

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Eddy Dickinson

On the Table: Head - Ralph Burleson
Servers - Billy Box
Greg Lowery
Josh Berryhill

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Michelle Lowery

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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We Can Understand The Bible Alike



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Man Says, God Says

There are different opinions concerning what people believe. Some say that sincerity is enough. But, the Bible is the proper standard of judgment. It is the final word. My opinion or your opinion does not matter. What matters is what God says, not what we think or feel. There is a vast difference between judging according to one’s own standard (Provrebs 14:12) and making judgments according to God’s standard (John 12:48). As the Lord’s people, we are to make “righteous” judgments (John 7:24)! We are to recognize, respect, accept and follow God’s judgments. Notice the difference between what man says and what God says.

Man says: “The important thing is whether or not one loves God, not keeping commandments.” God says: “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous” (1 John 5:3). “Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you” (John 15:14). If we do not keep God’s commandments, how can we please God? Why did He give His holy word if it's not to be kept? Man is the one who says we don’t have to keep God’s commandments. God doesn’t say that.

Man says: “Thank God for the many churches so that man may find the one that best suits him.” God says: “There is ONE body...ONE faith” (Ephesians 4:4-5). Christ “is the head of the body, the church” (Colossians 1:18). He will save his body and no other (Ephesians 5:23). Those in his body, the church (Colossians 1:18), will be saved and those not in his body (Ephesians 1:22-23) will be lost. Are you in the one body, the one faith, the church?

Man says: “Join the church of your choice.” God says: “And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:47). “Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up” (Matthew 15:13). “Let there be no divisions among you” (1 Corinthians 1:10). The Bible says nothing about joining a church. It says God adds, man doesn’t join. Where does God give man a choice? This may sound good, but cannot be supported from the Holy Scriptures.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Jack Waldon: {Linda’s Brother-In-Law} is under hospice care, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Billy Lee: {Carolyn’s Brother} diagnosed with renal failure, please keep him in your prayers

Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Sister}: is in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray that her health continues to improve

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer can be defeated

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Billy Wayne Burleson: in the hospital, please continue to keep him in your prayers

Don Lawrence: met with doctors concerning blockage with kidneys and they are going to continue to monitor the situation at this time, please continue to keep him your prayers

Winfred York: is home continuing to rehab from hip surgery, please keep him and Vertie Mae in your prayers

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Upcoming Events

Today	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
February 17 th	Fellowship Meal	
February 17 th	Bible Bowl (Here)	2:00 pm

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Angie Ganey Gardner: has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be treatable

Amy Weeks {Donna’s Niece}: has asked for prayers to help overcome addictions, please pray that she will turn to God for help and strength

Jeff Upton {Co-Worker of Donna} severe back problems waiting to have surgery, please keep him in your prayers

Paul Glen Davis: passed away Wednesday, his funeral was yesterday, please pray for his family

Wyatt Spann: is currently fighting a brain tumor, please pray that with medical help he can win this fight

Connie Autrey: has a brain aneurysm and is also taking treatments for cancer, please be praying that doctors can help her with these serious problems

Don Sobrak: passed away Tuesday, please keep his family in your prayers

Bobby Sanderson: continues to fight a bacterial infection in his kidneys and is taking treatments, pray that this infection will be cleared up quickly

Man says: “Each person should follow the way that seems right to him and that honesty and conscience direct.” God says: “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Proverbs 14:12). “...The way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” (Jerimiah 10:23). When man follows his own way and conscience, he will not be following God’s way. Man’s feelings and opinions are not the standard. God’s word is the standard. We must accept God’s judgments and honor his commandments.

Man says: “Faith only is a most wholesome doctrine and very full of comfort.” “By ‘faith only’ is a man justified.” God says: “Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. ... But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? ... For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. ... Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only” (James 2:17; James 2:20; James 2:24; James 2:26). “For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love” (Galatians. 5:6).

Man says: “Baptism is not necessary for one to be saved” and has “nothing to do with salvation.” God says: “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38). “Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins” (Acts 22:16). “Baptism doth also now save us” (1 Peter 3:21). At water baptism, one is “...then made free from sin...” and becomes a servant of righteousness (Romans 6:3-6; Romans 6:18).

Man says: “Baptism is an ordinance that can be administered by sprinkling or pouring as well as by immersion in water.” God says: “We are buried with him by baptism into death” (Romans 6:4). “Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead” (Colossians 2:12). “They came unto a certain water...and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him” (Acts 8:36-39).

Man says: “Do not let religion go to your head, make sure you get enough recreation and do other things you would like to do.” God says: “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth” (Colossians 3:1-2). We must count the cost and pay the price of discipleship. Luke 14:26-33 makes this very plain. That means we put first things first.

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How Jesus Used The Word Of God To Overcome Satan

The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness by the devil is recorded in Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13 and Luke 4:1-13. The Bible says that Jesus “was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15). Let us note Jesus’ attitude towards the word of God, and how He used that word to overcome Satan’s temptations in the wilderness.

1. Jesus accepted the authority of God’s word. When Satan tempted Jesus, His immediate reaction was to say, “It is written” (Matthew 4:4). This shows that He totally accepted the authority of the Scriptures. The Bible is our authority because it came from God: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God” (2 Timothy 3:16). God’s word is the truth (John 17:17).

2. Jesus taught that everything God says is important. He quoted Deuteronomy 8:3, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). By which words of Jehovah should man live? By every word that applies to him! We must pay attention to all of God’s will, for only one who does His will can please Him (Matthew 7:21).

3. Jesus used God’s word as his weapon against satan. When Jesus was tempted by the evil one, He did not try to use psychology, deceit, or some worldly method. Instead, He quoted God’s word, saying, “It is written” (Matthew 4:4; Matthew 4:7; Matthew 4:10). Who can doubt that using God’s word is a wise thing for us to do as well? The word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17). The word of God is “living and powerful” (Hebrew 4:12, NKJV), so let us use and quote it when the devil tempts us.

4. Jesus used God’s word when he was alone. Yes, Jesus daily taught God’s word in the temple (Mark 14:49). But, He also used God’s word to overcome Satan when He was tempted alone in the wilderness. Sometimes when we are alone, the devil’s temptation seems very strong. Let us use the word of God against Satan wherever we are, even when we are alone.

5. Jesus continued to use God’s word. Each time Satan tempted Him, He answered, “It is written” (Matthew 4:4; Matthew 4:7; Matthew 4:10). He began using the word, and continued to use it. Many get into trouble when they begin using the word of God, but then forget about it or turn to the teachings of men. We must keep on studying, obeying and teaching the word of God. Only God’s word can save us (James 1:21).

6. Jesus easily used the word of God. On each occasion, Jesus’ reaction to temptation was to quote from the Old Testament (the word of God). He could do that only because He knew well what the Scriptures said. As His followers, we must study so that we can also know the Bible well and “be ready always to give an answer to every man” (1 Peter 3:15). David wrote, “Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee” (Psalm 119:11). We also must fill our minds with God’s word, so that when the devil comes to tempt us, we will be ready to answer with the Scriptures!

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