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Worship Opportunities

Sundays

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

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:	10/18/22	10/11/15
Bible Classes	3128	28
Worship Service	89	80
General Contribution 2nd Sunday - Bldg	\$1044.00	\$2137.00 \$356.00
Wed Bible Class	32	32
Baptisms / YTD	-	10

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

Youth Corner

By
Jamal Colson



In all your ways submit to him

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

What does "In all your ways submit to him" mean to you? Back in the day "all" used to mean all. It appears now-a-days that "all" means "some", "most of" or "just about". Young people, let the bible define it as "**All.**" In **all** your ways submit to him. If we submit to him he will make our paths straight. What I love about that is God's willingness to give you purpose and strength for submitting to him. Purpose and strength means no wasted time. As young people we can waste or lose so much time waiting for a straight path. Usually your friends will lead you down the wide path and many will misguide on that path. Only God will send you on the straight and narrow path.

I'm conclusion; do you want to continue down a path to destruction? Or instead, choose to trust in the Lord and lean not on your own understanding. This is key! The world says to rely on yourself, but God says in all your ways submit to HIM! He love us more than our parents and WAY better than we can love ourselves God will give you purpose strength not from us, but from him.

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The gospel of reconciliation

The apostle Peter in his first epistle had this to say, "But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps," (1 Pet 2:20-21). There is in this passage the groundwork for the Church's theology of reconciliation. This theology is rooted in the life, example and teachings of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The salvific work of Jesus included reconciling the world to Himself and to His Father in Heaven. This He did by his sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection. His work of reconciliation is an ongoing one to be continued by His followers. As Christians, followers of Christ, we have a sense of obligation to be peacemakers (Matt. 5:9), facilitators for reconciling men and women to God and to each other. Jesus is our example and we have assurances from Him that any work we do in that area will not be in vain. In the final analysis whatever peace we enjoy or experience comes only from Him and through Him.

In Jesus' mission of reconciliation there are things we are to learn from Him as He is our example. First we take a look at what reconciliation looks like with God. The apostle Paul tells us, "When we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son" (Rom. 5:10). Reconciliation therefore is the bringing together of enemies so that they fellowship and embrace each other as friends. This was the experience of Pilate and Herod at the mockery of a trial they held for Jesus. Luke tells us, "That day Herod and Pilate became friends — before this they had been enemies," (Luke 23:12). The process of reconciliation transforms enemies into friends and the new friends do not harbor feelings of ill-will towards their former enemies. This is God's attitude towards us who are reconciled to Him, "God is reconciling the world to Himself, not counting men's sins against

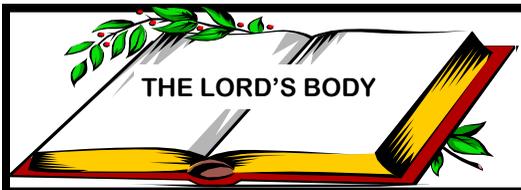
them" (2 Cor. 5:18-19). God is the offended party and we are the guilty ones; for reconciliation to happen forgiveness must occur. God forgives us and in forgiving us, He does not hold our offenses against us, He says, "I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more" (Heb. 8:12). So when we are reconciled to God, we become friends with Him and our sins are forgiven.

The work of reconciliation however comes with a hefty price tag. In the case of Jesus, it was His life which He willingly sacrificed, "But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation" (Col. 1:22). Without that sacrifice, reconciliation would not happen, consequently, as peacemakers, we understand that no sacrifice or price on our part is too great to bring about reconciliation between enemies.

From Christ we also learn that as Christians, we must be proactive in keeping ourselves reconciled to our brethren. Jesus was emphatic on this issue, "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift" (Matt 5:23-24). Among the many noteworthy things in this command is that it is given to the person who is not holding a grudge; she merely remembers that someone has hard-feelings for her. Noteworthy also, is that it is the one who does the "remembering" who must act with urgency to become reconciled.

God attaches great urgency and necessity that brethren live in unity and peace without grudges and animosities towards each other. Failure to do so hinders our worship and relationship with our God.

Lancelot W.



The family by John Stallworth



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PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
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ladies' Corner
by
Paulette Watson

Privileged to Serve 10/25/2015

Morning Service

Song leader	Greg Watkins
Call to worship	
Welcome/Prayer	John Stallworth
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Lead	James Guiffre
Assistant	Barry Koeber
Assistant	Mike Costello
Assistant	Steve Lynch
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Jason Harper	
Mike Salimbene	
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Closing Prayer	John Stallworth
Closing Song #7	703

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Excuse #3 – Relationships

Lk. 14:16-20 Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. 17 At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' 18 "But they all alike began to make excuses...20 "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

