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Sunday 9:30a, 10:30a, 6:00p

Tuesday 10:30a

Wednesday 6:30p

Wednesday Benevolence 8:30a

May 14, 2017

Testimony or Preaching?

Dan Jenkins

Our religious world has lost sight of the power of the story of the coming of the Messiah, His death, His resurrection and the establishment of His kingdom to bring salvation to the world. This was the message that began at Pentecost and spread around the world. In this day, far too many give their “testimony” about their past life and how they have changed. The message that will convert the world is not the story of our life, but the story of His life.

In Acts chapter eight, we read how Philip lead lost men to Jesus. It was not the “testimony” of Philip’s past life that changed the world. It was the story of the Savior. Imagine the following story. It never happened. It is simply an illustration showing God’s plan of evangelism versus the modern plan used by some.

Philip ran to the chariot and heard the Ethiopian reading the scriptures and asked him if he understood the Bible. The man responded saying that it so hard to understand, and then Philip got into the chariot and gave his “testimony.”

Philip said, “You are so right about the difficulty of understanding the Bible. I used to be exactly where you are. I attended worship at the local synagogue, and the lessons presented there made me think that no one could ever find God. They often spent hours trying to decide just how far one could walk on the Sabbath before walking would violate the command not to work on the Sabbath. They talked about eating with unwashed hands and talking to Gentiles. Synagogue worship seemed to never talk about mercy and faith in God.”

“Those leaders in the synagogue were not serious. They used their position to gain fame. They loved having the chief seats in the assembly but did not seem to love people. Their religion was outward and never seemed to change. I was so discouraged.”

“I remember one time when these same leaders caught a man and a woman sinning and decided to let the man go free, but wanted to stone the woman. It was rather strange that they would do this, for just the previous week we had read the words of Moses saying both should be stoned.”

“I also was such a sinner in my own life. Let me preach to you my favorite sermon, What a Sinner I Used to Be. I have changed, and you need to change.”

This story never happened. What did Philip preach? He preached about the authority of Jesus and the kingdom of heaven (Acts 8:12), and he taught about Jesus (8:35). The Ethiopian said, “See, here is water. What prevents me from being baptized?” Giving one’s testimony will never bring such a response. Preaching Christ and His kingdom will!

Doubting Thomas

Tim Cooke

1. One most moving events in resurrection of Jesus
 - a. First meeting & Thomas not present
 - b. John 20: 19-25
2. Two events prior this involving Thomas
 - a. John 11:7-8 & 16
 - b. John 14:1-6
3. Thomas decisions based what he saw & heard
 - a. When Jesus was arrested
 - b. Thomas skeptical attitude is with us today
 - 1) He was week behind other apostles
 - 2) He saw miracles, heard from witnesses
 - 3) Should've believed prophets & Jesus words
 - 4) Matt 20: 17-19
 - 5) John 20:25
 - c. When think about what Thomas missing 1st meeting
 - d. Compare this with today
4. Eight days later & 2nd meeting of apostles with Jesus
 - a. John 20:26-28
 - b. We also have God's message for us today
 - c. John 20:29
5. Why do many doubt today
 - a. Doubt destroys our faith and causes us fall away
 - b. Thomas doubt was that Jesus rose from dead
 - c. Thomas honest heart and love of Jesus
6. What does a person do who is not Christian?
7. What does Christian overcome in doubt do?

Letting Go of Good Things

Cory Myers

Introduction:

The book of Philippians has been challenging us to develop the mind of Christ in order to experience joy full Christianity. The challenge laid before us in chapter three is to develop a spiritual mind. To achieve the spiritual mind sometimes we must let go of good things. Let us prayerfully consider this challenge.

1. Roadblocks to a Spiritual Mind (3:1-6)

2. Identifying Problem Areas (3:7-8)

3. The Key to a Spiritual Mind (3:9)



David Dilbeck

Blooming Grove Commencement
Friday, May 26 at 7:00 PM

Congratulations
Class of 2017!

