

October 6, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

- TODAY : POTLUCK – NOON
- TODAY: ELDER MEETING 1PM
- TODAY: NURSING HOME 2 PM
- OCTOBER 19TH: WILLIAMS' FALL GATHERING
- OCTOBER 27TH: SINGING PRACTICE 4:30 PM

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

- HEAR (ROMANS 10:17)
- BELIEVE (HEBREWS 11:6)
- REPENT (ACTS 17:30)
- CONFESS (ACTS 8:36-37)
- BE BAPTIZED (ACTS 2:38)
- LIVE FAITHFULLY (REVELATION 2:10)

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CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

By Scott Thrasher

“We need to stop trying to be the New Testament church and just be more like Jesus”. Have you heard that (or something similar) before? If so, it might have come from one of your brothers/sisters in Christ. This is becoming a more common sentiment for many that claim to be a part of the New Testament church. In the past, the severing of Christ and His church was reserved for the work of our denominational neighbors, who did it out of necessity to support their false teaching. Sadly, some “under taught” and “over thought” brethren are putting their own spin on this old false narrative. Have you ever stopped to think of the implications of such a phrase? Let’s look at 2 quick implications of such a statement.

First, the aforementioned statement implies that there is something wrong with the New Testament church. We are told to **stop** worrying about being the church and **start** being more like Jesus. There has to be something wrong with the **first** to create the need for the **second**. I am 100% certain there is nothing wrong with the Lord’s church. Notice what Paul writes in Ephesians 3:10-11: *“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.* The church (including all doctrine and authority) is the expression of God’s manifold wisdom! Not some archaic vehicle to be left to die alongside the spiritual highway to Heaven. The church was in God’s eternal purpose and accomplished in Christ Jesus!

Secondly, the aforementioned statement implies that Christ and His church are not united in pattern or purpose. If we are to stop trying to be one thing and start being more like another, the logical conclusion is that the two stand for different things. It would reason that Jesus’ thinking would have to differ from that of the church. Notice Ephesians 1:22-23: *“And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”* There is no separation between Christ and His church. Just as there is no separation between your own head and body. When you defend the New Testament church, you are defending Christ. When you follow the pattern of authority prescribed for the New Testament church, you are being “like” Christ. If we set aside the authority and pattern of the New Testament church, are we then becoming more like Christ? No! Just the opposite. We only become more “like Christ” when we are the church of the Bible.

The church is the expression of the manifold wisdom of God. Christ is the head of the church and as such has authorized all that pertains to His body. We must always defend and keep pure the New Testament church. That is how we become more like our Master!

WILLIAMS’ FALL GATHERING

Mark your calendars for October 19th
Food, Fun, Fire & Fellowship – This
annual gathering is always a great time.

PRAYERS PLEASE

- Melonie – Lavonda’s sister
- Ronnie Hedrick – health
- Nick Eubanks - health
- Roger Allen – upcoming procedures
- Maria Callenbaugh – 2nd degree burns – Bolivar area.
- Yvonne Gray - health
- The Scharold Family
- Mary Morehouse - eye
- Matt Turnbull
- Lovins Family
- Tabbie Jenkins – (Steve & Cindy)
- Gene Williams
- Our youth...
- Doug Tacker - health
- Ashley Mayberry
- Valarie Gilmartin
- Kamryn Rocket- recovery
- Ladies Day
- Janis Robbins - health

SUNDAY

9:30 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Morning Worship
6:00 PM Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Bible Study

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GREETERS

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BIBLE CLASS:	91
WORSHIP AM:	119
WORSHIP PM:	66
WEDNESDAY PM:	88