

Reminders

Gospel Meeting starts next Sunday!
Brent Willey, October 11-14

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Bulletin Correction

In last week's article, "Seven Walks of Ephesians", only six "walks" were noted. The seventh "walk" is: **"Walking in Good Works".** *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."* Ephesians 2:10

October Birthdays

1 Brandon Taylor
3 Betty Heitmeyer

25 Christina Bruni
28 Allan Brown

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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The Gospel...

What does it mean to obey the gospel?

By Bob Prichard

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news that mankind needs. It is a message that must be received and obeyed. Paul warned that the Loving Savior will return "*In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (2 Thessalonians 1:8). The Lord will take vengeance on those who obey not the gospel, and He will reward those who do obey the gospel.

Paul stressed the fundamentals of the gospel, reminding the Corinthians what he had preached: "*For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures*" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). The death, burial, and resurrection of Christ were at the heart of his message. The rest of 1 Corinthians 15 is a discussion of the importance of the resurrection. He began the chapter by reminding the Corinthians that it was the gospel he had preached to them. "*Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain*" (1 Corinthians 15:1-2). Paul stressed that the gospel is a message to receive, and to stand in, and it is a message that brings salvation when kept in memory.

Paul asserts that we choose the master we serve. "*Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto*

righteousness?" (Romans 6:16). The master we choose is the one we obey. Jesus said, "*If ye love me, keep my commandments*" (John 14:15). Paul commanded the Romans for the choice they had made in obeying Christ and His gospel. "*But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness*" (Romans 6:17-18). They had obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine he had delivered to them. Doctrine refers to something taught, and Paul taught the same gospel wherever he went. Centered in the facts of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, his message was one of the necessity of obeying the will of God and becoming a servant of righteousness.

Earlier he stressed that they were buried with Christ in baptism to obey the gospel. "*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life*" (Romans 6:3-4). Baptism parallels the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Man is dead in sin, and then buried with Christ in baptism. He rises from the waters of baptism in the likeness of Christ's resurrection to walk in newness of life. He then has the forgiveness of sin, and the joy that comes from obeying the gospel.

Never Too Old

By David A. Sargent

Old age is dreaded by many because it is often associated with loneliness, physical decline, and a retreat to inactivity. However, history records that many people made some of their greatest contributions to society after age 65:

- The Earl of Halsburg was 90 when he began preparing a 20-volume revision of English law. • Goethe wrote Faust at 82.
- Galileo made his greatest discovery when he was 73.

- At 65, Winston Churchill became British Prime Minister for the first time, and started the epic struggle against Hitler.
- At 72, Golda Meir became Prime Minister of Israel.
- At 80, Grandma Moses, who had started painting in her late 70s, had her first one-woman exhibit.
- At 81, Benjamin Franklin skillfully mediated between disagreeing factions at the U.S. Constitutional Convention.
- At 80, Winston Churchill returned to the House of Commons as a member of parliament and also exhibited 62 of his paintings.
- At 80, Nora Cydrus became a child of God. You probably won't read about Nora Cydrus in the textbooks of history, but this week she made the greatest decision of all history: she became a Christian, a child of God. Nora has a dear friend, another octogenarian, named Thelma Clark. Thelma cared so much about Nora that she wanted her to know about Jesus Christ, and how one can be saved from sin through Him (Ephesians 1:7). So Thelma began to study God's Word with Nora, and began bringing her to worship and Bible class. Then, this past Wednesday, a Christian from the Cox Boulevard church of Christ in Sheffield, Alabama, Julia Counts, teamed up with Thelma to teach Nora about how to respond to what Jesus had done for her (and for all of us).

They studied about how Jesus paid the price for our sins by dying on the cross (Romans 5:8–10). They read in God's Word that in order to receive the blessings of Jesus' death, we must: believe in Him (Acts 16:30–31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30–31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9–10), and be immersed in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Then, Nora Cydrus confessed her faith and was baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:26–27) to have her sins washed away by the blood of Christ (Acts 22:16). She became a Christian, praising God for her salvation! Are you a Christian? You are never too old and it is still not too late! Won't you trust and obey Him today?