

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	41
Attendance AM	63
Attendance PM	37
Wednesday PM	52

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Mary Rutland (Laurels of Huber); Carlene Harley; Dana Grigsby; Kay Feldman (home); Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron and Virginia Robbins; Leon Berry (rehab); Geri Allen (LA); Rosina Arnold

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr (Cleveland, TN);

Prayers: Phil Tydings (Hospice Care @home)

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Stephanie Hoover, Judy Arnette

Member Birthdays: January— 5 - Lisa Owens; 15 - Jennifer Arnett; 16 - Valerie Melson; 31 - Krystal Thomas, Chad Arnett

Anniversaries: January— 12—Timothy and Melody Angus

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Feb. 5 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 2 in "The Begging Place"

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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January 25	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Server 1	Ryan McGahee	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Closing Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Greeter	Samuel Jones	Samuel Jones
Usher	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
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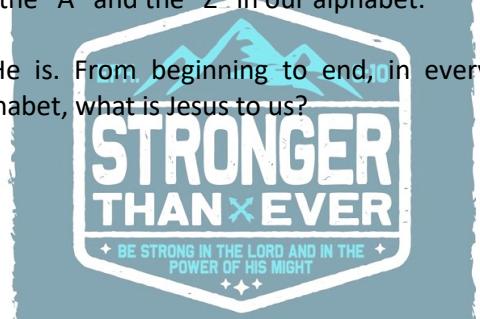
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HE IS MY EVERYTHING

Dan Jenkins

When John was on Patmos, he saw a vision of Jesus. As our Lord spoke to him, He said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End" (Rev. 1:8), and three verses later adds, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last." This same idea is found at the end of this book (21:6; 22:14). What is the meaning of the words alpha and omega? They are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. To help us understand this we might consider that He is the "A" and the "Z" in our alphabet.

That is precisely what He is. From beginning to end, in every aspect of truth, He is everything. Using our alphabet, what is Jesus to us?



NMR THEME FOR 2026

Meeting Location:
2211 Needmore Rd
Dayton, OH 45414

Schedule of Services

Sunday
Bible Study 9:30
Worship 10:30 A.M.
5:00 P.M.

1st Sunday No 5:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study
7:00 P.M.

Preacher

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Ministers

All Members

Supporting

- Christian Courier
- Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
- Memphis School of Preaching
- Greater Midwest Lectureship
- Potter Children's Home
- Midwestern School of Preaching
- Central Carolina School of Preaching

This may not be the view the world has of Jesus of Nazareth, but it is heaven's view of Him. Take another look at this listing and make sure He is all of this to you! ☺

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

How Is Friendship For Christ Shown?

Pious claims do not of themselves prove our friendship for our Master. Many in Jesus' day said, "Lord, Lord," but did not the things he commanded them! (Luke 6:46). Talk about lip service. This was it. Lips came near enough to breathe in his face, but hearts were far from him. Here was a core of aloofness covered with the frosting of intimacy. Here was a sepulchre of indifference whitewashed with sticky piety!

Faith only doesn't make us a friend of Christ. Demons are enemies. But they believe (James 2:19). Some Jews of Jesus' day believed on him. But they were still children of the evil one because they would not obey. (John 8:31,44). In heart there they were murderers (Verse 37).

Boasted wonders do not guarantee our friendship for our Lord. Many will stand at the judgment bar insisting they have cast out demons and done mighty works in the name of Jesus, yet be banished by the thundering sentence : "Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity, I never knew you." (Matt. 7:22,23).

Appearances alone cannot satisfy the qualifications for friendship and love toward Christ. Man may look on the outside, but God looks within. He knows what is in man, for he sees the heart.

BUT

1. The friends of Christ are doers of his word. (John 15:14).
2. The friends of Christ are keepers of his word. (John 14:23).
3. The friends of Christ are walkers with his word. (1 John 2:6).
4. The friends of Christ walk and work with fellow servants of the Lord. (1 John 1:7).

The real test of love and friendship for our Lord is heart action, hand action. It is prompted by mountain-peak attitude ; anchored by hope embedded deep in God 's promises ; undergirded by faith unshaken and rock-ribbed. It reaches upward for the hand of heaven ; downward to a needy world ; outward and onward to mighty conquest and triumphant destiny! What a treasure and pleasure the measure of friendship commended by our Lord !