Let's categorize this type of excuse as 'relationships'. All of us at some point have/will experience a challenge of a relationship competing with the Lord's priorities. Jesus will say later in this chapter: *"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--he cannot be my disciple."* (vs26) His point is relationships will always challenge our commitment to our Lord. If you've been born/baptized 'into Christ', you've said the words "Jesus is Lord." Lord means master. If the master asks anything, the answer is ALWAYS 'yes'. However, we try the words "**I can't**" in an attempt to justifiably excuse ourselves. We use '**can't**' as an impossibility; no options. Is it truly impossible to go to the banquet? Why not bring the spouse. I've heard said, "Was the spouse so ugly, they couldn't bring them to a banquet?" I suggest wrong thinking. We've become so comfortable saying NO to the Lord. Our '**can't**' can look like:

- My spouse doesn't like when I go to church.
- My family is having a thing.
- My child has a sporting event.

We are so quick to schedule over (or replace) the Lord's plans. How about trying to make that impossible '**can't**' into a possibility:

- If there's a Sunday event: why not bringing your family with you to church.
- Sports: why not choose another league.
- Persecution: James will say this is "Pure joy" (Jam. 1:2)

Don't be deceived by your '**I can't**'. Do you really mean "**I won't**"! When the Lord tries to use you, are you TOO BUSY?

Mt. 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The Perils and Perks of Prophecy – Part III

Question - Can Christians be permitted to view current events in light of prophecy and scripture? **Sure Answer** – Yes, if the Bible is to be the authority on the matter instead of any belief system - AND we take care to draw a line between opinion and scripture.

Only BELIEVERS Take Interest in Prophecy

Jeremiah 29:13 "You will seek me..." **Proverbs 18:15** "An intelligent heart acquires knowledge...." **1 Cor. 14:1** "Desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy." (Not like O.T. "נבא" "naba." This word is "προφητεῖω" - the same word Jesus used for the Last Day; "To set forth matter of divine teaching by special faculty." **Note**-our modern rules on gender come *right after*.)

The Early Church Continually Examined Current Events

Hebrews 10:25 "...all the more as you see the Day approaching." **Matthew 25:13** "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." **Luke 21:35** "For it will come upon all those who dwell on...all the earth. But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape these things ...and to stand before the Son of Man." Peter examined events when he said "Save yourselves from this corrupt and perverse generation"

Opinions Regarding Current Events- 1 Cor. 7; Paul takes a huge step by giving prophetic teaching *based on his perceptions of the times...* "**I have no command of the Lord, but I give an opinion...because of the present crisis...**" How does he have the audacity to offer musings on marriage in light of Matthew 19:4-5 and Genesis 2:18??? How is this part of canonized scripture since it is his opinion??? The answer -Paul said "am I not free?" Paul saw the world differently now, and saw how the Word related to all events. *Paul also says this is opinion.* This is a critical distinction. There is a difference between examining scripture - then the world - and then sharing a thought, as opposed to stating "God has spoken."

Jesus Showed Paul and US to Examine Events - Matthew 24

Jesus said: "*you did not recognize the time...*" showing **assumption TRUE believers can!** "When it is evening, you say...., and in the morning you say... you know how to discern the sky... **but cannot discern the signs of the times?** An evil...generation seeks a miracle...when you see all these things, you know that it is near..." Examining our time and events are essential. These passages **clearly** show we are to see differently than the world – we see it compared to Noah having info. his world didn't see to us... they "**did not perceive** until the flood..." WOW. Know *this* -Jesus stated signs of times matter, they are hidden in plain sight from the lost. If Jesus can be trusted, I ask then-can we afford any other view?

The Joy of the Lord – Our Strength

When we obey God's command to rejoice in Him, as Paul commands, for example, in Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice," the Lord tells us what the result will be: We will derive strength from this rejoicing – "The joy of the Lord will be your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). How will our joy result in our strength? Let us address this question.

In speaking to God in Psalm 40:16, David says, "But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The Lord is great!" This suggests that when we allow ourselves to be joyful in the Lord, we are acknowledging His greatness and His strength. We are also acknowledging our dependence on His great strength. When we link this thought with Paul's assertion in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," we come full circle and have the true formula for success. Simply put, we are joyful because we trust in God's strength to sustain us always, and in this trusting joy, we acknowledge our weakness, and know that our strength is what we get from Him – our strength is His strength – and with His strength we can accomplish anything.

As with everything in which we follow God, this is a win-win situation – in every circumstance! In the joy of the Lord, we'll overcome our anger and our resentments. There will be no place for negative feelings like these. When they come upon us, and they will, our joy will quickly cast them out, and motivate us to be patient, and kind. When we are fearful, our joy in the Lord will cause us to trust Him to protect us, and work all things for our good. Our joy in the Lord will give us the strength – to speak for Him, to be strong in Him always. In the words of Isaiah, "your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass" (66:14). Let us claim this blessing of strength by being joyful in the Lord.