



CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 5, 2019

The Great Bait and Switch

(Galatians 3:1-5)

“Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law, or by hearing with faith?” (Galatians 3:2). The sentence before this asked who had “bewitched” them. It might mean something like, “who has taken over your religious life?” And Paul does not mean this in a good way, but in a way that they were requiring “do this, or else.” What had happened to those to whom Paul was writing was a message of freedom from sin and promise of life was followed by the imposition of food laws and restrictions that were measures of true faithfulness.

One of the ways to look at Paul’s question is to think of it in terms of what we know (works of the law) or what we experience (hearing with faith). He reminds them that if what they were doing was working, they would not have accepted the good news he delivered. This is another example of the distinction between morality and faith. While they certainly go together, there is no morality that can save us. What saves us is hearing the message of the good news with faith in God. There is no substitute for the message falling on ears able to hear.

One of the challenges we have when we talk about spiritual matters is the problem of pulling things apart that are intricately connected. We understand this with our bodies – where pain in one foot might cause a problem later in the opposite hip or in the back. We understand it with families when trying to deal with problems – it is very difficult to “fix” someone if their system remains the same. With our faith there are things that we know and things that we experience; and they directly affect each other.

The decision that we must make is which is going to be subordinate to the other. Will works take precedent over faith or will faith take precedent over works? Think of it this way – do I work because I have faith, or do I have faith because I work? Or, maybe, do I worship because I have faith, or do I have faith because I worship?

It is difficult for me to imagine the transformation that Paul underwent during those days following his experience on the road to Damascus. He was confident in his works, fully assured that his faithful actions guaranteed him citizenship in the kingdom of God. So much so that he actively opposed those who dared to teach differently. It was his experience of seeing the risen Savior along with this faith in God that changed him. It changed him so radically that he argued with one of the preeminent apostles (Peter) about this.

It was unfathomable to him how anyone could hear and receive this message and then turn toward any teaching that demanded such works as evidence of being in the kingdom of God. This is why he so much emphasized love, gentleness, kindness, and grace toward others. Too many who claim to follow Christ have fallen for a great bait and switch which can cause us to get things back to front. Do what you need to do but allow the same grace to others.

Reading for May: Luke 6

Next Week: Esther

WELCOME

We are glad you've joined us for worship today!

Please fill out the information sheet found in the maroon binder at the end of your pew.

*An attended **nursery** is provided during worship assembly.

***Communion**—We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord every Sunday (“first day of the week”) through a time of communion known as the Lord’s Supper. The “unleavened bread” represents His body and the “fruit of the vine” (cup of grape juice) represents His blood shed on the cross. As our guest, you are welcome to participate, though you are not required to do so.

***Giving**— We are challenged to be good stewards of God’s blessings by supporting the various ministries of the church through a weekly collection that is taken during our worship time. You are welcome to give, but please do not feel as though you must.



TONIGHT: We will meet at 6pm.

Wednesday: Auditorium 6:30pm, 6:45pm class

**Note from Landon: West TN Work Camp is June 1-6.
Deadline to sign up is May 15.**



**Ryan Hill-RI (Shoulders) Christopher Goodale-USMC
Cameron Hurst--USAF(Curry) Hans Niestrath-USNA
Sam Richey-USMC (Stoltz) Conner Wiseman, Fort Bragg (Moore)
Jason Rushing-Air Natl Guard (Hampton) Ty Naifeh (USA)**

Worship Order

Order of Worship Sunday, May 5, 2019

Congregational Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

**Let Every Heart Rejoice And Sing
Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart**

Prayer—David Stubblefield

Everybody Ought To Know

He Looked Beyond My Faults

Lord's Supper

Byron Pruitt J. Stubblefield

Johnny Allen Larry Stone

Butch Blanton B. Shoulders

Presiding: Byron Pruitt

Contribution

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:1-5 **Darin-**

Prayer —Terry Hampton

Lesson: Sean Niestrath

Break My Heart

Benediction: **Behold What Manner**

ALTERNATES:

Please meet in case you are needed to serve as a sub for the Lord's Supper

May:

Roger Dillingham

Quincy Stephenson

Prepare communion:

May: Duggin

For the Record:

Last Sunday

Bible Class: 62

Worship: 117

Contribution:

\$2633.00

Wednesday: 76

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Monitor: Quincy Stephenson

Nursery: Kenna Teel

Children's Church: none

Sound Booth: Landon Duggin

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Prayer: Louis Stanley

Prayer: Kivil Brown

Scripture: Gage Dillingham

Monitor: Barry Webb

Nursery: Krista Teel

Children's Church: none

Serving the Lord's Table:

Byron Pruitt J. Stubblefield

Johnny Allen Larry Stone-

Butch Blanton B. Shoulders

Presiding: Jon Stubblefield

Sound Booth—D. Stubblefield

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday PM Service topic: John 19:28-42 (Ronny)



There will be an outdoor Workday here at the building on Saturday, May 18th. Ask Darin for details.

