



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, Matt 10:32-33

Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

Remain Faithful Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

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

Come join us!

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"Searching the Scriptures"

Our weekly radio program on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

Office Hours

Call or check website

Schedule of Events

Ladies Workshop in October
Gospel Meeting in November



Think on These Things

Philippians 4:8

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16 NKJV

Our Family News

Pray for / Abby St.Clair, Mary-Ann Boring, Ed Maxwell, Han Nicholson, Paul Stone and his sisters, the church family, those dealing with sicknesses

Today's Scripture

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Colossians 3:1-2 NKJV

Wisdom for Today

For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 5:13-14 NKJV

AM Sermon / George Jensen

PM Sermon / George Jensen

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"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

First Impressions

Joe Murdock

Many of us have heard the phrase "you only have one chance to make a first impression". While of course this is true from the standpoint that you have one opportunity to meet someone for the first time. This saying can often be used to suggest the individual you might have first met did something to frustrate you. However, a question that I have is when you meet someone for the first time, isn't it also true that they are meeting you for the first time? Why is that important to ask? Well, because it helps to keep things in perspective. Let us then consider what the scriptures teach regarding how we conduct ourselves.

In the famous sermon on the mount, our Lord Jesus had plenty to say about how we conduct ourselves as individuals. [Matthew 5:13-16 NKJV](#) "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Here we are able to read and apply the masterful teaching from the Master teacher. If we are serious about our first impressions we will carefully and thoughtfully read these scriptures. Jesus reminds us to be the salt and continue in that fashion. Why, because if we lose our salt then we are thrown out and trampled upon. [II Peter 1:5-9 NKJV](#) "But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins." This passage from the inspired apostle Peter has a similar idea. Teach us to be diligent in being the kind of person that bears the spiritual fruit. This produces a positive first impression.

Jesus also teaches us to be the light. Remember this idea of first impressions, not only applies to those who we meet first but also when they meet us. We are to allow our light to shine not to glorify ourselves but to glorify our Father in heaven. What does it mean to let our lights shine? [Ephesians 5:8-13 NKJV](#) "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light." Both the things that Jesus said and what Paul wrote teach us that letting our light shine means taking action. Jesus said we let our light shine so that those would see our good works. Then Paul wrote that we are to walk as children of light finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. Why do we do this because it glorifies our Father in heaven and exposes the darkness.

How does this tie into first impressions, because it shows that we are to consider ourselves first. So often it is easy to get frustrated with how someone's first impression went. Then what happens? We will find ourselves telling others how bad it was. Missing the point that we also have a first impression to consider. [Galatians 6:3-5 NKJV](#) "For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load." Friends let us remember that not only are first impression important, but that WE also make a first impression. When we apply the things the Jesus said and the inspired writers wrote, we will begin to do the things that are asked of us. Then we will glorify our Father who is in heaven. Friend you also make a first impression!