke 10:27, then in the second part of the verse we are commanded, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Implicit in this command is the understanding or assumption that we love ourselves. Unfortunately, this is not the case with everyone.
We do not love ourselves when we see ourselves as ugly, shameful, worthless, dumb, unforgiveable, or unlovable. If this is how we feel about ourselves, loving our neighbors as we love ourselves might do more harm than good. If we want to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, there are some facts we must remember.
We must remember that God made us “in His own image” Gen. 1:27, and “in his own likeness, (Gen. 5:3). We cannot, therefore, be ugly, because God is beautiful. As a young girl I was taught that “pretty is as pretty does.” I made a poster, and put it on my wall in my college dorm room, with the scripture, “Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised” (Proverbs 31:30). This was to encourage me to aspire to inner beauty by fearing the Lord. If we feel ugly inside, we must remember that God calls us to repentance and promises that when we love and obey Him, He will forgive us of all our sins. We must remember that “if anyone is in Christ, he [/she] is a new creation” (2 Cor. 5:17). David exclaimed, “as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. (Psalms 103:12). “Whenever our hearts condemn us...God is greater than our hearts” (1 John 3:20).
Since God has forgiven us, we are lovable in His sight and should be in ours as well; we must forgive ourselves so we can love our new selves and love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us be thankful to God for remaking us and for our new and improved selves. Let us thank Him for His grace. Let us trust in His word and pray for strength to continue in Him.