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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. Olive Oil
2. Aaron and his sons (Lev. 8:23)
3. Christ
4. Samuel (1 Sam. 9:16)
5. Cyrus (Isaiah 45:1)
6. Zadok (1 Kings 1:39)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Lester Mabry
Announcements: Paul Hainline
Encouragement Talk: Jordan Thomas
Opening Prayer: Kyle Crain
Scripture Reading: Gobi Warner
Luke 23:39–43
Song Leader: John Franks
Table Talk: Leighton Daniels
Contribution: Josh Emerson
Helper: Aaron Emerson
Fruit of Vine: John Van Baale
Helper: Corwin Richardson
Helper: Verlin Wilson
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Ramsey

Sunday Afternoons

Aug 23 3PM Visitation Day

Aug 30 Nothing

Sept 6 Nothing

Sept 13 3PM Gospel Meeting

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Truett Blazek
Speaker: Paul Hainline



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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Marital Problems

Unfortunately many marriages have problems. Sadly, some couples have no clue about what a marriage relationship should be like because they have not learned and adopted biblical teachings. It is my firm conviction that the more the bible teachings are adopted (in the marriage relationship) the happier people will be.

Time Together

It is important that couples spend time together. This was so important in the Jewish Law that when *“a man takes a new wife, he shall not go out with the army nor be charged with any duty; he shall be free at home one year and shall give happiness to his wife whom he has taken”* (Deut. 24:5). Remember this was God’s Law. God understands that for a relationship to exist, the couple must spend time together.

As problems arise, some couples want to spend less time together. Extreme examples have couples spending no time together. A relationship cannot exist without conversation. Happy marriages have genuine, sincere conversations on an on-going basis. People in love make time for each other.

“A man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife” (Gen. 2:24). The word translated “joined” is “cleave” in the King James. The Hebrew means: cling, adhere – follow close, pursue hard, be joined, stick, keep. It is difficult to imagine a couple in love who does not spend time together and converse frequently. (Note: conversing is not the same as arguing!)

Behavior Toward Wife

It may be surprising to learn that the Bible has more to say about the husband’s attitudes and actions than it does about the wife’s. This may be because men tend to need to hear these things more. My experience in counseling troubled marriages frequently points to the husbands.

Men, we are to ‘nourish and cherish’ our wife as our *“own bodies”* (Eph. 5:28). No one can be said to nourish or cherish while tongue-lashing their wife. Too many men in our society fail to understand how to nourish and cherish.

1 Corinthians 7:33 says we are concerned about pleasing our wife. Some wives might respond: “really”? Selfishness prevents this truth from taking place. Husbands must put God

first, and their wife second. Self comes last.

Most men provide for their wife as taught in 1 Timothy 5:8, but few truly understand how to “*honor*” her (1 Peter 3:7) “*praise*” her (Proverbs 31:8) and comfort her (1 Samuel 1:8). All of these traits are biblically expected of husbands. To the extent we employ these truths in our life, we will be happily married. If we fail to adopt them, we not only will be unhappy here, but God will hold us accountable!

Behavior Toward Husband

Scripture repeatedly tells the wife to be in subjection to the husband (Col. 3:18; 1 Pet. 3:1) even “*as to the Lord*” (Eph. 5:22). This behavior is easy when the husband is living righteously before God and behaves properly toward his wife, yet the instruction remains even when the husband is not what he ought to be.

Titus 2:4-5 says wives are “*to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their husbands, that the word of God will not be dishonored*”. God holds men and women accountable to His standards of behavior and attitude, even in the marriage relationship.

Some wives are contentious. “*The contentions of a wife are a constant dripping*” (Prov. 19:13-14). This is not the attitude of subjection which scripture asserts.

No other passage helps as much as Proverbs 31 about the worthy woman. “*She does him good and not evil all the days of her life*” (v.12). All wives are encouraged to study this extended passage diligently and make application.

True Love

Many attributes of love are expressed in 1 Corinthians 13 which help marriages. “*Love is kind*” (not sharp-tongued). “*Love does not act unbecomingly*” (disgracefully, dishonorably or indecently). “*Love does not seek its own*” (selfish desires must be overcome to put our spouse ahead of us). “*Love does not take into account a wrong suffered*” (we don’t keep count or bring things back up from the past). “*Love is not easily provoked*” (not irritated, doesn’t go around with a chip on the shoulder. Love doesn’t fly into a fit of rage.)

Invariably, when problems arise in a relationship, many or most of the attributes from 1 Corinthians 13 are grossly lacking. The only way to repair a relationship is for the individuals to make changes. God help us to learn His will for our lives and our marriages.

By Charles Willis

Know Your Bible

Anointed Ones

1. What substance was usually used for anointing in Israel?
2. Who did Moses anoint with the blood of a ram?
3. What New Testament word means “anointed one”?
4. Which judge anointed King Saul?
5. What Persian king was considered to be God’s anointed one?
6. What priest anointed King Solomon?

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.



Knowing God Through The Message Preached

Series #3 of 5

God has revealed His word. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, God has written His word that we might know Him. He has established and given us His authoritative standard of truth.

It is very true that by reading Scripture we can come to know God’s will, for Jesus said, “*you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free*” (John 8:32). But this freedom is only ours if we “*continue in His word*” (John 8:31). We live in a literate society, and I believe a majority of Americans own a copy of the Bible, but still people do not know the truth. God created man, and knew just giving the written word would not be enough to motivate men to know Him.

“*For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men*” (1 Corinthians 1:21–25). God ordained that men are to preach the truth stated by Jesus and revealed in the written word. “*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation*” (Mark 16:15). It has always been God’s plan that men would respond to the preaching of the truth, “*for the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to the will of God*” (1 Peter 4:6).

“*And how will they hear without a preacher*” (Romans 10:14)? Yes, we are to read our Bible, but God also wants us to hear the word proclaimed. So many today want to absent themselves from the preaching of the word. Many miss regular assemblies of the saints so that their attendance pattern is sporadic and unpredictable. Going to a gospel meeting or special series of lessons is outside the bounds of what some Christians are willing to do. God is well-pleased for His word to be learned through the preaching of the gospel. What are we telling God when we do not want to hear the preaching? I must draw the conclusion that we tell God we do not want to know Him.

“*To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Eph. 3:8–11).

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