Sign up on the bulletin board to teach or lead a group at VBS (June 9-12). We need your help!

A reminder that our monthly *Ministry Meeting* is tomorrow, Monday, May 6th, at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday Morning Class Schedule

Sean's Class-Life After Exile
Quincy's Class-Life of David

Expecting Parents:

Shannon (Coker) & Boyd Barger—Aug 9 (girl)

May 6—David Stubblefield
May 6—Amber Ashby
May 6—Darin & Roxanne Swaidner
May 6—Larry & Rita Stone
May 7—Kathy Keith
May 8—Titus Scott
May 8—Sean & Rebecca Niestrath
May 11—Cindy Unland



CALENDAR:

May 6—Ministry Meeting
May 12—Mother's Day
May 18—Workday @ building
May 19—Senior Sunday /Potluck
May 27—Memorial Day
June 1-6—West TN Work Camp

When we meet:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.

Sunday P.M.

At the building 6 P.M.

Small Groups Sept—May: various times;
contact Sean Niestrath

Wednesday

Bible Study 6:30 P.M.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Roberta Lynch, Shelia's mother, pacemaker on May 9th.

Tim Gallagher, having surgery at Deaconess on Monday.

Samantha Curry, foot surgery on May 15th.

Marvin Gallagher is not doing well.

PRAISES: **Ann Alderson** is doing well in rehab after her fall. **Margaret Church** is also doing well after surgery.

Honduran brothers and sisters Watata CoC in Homa Bay, Kenya

Serious Illness/Injury:

Rita Frazier, lung cancer, Barbara's SIL

Bryce Alexander, leukemia

Marvin Gallagher

Mike Bright, health issues

Ruffin Chandler

Lynn Stevens, cancer

Keith Roberts, cancer, EJ

Betty & Kim Stanley

Makenzie Carson, L. Russell

Brady Cobb, intestinal problems

Barbara Lynch, Shelia

Charles Smallwood, Micki's father

Rodney Householder

Aaron Reding, ALS

Mack Shearn

George Utley, cancer

Audrey Davis, 4yr.old, leukemia

Barry Newton, Keith's cousin, cancer

Chip Stuart, Kathy's BIL, cancer

Wayne Warszawa, Parkinson's

Andrew Self, hit by a car

Barbie Kern, Carol's sister, cancer

Larry Jerome, Wendy's father

Sally Malik, lungs

Jonathan Walker, Cumberland Hall

Dan Evans

Sandra Hawkins, cancer

Amy Caulder, brain cancer

Ray Duggin, chemo

Lance Pace, cancer

Margaret Church, (Gaye), heart

Kim Feltner, Tim's sister

Michael Skultety, cancer, Jane

Eric Curry

Phil Keith

George Teel, cancer

Jon Riley, lungs

Kevin Cline, eye disease

Bruce Coleson, MS

Ed Wallace, liver transplant

Lowry Johnson, 4m old, cancer

Connor Peebles, back problems

Jonathan Allen, MS

Tracy Thorp, cancer

Buddy Jenkins, Karen S. father

Jeff Travis, health

Ronnie Lear, COPD

Tracey Moore, illness

Hannah Gates, heart surgery

Sherry Mitchell, cancer

Pam Wiggins, cancer

Jakayla Acker, lymphoma

Connie Armstrong, cancer

Mark Martin, mesothelioma

Andrea Kane, cancer

Virginia Barron, Children's hospital

Kathy Lawrence

Bob Reis, MS

Eric Polley, heart attack

Richard Grogan, Barbara S.

Roberta Lynch, Shelia's mom

Marion Owens, terminal cx

Shut-Ins & Elderly:

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Deacons:

Jeremy Duggin, James Rust, Joshua Scott

Brock Shoulders, Steve Stoltz, Darin Swaidner

Tim Teel, Randy Travis