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April 11, 2021 ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Randel Koon

Sunday Song Leader
Tripp Yancey

Wednesday Song Leader
Mason McAlister (04/14/21)

Scripture Reading
Gene Yancey

Opening Prayer
John Hopper (AM)
Kevin Shackelford (PM)

Closing Prayer
Ricky Loveless (AM)
Eli Carter (PM)

Count and Usher
Terry Chapman & Danny Shackelford

Communion
Brad McAlister

Pick Up Communion when entering

OUR RECORD

April 4, 2021

Sunday Bible Study: 100
Sunday Morning Worship: 126
Sunday Evening Worship: 99
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 97
Budget: \$3,500
Contribution this week: NA

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IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE NO. 3 James Pilgrim

In this third lesson on making a difference, we shall look at a number of things churches have written off. Some may have changed, but God has not. In his book, "The Standard Manual for Baptist Churches" Edward T. Hiscox, D. D., wrote, "baptism was once the door into the church.' Now, it is different;...." (Page 22). This writer as a teenager, wrote in the margin, "What changed it?" With this in mind, let us see that there are differences in what man says and what God says. Obviously, one should follow Christ.

Some, like those of Galatians 1:6-9, have changed, and are vainly teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. (Matthew 15:7-9). Read Revelation 2 and 3 to view others who changed. Some "changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things" (Romans 1:23), and "changed the truth of God into a lie...and "did change the natural use into that which is against nature." (Romans 1:25-27). Various other changes are seen in verses 28-32. These actions made a difference.

Has baptism ceased to be of less importance? **NO!** One is still "baptized into one body" or church. (Colossians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 12:13). All who have been "baptized into Christ have put him on." (Galatians 3:27). "Baptism doth also now save us." (1 Peter 3:21). **NOW!** Belief, repentance and baptism still save, bring about remission of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16), through the blood of Jesus. (Matthew 26:26-29). This burial in water (Romans 6:1-5; Acts 8:37-39) brings freedom from sin (Verses 17, 18), and rejoicing. (Acts 8:39). It gives one entrance into the kingdom or church today (John 3:1-5; Matthew 16:13-19), and into God's everlasting kingdom at the end. (1 Corinthians 15:24; 2 Peter 1:11). Baptism makes all the difference!

Faithfulness makes a difference. "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him" (Revelation 1:1) through John (Revelation 1:4, 9) to the "church in Smyrna" (Revelation 2:8), admonished them, "be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Revelation 2:10; Mark 13:13). Stedfast, unmoveable perpetual abounding in the Lord's work is a labor that is always fruitful. (1 Corinthians 15:58). Remember, the saved are not saved without works. (1 Corinthians 10, especially verse 12). "The saints in Christ Jesus which are in Philippi" (Philippians 1:1) were told that they had "obeyed" but were to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." (Philippians 2:12). More later.

"HOPE IN DEATH"

by Dalton Key

As the old saying goes, "The young may die; the old must die." Upon honest and serious reflection we are forced by facts to agree. A quick glance at the daily obituary column, a short stroll through a cemetery, or a casual look through an old family photo album will remind us all too graphically of death's cold stark reality. "It is appointed for men to die." (Hebrews 9:27.)

For most of this world's travelers death provides no hope. Solomon chillingly reports, "And so I saw the wicked buried." (Ecclesiastes 8:10.) Because "the whole world lies in wickedness" (1 John 5:19), the world without Christ sees in death only despair. Robert Ingersol, a self-confessed agnostic, stood over the grave of his dear brother and sadly remarked, "Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our own wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no sound."

But death need not be hopeless. For God's children, death can be, and can be seen as, a blessing. In the words of Charles Colton, death is "the liberator of him whom freedom cannot release, the physician of him whom medicine cannot cure." Scripture promises, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they that may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." (Revelation 14:13.) And again, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Psalms 116:15.)

The fact of death is beyond our control. We cannot will death away. But whether or not we die "in the Lord," as "His saints," has been left up to us.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1 John 3:16

Oh Boy!

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the Mom-to-Be

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*Remember to count your blessings,
pray for our lost ones, the sick, the
world and the broken-hearted.*

•**SICK:** Treva Lewellen

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Romia Palmer,
Patti Hall, Johnny Cissom, George Doss,
Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell,
Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Mitch Fowler (Kevin
Shackelford's co-worker), Marie
Brumley, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry
(Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Cohen Hurt,
Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye
Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones,
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