RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE	
Bible Class	51
Attendance AM	69
Attendance PM	48
Wednesday PM	26

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Kevin Gilbert (home); Otis Adair (home); Carlene Harley; Krubo Joplo; Richard & Florine Thomas; Pat Norris (home); Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Janis Bland; Rhonda Fox; William Bogan (home) Ruby Nickell; Kevin Gilbert

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Norris Cole family; Mozella Tate

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: November— 14– Ruby Cole; 16–Tally Poole

Anniversaries: November — None

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Nov. 12 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 13 in "The Begging Place"

November 01	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Table	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Table	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	R.D. Melson	R.D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Announcements	R. D. Melson	R.D. Melson
Greeter	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Usher	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Usher		

A.S.A.P. = Always Say A Prayer

"Pray without ceasing"
1 Thessalonians 5:17

TO OUR VISITORS

Our goal in the church of Christ is to be the New Testament church, which you can read about in the Bible. We invite you to observe our worship assemblies, the doctrine that is taught and the structure of the church organization. Make a close comparison with your ***"church"*** and the church of the Bible -- **The Church of Christ**. We also invite you to join us as we strive to be the church of the Bible and restore New Testament Christianity.

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Worship 10:30 A.M.
5:00 P.M.

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A Lifetime Learner

J. J. Turner

Study is essential to building a positive life. King Ptolemy Lagua asked Euclid, "If there was not a shorter and easier way to the knowledge of geometry than he had laid down in his 'Elements." He answered, "There is no royal road to geometry." I will add that neither is there a royal (i.e., easy) road to any study. Knowledge comes through study and hard work.

Concerning study the Proverbs writer said, "The heart of the righteous studieth to answer but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things" (Proverbs 15:28; cf. 1 Peter 3:15). The apostle Paul wrote "Study to shew thyself approved unto God. a workman that needeth not to be a barned, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV).

As students in the school of Christ, we are lifetime learners. Our study must not stop until we have gone to be with the Lord. As a student, there are several qualities that will help you in studying God's Word. as well as other good material.

First, you must have an open mind. This attitude is manifested throughout the Bible (Acts 17:11; Daniel 5:20; 2 Peter 3:2; 2 Corinthians 3:14).
Second, you must be spiritually minded. The Bible is a spiritual book (Colossians 1:9; Titus 2:6; James 1:8).
Third, you must have a passion to know the truth (Psalms 119:11, 103); you must also believe that you can know the truth (John 8:32; Ephesians 5:17).
Fourth, you must be a person of prayer, who asks for guidance and wisdom in your study of the Word (James 1:5; 3:15). Fifth, you must be persistent. Some things (i.e., truths) can't be fully understood without constantly studying them (Proverbs 12:27; John 5:39).
Sixth, you must be willing to accept revealed truth. Finding the truth will not help the student unless he accepts and applies it (Luke 8:18; Psalms 49:4).
Seventh, you must rid yourself of all preconceived ideas about the subject or text. This was one of the problems the Jews had (Mark 12:10; 15:28; Matthew 22:29; Luke 24:27,32,45).
Eighth, you must be a person of courage. To accept truths that have heretofore gone unnoticed will, in many instances, take great courage. It will also take courage to put them into practice in your daily life (Proverbs 22:22; Psalms 119:104).
Ninth, you must be able to use your reasoning skills (Acts 17:2; 18:4; 28:19; 24:25).
Tenth, you must believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16,17).
Every Christian is a lifetime learner. Through knowledge a positive spiritual life is built.

God's Word must be the constant diet for our souls (cf. 1 Peter 2:1-3).

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

Words of Wisdom For Youth ... 1 Timothy 4:12

Many Will Seek to Enter and Will Not Be Able

Jesus “went through the cities and villages” of Perea and was “teaching,” while He was “journeying toward Jerusalem” for the last time (Luke 13:22). There were many things He needed to share with the people in these closing weeks of His life.

One message that resonated with “one” of His hearers was when Jesus spoke of “few” who would be “saved” (13:23). Perhaps this follower heard Jesus say, “Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matt. 7:14). Perhaps He heard Jesus say, “For many are called, but few chosen” (Matt. 20:16). The response of Jesus is striking when the man asked, “Lord, are there few who are saved?” Jesus did not say, “No! What are you talking about?” In fact, Jesus emphasized the point even more.

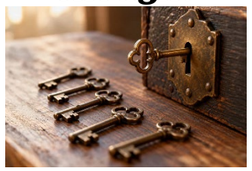
The words of Jesus in Luke 13:24 are sobering! He answered the querist intensely, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.” Jesus emphasized that the way to salvation is “narrow” (i.e., difficult to navigate), and that one must “strive” (Greek word is agonizomai) or “agonize” in every way to enter that narrow door. So, the first part of Jesus’ response to the man is affirmative: “Few will be saved!”

The second part of Jesus’ response in this verse is just as affirmative. Jesus plays off of the word “few” who will be saved and focuses on the “many” who will not. Consider carefully what Jesus says: “Many (not a few!), I say to you (not someone else!) will seek to enter (a true desire and endeavor) and will not be able.” How sad! How tragic! How sobering! Many will seek to enter into heaven but will not. Why not?

