

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Service

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Cody's mom needs prayers. Herb Watson has low grade pneumonia, please pray for him. Alice Stone received mixed news from her visit to the cancer center. She still needs our prayers! For more information talk with her or Paul. Thad Douthitt is being deployed pray for his safety.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers.

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

Today's Scripture: "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:" **Hebrews 12:28 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling." **Psalm 2:11 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 85/40: Our Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:17
Believe Mark 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..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM
AM Worship: 11AM
PM Worship: 5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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Service

What does “service” mean to you? A lot of people usually think of military service when they hear the word service. Some And some of us never pay it much attention at all. But the Bible is full of commands, examples and even parables of people serving. To be an active and complete Christian, we need to understand what the Bible tells us about service.

When I think of service as it relates to the Bible, I typically think of Paul’s statement in **Romans 12:1 (KJV)** where he says *“¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”* Here Paul pleads with the Christians in Rome to present their bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which, he states is their reasonable service. Paul was letting them know that doing God’s will was not unreasonable but was, on the contrary a reasonable service. So what does it mean to present our bodies as a living sacrifice which is our reasonable service? We can see this clearly in a parable that Jesus used to teach his disciples. In **Matthew 21:28-31 (KJV)** we read this: *“²⁸ But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. ²⁹ He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. ³⁰ And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. ³¹ Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.”* So the idea of presenting ourselves as a reasonable sacrifice should include obedience. Notice, in the parable the two sons each had a different answer for their father and both changed their minds. One said he would go and do the work, but changed his mind and did not go. The other said he would not go, but changed his mind and went. This one was the one who really obeyed. Christianity is not paying lip service to God, but it is actually doing what God commands us to do.

Obedience begins even before we become Christians. We have to hear, we have to believe, we have to confess our belief in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice, and we have to be baptized. It is only after we do all this that we are added into the church, the kingdom of God, and are saved. We are not at liberty to leave out one of those things, nor do we have the authority to change them. Jesus told us *“¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”*

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV) The Greek word translated in the KJV as “power” implies “authority” or “jurisdiction”. So Jesus said I have all authority and jurisdiction, you go teach the world about me and when they believe, baptize them

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in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, then teach them more of the things which I have commanded you.

Our service to God, requires us to be active in spreading His word and, therefore the gospel of Christ. Of course there are other things that we refuse to do that would also result in us not serving him. We are told to care for the widows and orphans. James makes this clear in **James 1:27 (KJV)** *“²⁷ Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.”* Jesus also makes it clear as to what He expects us to do. Listen to Him in His own words: *“³¹ When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: ³² And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: ³³ And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: ³⁶ Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. ³⁷ Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? ³⁸ When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? ³⁹ Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? ⁴⁰ And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. ⁴¹ Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: ⁴² For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: ⁴³ I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. ⁴⁴ Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? ⁴⁵ Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. ⁴⁶ And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”* **Matthew 25:31-46 (KJV)**

Are you willing to be of service to God? Or will you sit on the sidelines and hope that God will overlook your lack of service? Each of us will have to make that decision for ourselves. We will do door knocking in a few weeks, in an attempt to set up bible studies and invite people to join us in worshipping God. Will you be ready to do that, and therefore be of service to God?