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Announcements
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**SERVICES
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NOTICE**

OUR RECORD

April 26, 2020
Sunday Bible Study: NO SERVICE
Sunday Morning Worship: NO SERVICE
Sunday Evening Worship: NO SERVICE
Wednesday Night Bible Study: NO SERVICE
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Contribution this week: NO SERVICE

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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Would You Recognize Him? Doug Dingley

Have you ever been somewhere and seen someone you knew, but because they were the last person you ever expected to see in that particular place or under those particular circumstances, you completely failed to recognize them? That happened more than once with Jesus' disciples when it came to Him.

From Matthew 14:22-33 and Mark 6:45-51, we learn that Jesus had sent His disciples away so that He could have some time to pray. A terrible storm arose and threatened to sink the little boat that they were in. After their straining at the oars for hours, fighting the storm throughout the night, in the early pre-dawn hours Jesus came to them walking on the water.

At first they didn't recognize Him. (Let's face it, they did not expect to see anyone walking across the waves; would you?). In fact, Mark says something that might surprise many people. He writes that Jesus "**would have passed them by**" (vs. 48) – a strange statement indeed... unless of course one recognizes the reason why Jesus was there in the first place. He wasn't there for Himself; He was there for them. Remember, it was He who made them get into the boat in the first place. He knew the storm was coming as well – He is God! So why this event anyway? Most likely because they had to have impressed upon them, their sheer helplessness to overcome and save themselves from such storms, versus His infinitely powerful authority over such storms, and His complete and total ability to save His disciples even in the very midst of all such.

From Luke 23 and 24 we learn that there had been a horrible political and spiritual upheaval; a terrible storm of chaos, controversy, and crucifixion, tearing through the very heart of Jerusalem. That Sunday afternoon, as a couple of His disciples were walking towards Emmaus, Jesus joined them, but they did not recognize Him. How could they have? He was the last person on earth they expected to see in that situation. After all, they knew He was dead – and as you read their report of that you can sense their sheer hopelessness due to it. However, when they finally did recognize and understand that it was Him that was there with them, their excitement could not have been greater! We see this same sequence repeated in other places with other disciples as well (Lk. 24:36-49; Jn. 20:11-29, 21:1-7): A storm-driven time of hope and despair, until Jesus is seen and recognized there!

As you walk through the Coronavirus or whatever other storm you may be experiencing today, don't miss the all-powerful person, presence, authority and providence of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is there. And the sooner you see and recognize His presence, the sooner your joy and excitement will overpower your hopelessness and despair.

Have you seen Jesus My Lord?

What is the Church? By Bill Brandstatter

One of the important words in the New Testament regarding the people of God is “church”. It is used in a very special sense in the New Testament. The church was planned by God. (Eph. 3:8-11) He revealed the church to us in the New Testament and Jesus shed His blood to purchase the church. (Acts 20:28)

The word “church” comes from a Greek word which refers to an assembled group of people: therefore, I cannot be the church by myself. I cannot worship as a church by myself. To be part of the church, I must be around and with other people who assemble together as Christians.

The word “church” also refers to a specific group of people. Luke records “...the Lord added to the church daily those that were being saved.” (Acts 2:47) The unsaved are not part of the church. Only saved people are part of it. People do not join the church; the Lord adds them to it.

The word “church” also refers to the spiritual body of Christ on earth. Paul records that Jesus is “to be head over all things to the church, which is His body.” (Eph. 1:22, 23) Paul repeats this again in Col. 1:18 by stating: “He is the head of the body, the church.”