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What if the devil only fled 99.9% of the time?

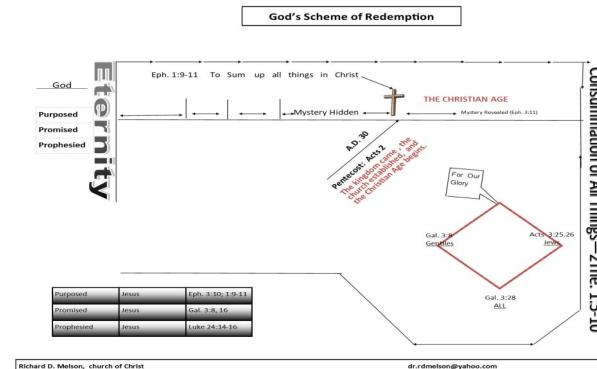
99.9%

A leading disinfectant spray claims that it "kills 99.9% of germs." That sounds pretty impressive. You can't get much closer to 100% than that. Due to scientific limitations and the existence of resistant microbes, it cannot guarantee 100% elimination of all germs. But 99.9% is good enough.

What if Bible promises worked that way? What if the blood of Jesus cleansed us from 99.9% of our sins? That would be pretty good. What if God heard 99.9% of our prayers? That's a lot. What if the devil fled from us 99.9% of the times that we resisted him? Maybe that would be good enough.

But Bible promises don't have scientific limitations and are not affected by resistant microbes. When God makes promises to us in the Bible, we can count on them as 100% true and 100% effective. The blood of Jesus cleanses from 100% of our confessed sins (1 John 1:9). Our Father in heaven hears 100% of our prayers (1 John 5:14). When we resist the devil, he flees 100% of the time (Jas. 4:7). Our God is not 99.9% God!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Disobedience to Gospel—Romans 10:16

In every dispensation man's outstanding sin has been disobedience. It was so in Noah's days (1 Pet. 3:20) in Moses' time (Heb. 3:16-19); in Isaiah's time (Isa. 53:1); when Jesus lived (Matt. 13:58); in the days of Paul (Rom. 10:16).

Consider these little words "not all" in the light of Rom. 3:3 -"What if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?" The unfaithfulness of man can never overthrow God's promises or defeat his purpose. Let God be true, even if all men are liars.

I. "Not all." This implies that some have hearkened to the good tidings, or obeyed the gospel of the Lord Jesus. For this, let us rejoice and thank God. There is joy in heaven when one repents; let there be joy on the earth.

II. "Not all." This implies that many have not hearkened or obeyed. Why have they not obeyed? How is it that so few care for God's gracious message, the story of redeeming love? Respond to heaven's loving invitation? Is it the preacher's fault? The man, his manner, and his method often to blame? Is it because the church is failing in the matter of Christian living? Is it any weakness in the message? No! For the gospel "is the power of God" (Rom. 1:16). It must be the hearer's own fault. Man becomes self-righteous to accept the gospel. Would rather live in sin than be saved from it. Note the three definite reasons the Master gives:

1. "Ye will not." (John 5:40.) Man's stubborn disposition.
2. Men love a lie, rather than the truth. (John 8:45.)
3. Hearts are hardened against it. (Matt. 13: 15.)

III. "Not all." The wonder of it. The sadness of it. The pity of it.

"For sadder sight than eye can know,
Than proud bark lost, or seaman's woe;
Or battle's fire, or tempest cloud;
Or prey-bird's shriek, or ocean shroud—
The shipwreck of a soul." ~

Study Questions:

- ☞ The men of Gerar ask Isaac about his wife. What did Isaac tell them? (Gen. 26:7)
- ☞ Why was Isaac afraid the men would try to kill him for Rebekah? (Gen. 26:7)
- ☞ What did Abimelech see when he looked out his window? (Gen. 26:8)
- ☞ What reason did Isaac give to Abimelech for lying to him? (Gen. 26:9)
- ☞ What did Abimelech say Isaac could have brought upon his people because of his lie? (Gen. 26:10)

- ☞ Bible Bowl— Study Genesis 26-50
- ☞ Take a "Christian Gift Card" and give it away to someone you meet.

Guiliness
Lest I die because of her
... was sporting with Rebekah his wife
... she was fair to look upon
She is my sister
Answers to study questions



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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