Graduation Banquet
May, 18 at 6:30 PM



Brenda Sosa

Corsicana Commencement
Friday, May 26 at 8:00 PM



Danny Smith

Mildred Commencement
Thursday, May 25 at 8:00 PM

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Community Outreach

Benevolence Program
Habitat for Humanity
Food for Fitness

Local Missions

Cherokee Children's Home
In Search of the Lord's Way
Southwest School of Preaching
Brown Trail Spanish School of Preaching
The Truth in Love *ttil.tv*
WVBS Online School
school.wvbs.org
La Poynor Prison Ministry
(Steve & Carrie Handley)

Foreign Missions

Four Seas Bible College, Singapore
New Zealand Harvest Missions

Leadership

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Prayer List

Don Corley's daughter-in-law, Sundee Corley, has thyroid cancer and is having surgery for other issues on Monday.

Pat Ellis' grandson, Michael Armstrong is awaiting results from a CT scan last week.

Continue to Remember: Wanda Horner, Shirley Wardlaw, Lanny Powers, Juanita McCary, John Sehon, Don Bowen, Meagan Gould, Royce Bunch, Aline Barrett, Melba & Eleanor Bower, Jerry Cockerham, Wanda Brown, Bobbie Roberts, Anita Hawkins, & Helen Rizzo

Announcements

Chris & Courtney Neiman are the proud parents of **Cooper Cole Neiman!** He was born into this world May 5th, weighing a healthy 8lbs 7oz.

Graduation Banquet for High School Seniors is going to be this Thurs.,5/18 at 6:30pm in the Outreach Center.

New Member's Dinner at Don and Vicki Ivy's house 5/20 from 6 pm-8pm. Please come and enjoy a nice meal & fellowship. Sign-up sheet is on back desk.

WOW Save the Date! Ladies Retreat Sept. 29-30
Summers Mill, Belton, TX
Speaker: Whitney Watson, Greenville, TX
Topic: Resolved (to stand for our Lord, no matter the cost)
Registration: May 7 - May 28

Youth Summer Camp - REGISTER TODAY! Just go to the Events tab on the Westhill website.

VBS Age Group Leaders are needed. Leaders are guides/chaperones, not teachers. Sign-up sheet is on back desk.

Lockie Breeding & Stayton Thomas together with their parents request the honor of your presence at their **marriage** June 3, 2017 at 7pm at Flying Feathers Ranch, 36801 Flamingo Rd., Gilmer, TX 75644. Reception to follow.

Birthdays This Week
May 14 - Justin Mahoney
May 15 - Kristi Braly
May 16 - Jose Sosa
May 17 - Donna Brooks
May 18 - Terry Barrett

Next Week

Bible Class *The Life of the Apostle Paul*
AM Sermon *Philippians 3 - A Spiritual Mind*
PM Sermon *Courage, Integrity, & Faith*

Records for May 7, 2017

Bible Class 173
AM Worship..... 230
PM Worship..... 143
Wednesday..... 133
Contribution \$7,952.38

Military: Clay Bayes, Jason Book, Alston Compton, Robert Johnson, Ryan Payne, Douglas Ramsey, Ryan Stewart

Privileged to Serve

Song Leader	Joshua Haden
Opening Prayer	Brent Stewart
Communion Leader	James Olsen
Communion Servers	
Mike Wylie	Justin Williams
Paul Stewart	Robby Thomas
Frizzell Henry	Luke Baumgartner
David Dilbeck	Dan Gibson
Darrell Olsen	Wayne Prayter
Ken Green	Billy Roughton
Closing Prayer	George Schmidt
Nursery	Ericka Kinkade & Laura Haden
PM Song Leader	Justin Mahoney
PM Opening Prayer	Brian Hand
PM Closing Prayer	Frizzell Henry
Wed. Song Leader	Justin Williams
Wed. Devotional	David Shastid
May Contact Elder	Darwin Thomas