

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Another Gospel!

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray For: The Reeds grandson, Caleb and his mother; Phyllis Maxwell as she recovers from surgery, Doris Fikes, Peggy Beebe; Wayne Ezell will be traveling to Seattle for surgery soon. Ben and Carla and the decision that they will soon make about where to relocate. Jeff Fowler and his family as they move to Wasilla from Oklahoma.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers, Thad Douthitt (deployed), Steve and Abby, Hans and Danesa are traveling outside. Tina Crawford will be traveling from March 23-April 4, keep her in your prayers.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Today's Scripture: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ" .Galatians 1:6-7 (KJV)

Today's Wisdom: "The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and *that which was written was upright, even words of truth.* The words of the wise *are* as goads, and as nails fastened *by* the masters of assemblies, *which* are given from one shepherd. Ecclesiastes 12:10-11 (KJV)

Attendance Last Sunday: 66 Record: 96

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April 1st, 2018 BULLETIN for the



God's Plan of Salvation

- HearRomans 10:17
- BelieveMark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
- Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
- Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
- Be Baptized..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
- Arise & Walk in Newness of Life.....Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM
AM Worship: 11AM
PM Worship: 6PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. 3PM-7PM

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Another Gospel!

The gospel of John, chapter 17 contains a prayer that Jesus prayed to His Father just prior to being crucified. I believe that this prayer should be referred to as the "Lords Prayer" rather than the prayer recorded in Matthew 6:9-15. This prayer, that is widely known as "The Lords' Prayer" is a sample prayer. Jesus used it as a teaching tool, to demonstrate to His disciples how one ought to pray. The prayer recorded in John 17, on the other hand, is a prayer that He prayed Himself. It gives us an insight into His thoughts just before his death.

In that prayer, one theme comes through very clearly; the idea that Jesus wanted His disciples to be "one" as He and the Father are one. Look at his thoughts that night;

- **John 17:21 (KJV)**
"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."
- **John 17:22 (KJV)**
"And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:"
- **John 17:23 (KJV)**
"I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

Jesus wanted His disciples to agree as one, like He and the Father agree. In this way, He says, the world will know that He was sent by God to be the savior of all humanity. God designed a perfect organization for the disciples to populate, the problem is that humans are far from perfect and Satan is active in his efforts to destroy us. So it didn't take long for the church to begin to fracture.

Several New Testament writers warned us about this. Listen to them; "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not." **1 Corinthians 15:12-15 (KJV)**

By: Bill Beebe

*"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." **2 Peter 2:1-2 (KJV)** "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." **2 John 1:7 (KJV)** "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." **Jude 1:4 (KJV)***

So even before the first century had ended false doctrine had began to take root in the church. Men were teaching that there is no resurrection from the dead, denying that Jesus actually came in the flesh, and actually denying both God the Father and Jesus. Kind of sounds a lot like today, doesn't it?

Jehovah's Witness and Mormons deny that Jesus is God. Muslims deny that Jehovah is God the Father and that Jesus is God. Others deny the triune God. Some today continue to deny the resurrection, and some continue to deny that Jesus came in the flesh. But Paul warned us about these false teachings: "*I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."* **Galatians 1:6-9 (KJV)**

It is not a coincidence that the Jehovah's Witness, Mormons and Muslims claim that an angel delivered these new doctrines to the founders of their respective religions. It is right that we should warn men about these false doctrines and stay away from them. However, there are other things that we in the church often divide over. I have personally witnessed congregations arguing and eventually dividing over a preacher and over where to worship. I have heard of congregations splitting up over who could attend a teen gathering.

Jesus wanted his disciples to be united, just as He and the Father are united. This was so important to Him that He mentioned it three times just before his death. Because it was something that Jesus was concerned about, we should be concerned too. Let us all study to maintain the "one" body that Jesus died for. We should stand firm sometimes and we should be flexible at other times, we need study and be sure we know which is which today.