The word “church” refers to that which Christ established. Some folks will talk about “doing church”. It is interesting that Christ said He would build His church in Matt. 16:18. The church worships as a group of people assembled together. (Acts 2:42; 20:7)

The word “church” is spoken of in the singular sense. In Rom. 16:16 we read that the “churches of Christ salute you.” Here the word “churches” is used; but, we know from how it is used elsewhere that this verse is referring to local congregations throughout the Roman empire. For example, we read “...the church of God which is at Corinth.” (1 Cor 1:2) Paul was at Ephesus and “called for the elders of the church.” (Acts 20:17)

The church is a very important part of God’s plan to save man. He planned it before time began. (Eph. 3:8-11) Let us make sure we are part of the church of the New Testament. That church was made up of those who were saved as the Bible teaches. (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38) It was organized with elders as the overseers (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5) It is a group of people whose names are registered in heaven. (Heb. 12:23) Are you part of that church?

Let Us Love One Another By Kevin Rutherford

The church at Corinth had many problems. Some of those problems directly affected the relationships between brothers and sisters in Christ. The way those Christians were treating each other is the reason why Paul showed them a more excellent way. The more excellent way is love (1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13)

When Christians do not love one another there are going to be problems in the church. Not only will there be problems in the church but there will be Christians who lose their souls. John wrote, “We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him” (1 John 3:14, 15).

Whether or not we love our brothers and sisters in Christ says a lot about our relationship with God (1 John 4:7-11). If we do not love our fellow Christians then we are not born of God, do not love God, and do not know God. We can claim to love God all we want to but if we are not treating our brothers and sisters in a loving manner we are simply liars.

The greatest example of love is God’s love for mankind (1 John 4:10-11). God sent His Son to die for us. That gives evidence of tremendous love. We love God because He loved us and made it possible for our sins to be removed. John drew an important conclusion based upon these facts. “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another” (1 John 4:11).

The love that we have for other Christians will be seen in the way that we live, and in the things that we do (1 John 3:16-18). If we see a brother and we have the ability to help them we will do so. In fact, it should make us happy to be able to help out a fellow Christian. If we are not willing to help each other we are not of the truth and our hearts condemn us before God (1 John 3:19).

Our love for one another will greatly affect our eternal destiny and our influence in the community. Why would anyone want to be a part of a group if they do not believe the members of that group love one another? We need to have a genuine love for fellow Christians that will be obvious even to those who are in the world (Romans 12:9, 10). When they see the love we have for another it is possible they may be drawn to the church.

To be Christ-like we must love one another. To be godly we must love one another. To have a strong influence on others we must love one another. To encourage each other we must love one another. To help each other we must love one another. To go to heaven together we must love one another. May God help us always to abound more and in our love for Him and in our love for our fellow Christians.

Identifying What’s Important By Joe Slater

We place a higher importance on some things than on others. Aside from simply asking, how can people know what’s really important to us? Here are four ways:

Talk. We talk about the weather. We talk about our family. We talk about sports. Why? Because these things are important to us. They aren’t bad things, and it’s fine to talk about them. But how much do we talk about God? about the Bible? about the church? “My tongue shall speak of Your word, for all of Your commandments are righteousness” (Psalm 119:172).

Time. Each of us has exactly the same amount of time each day. It’s up to us how we use it. It takes time to sleep, work, and eat. Most of us have at least several hours of discretionary time each day. Perhaps we watch some television or read a book. Would that book happen to be the Bible? Do we spend time in prayer and actual study (not just reading) of God’s word? What about church attendance? Compare the time spent meeting with fellow-Christians to what you devote to recreation. Rest and relaxation are important, but so are spiritual matters.

Treasure. Paying attention to the way we spend our money requires diligent discipline. We might be shocked at how much we fritter away on arbitrary things. I challenge you to compare what you spend on recreation and vacations with what you contribute to the work of the Lord. Your estimation of the importance of His work will certainly be reflected by your material support of it.

Talent. Your talents are not the same as the next person’s, but each one has abilities. We use our talents to earn a living, maintain a home, enjoy a hobby, etc. All of those are good things. What about serving God by helping other people and working on projects for the church? Here again, your use of your talents demonstrates your estimation of the importance of the cause of Christ

What is really important to you?

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

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