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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine

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- Know Your Bible: Answers
1. Satan (Luke 4:3)

2. Jacob (Genesis 28:11–22)

3. Samuel (1 Samuel 7:12)

4. Moses (Exodus 17:8–12)

5. David (1 Samuel 17:49)

This Week's Assignments & Events			
Sunday Worship		Sunday Afternoons	
Greeter:	Corwin Richardson	July 6	Nothing
Announcements:	Eddie Bowen		
Encouragement Talk:	John Franks	July 13	3PM Summer Study
Opening Prayer:	Kyle Crain		
Scripture Reading:	Gary Tuttle	July 20	Nothing
	Luke 10:1–16		
Song Leader:	Arturo Orozco		
Table Talk:	Kevin Buckner	Julyt 27	3PM Classroom Quarter Change
Contribution:	Billy Scherry		
Helper:	Casey Thomas		
Fruit of Vine:	Tyler Blazek		
Helper:	Truett Blazek		
Helper:	Sandon Spyker		
Closing Prayer:	Billy Lovell		
		Wednesday Evening	
		Song Leader:	Kevin Buckner
		Speaker:	Eddie Bowen



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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A Spiritual Man

“And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:1).

It is a temptation to think all who are Christians are “spiritual,” but this verse demonstrates that is a false concept. It is also a temptation to think of ourselves as “spiritual” when the reality may be different. Not everyone who has obeyed the gospel (having submitted to the Lord in baptism) is a “spiritual man,” but in fact some remain “men of flesh” or revert to being an infant in Christ.

The word “spiritual” is translated from the Greek word *pneumatikos* meaning “one who is filled with and governed by the Spirit of God” (Strong’s). The context of 1 Corinthians 2 helps greatly with our understanding of Paul’s meaning in 1 Corinthians 3:1. *“A natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one”* (1 Cor. 2:14–15). The one who is “spiritual” accepts the things of the Spirit of God, those things which have been revealed by the Spirit about God the Father, Jesus the Son, the plan of salvation, and how we are to live before God in righteousness and holiness. The “spiritual man” will appraise all things by comparing them to the revealed will of God to determine how to please Him. *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect”* (Rom. 12:2). Our mind is to be transformed from “men of flesh” to “spiritual men.”

Some have never accepted all that the Spirit of God has revealed. They choose to disregard or ignore revealed truth. The apostle Paul wrote, *“If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord’s commandment”* (1 Cor. 14:37). The “spiritual man” recognizes the authority of God which comes by inspiration of the Spirit, and exists in the written word. The Bible

governs the life and thinking of the “spiritual man.” Peter says all of those who are striving to live in accordance with the revealed word are “*a spiritual house*” for a holy priesthood who offer up “*spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ*” (1 Pet. 2:5).

Some who are Christians have not yet become the “spiritual man” because they have worldly tendencies that remain. In the context, the Corinthian Christians continued to have divisions among them which demonstrated they were still “*fleshly*” and were “*walking like mere men*” (1 Cor. 3:3). How many who are Christians must admit their behaviors are not evidencing the “spiritual man,” but in fact they are like a man of the world? Too often this is exhibited in a man’s speech, but we must consider how this is seen in our thinking. The “spiritual man” seeks first the kingdom of God, considers decisions in light of how to please God, and responds to difficulties by trusting God. These are very different from how a man of the world thinks and behaves. Yet, some Christians must be spoken to as “infants in Christ” (1 Cor. 3:1). Some become “*dull of hearing*” and have forgotten “*the elementary principles of the oracles of God*” so that they need to be taught again (Heb. 5:12).

The “spiritual man” does not forget the elementary principles because he continues to “*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*” (2 Pet. 3:18) to become “*the mature man*” (Eph. 4:13) who partakes of “*solid food*” (Heb. 5:14), referring to the more difficult things in Scripture. The behavior of the “spiritual man” changes as he grows, but only because of the internal adoption of the word of God: “*in your thinking be mature*” (1 Cor. 14:20). It is the “spiritual man” that God finds of great value to work in His Kingdom: “*Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted*” (Gal. 6:1).

Are you a “*spiritual man*”? “*Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?*” (2 Cor. 13:5).
by Charles Willis

***Know
Your
Bible***

Stones

1. Who suggested stones should be turned into bread?
2. Who used a stone as a pillow?
3. Who erected a large pillar of stone and called it Ebenezer?
4. Who sat on a stone while the Amalekites fought the Israelites?
5. What shepherd boy went into a battle with a bag of stones?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



The Cardinal’s Advice

by Charles Willis

Here is an excerpt from an address by the cardinals in the Roman Catholic Church to Pope Pius III, which is preserved in the National Library of Paris, folio No. 1068, Vol. 2, pp. 650–651. Pius lived in 1503.

“Of all the advice that we can offer, Your Holiness, we must open your eyes well and use all possible force in the matter, namely, to permit the reading of the gospel as little as possible in all the countries under your jurisdiction. Let the very little part of the gospel suffice which is usually read in mass, and let no one be permitted to read more. So long as people will be content with the small amount, your interest will prosper; but as soon as the people want to read more, your interest will fail. The Bible is the book, which more than any other, has raised against us the tumults and tempests by which we have almost perished. In fact, if one compares the teaching of the Bible with what takes place in our churches, he will soon find discord, and will realize that our teachings are often different from the Bible, and oftener still, contrary to it.”

“I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.”

(Galatians 1:6–10)

SUMMER STUDY NEXT SUNDAY at 3PM
Romans Chapter 6

A great study for every person!

This chapter teaches how to be saved, proper attitudes for the believer, and how to live in righteousness. If you do not usually return to an afternoon event, make a point to be here next Sunday. Invite friends! Several postcards remain in the foyer.