Some seekers will not enter heaven because they have been deceived by human doctrines and are following manmade religion (Mark 7:6-13). Some seekers will not enter heaven because they do not have a love for the truth and have instead believed a lie (2 Thess. 2:10-12). Some seekers will not enter heaven because they think that their own goodness or the goodness of their family will secure their entrance (John 8:31-59). Some seekers will not enter heaven because they are led astray by the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches (Matt. 13:22). Some seekers will not enter heaven because they are gradually hardened by the deceitfulness of sin in their lives and don’t even realize it (Heb. 3:7-18).

This is no joking matter! This is no “the preacher is too strict” matter! This is an eternal matter that caught a man’s attention to ask, “Lord, are there few who are saved?” Jesus said, “Many will seek to enter and will not be able!”

Is “the closest one” good enough?

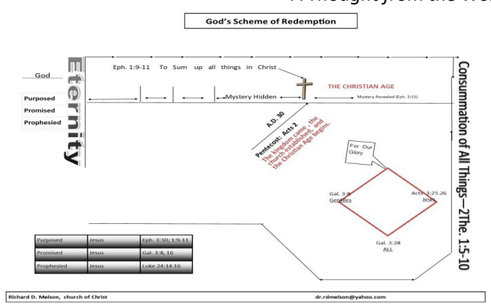


If you are looking today for the church that you see in the Bible, would finding “the closest one” be good enough?

If you were looking for Jesus, would someone who is “the closest one” you can find to the Savior be good enough? If you were looking for a lost child, would someone who is “the closest one” to that child be good enough? We would never accept that in these situations, so why would we accept such when it comes to the bride of Christ—His church?

The Bible gives us clear identifying marks for the church that Jesus put on this earth, including: it was founded by Christ (Matt. 16:18), in Jerusalem (Isa. 2:2-4), on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ (Acts 2:1-47), and it follows only one law system (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Gal. 1:6-9; Col. 3:17), is organized according to Biblical guidelines (1 Tim. 3:1-13; 1 Pet. 5:1-4), worships according to New Testament authority (John 4:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Col. 3:16-17), teaches only one Scriptural plan of salvation (Acts 2:37-41), etc. Don’t look for a church “closest” to the church of the Bible—look for His “one” church (Eph. 4:4).

David Sproule
A Thought from the Word



Melson’s Musings …



They Had Been With Jesus

Yes, for three years they had been with Him! He had called and commissioned them. They were learners (disciples) and then sent (apostles), They had been equipped, trained and schooled by Christ They left nets, boats, crops, business, tax-stands and wandered around with Jesus for three years, Learning did not take place by sitting and listening to someone lecture' It took place by watching someone's life; observing a pattern of living; acting and responding to various situations. They walked with the Master - feeling his heartbeat, hearing him speak, seeing him pray and watching his response to critics.

They were a defective bunch' They lacked spiritual perception, humility, faith, commitment and power. But Jesus dealt with them by patience, perseverance and prayer. By instruction and example He dealt with their weaknesses, Gradually, He transformed these weak and impotent men into stalwarts that would change the world.

What hope there is for us weak and defective disciples, He is still patiently working on us' Luke 6:40 says, “A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.”

The apostles had become like their teacher. The servant reflects his master! Imagine walking with Jesus every day. One who never got angry except over matters that robbed God of His glory. One who gave himself to others. One who helped everyone! Who loved everyone! What impact! What effect!

Jesus had accomplished His purpose in them. The Sanhedrin ''saw the boldness of Peter and John and perceived they had been with Jesus,'' How did they know'' Because they loved what Jesus loved'
They served as Jesus served! They reflected Him!

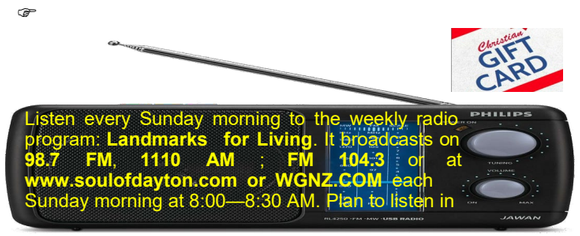
Do people see that we have been with Jesus? Are we “living mirrors that reflect Him?”

- *Clarence DeLoach, Jr.*

Mark Chapter One: Bible Bowl Questions (KJV)

If you give the correct answer to following questions you will get a Discovery Bible Card.

1. Mark 1:21 names what town that Jesus went into to teach?
2. What was the response to Jesus’ teaching in synagogue in Mark 1:22?
3. After Jesus healed the man of the unclean spirit , Mark that his what spread abroad?



NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: www.wvbs.org ; www.apologeticspress.org ; www.searchtv.org; http://gbntv.org/;
- View: In Search of the Lord’s Way — (we are updating this information—check your provider listing)
- Anchor of the Soul: www.anchorofthesoultv.com
- Check out Tullstar Archives at http://media.Tullstar.org for lessons from faithful brethren.

GOD’S PLAN FOR MAN’S SALVATION

“Sirs, What must I do to be saved?” Acts 16:30

- The Gospel Must Be Heard – John 6:44-45; Romans 10:17; John 8:32
- The Gospel Must Be Believed–John 8:24; Mark 16:16
- Sins Must Be Repented of – Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38
- Christ Must Be Confessed–Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37
- There Must Be Baptism (Immersion) for Remission (forgiveness) of Sins–Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
- Christian Growth and Faithfulness–1 Peter 2:2; Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 3:18