

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Josh Berryhill

Opening Prayer: David Key

On the Table: Head - Eddy Dickinson
Servers - Bradley Box
Ralph Burleson
Greg Lowery

Closing Prayer: Billy Box

Preparing the Lord's Supper Vertie Mae York

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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Brilliant
Beacon*



Do You Know the Lord?

By Dan Jenkins

There was no name on the church building, just a plaque which said, “The word of the Lord will be proclaimed here Sunday at 3:00 p.m.” We had just arrived in New Zealand (there were six of us, three couples) and had gone there to establish the church in Hamilton. We decided we would go to visit that group. As we walked in we noticed a different arrangement of the pews—at the front of the building there were pews on all four sides of what was obviously the table for the Lord’s Supper. Then, there were other pews, much like you would see in any church building, which extended back to the entrance.

They asked us, “Do you know the Lord as your personal Savior?” When we answered “yes,” they ushered us up to the “inner circle,” and we worshiped with them. We arranged for a study period later that week and discovered a lot about them. When we came a second time, we were not invited to sit at the front, but we were seated in the pews in what I perceived as the “sinner section.”

Obviously that phrase about knowing Jesus as a personal Savior is rather widespread in the religious world. It is not found in that form in the Bible, but the Bible does discuss about knowing the Lord. How does God use the words about knowing the Lord?

The clearest definition of knowing the Lord is found in the second chapter of First John. “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments” (v. 4). One cannot simply say that “I know the Lord as my Savior” and fail to obey Him. God says that if I fail to do what He says that I do not know Him.

Look at the next verse. “He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in Him.” In the study that we had, it was obvious that while they talked about knowing Jesus, they had little regard in doing what He said. God said that they lied when they said they knew Him.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

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

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

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

Don Lawrence: dealing with some health issues, please continue to keep him your prayers

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

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Al Corkren: still recovering from fractured leg, please be praying that he has no setbacks.

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: has been diagnosed with cancer, please pray that it will be treatable

Bobby Sanderson: continues to improve, please pray he has no further problems

Gunner Pendley: suffering from severe brain injury, please keep him and family in your prayers

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

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

Pam Davis (Adrian’s daughter) has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that it can be defeated with treatment

Indee Kois {student at BHS}: she is still dealing with some health issues , please pray that the doctors will be able to help her

Frank Farris: is recovering from a stroke, please keep him in your prayers

Kye Jackson: (Lindsey’s son) diagnosed with arthritis he is 2 years old, pray that he will receive successful treatment for this arthritis

Jeff Upton (Donna Martian’s Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Judy Shirley: had part of her lung removed because of cancer and is waiting to hear from the doctors, please pray that she will receive good news

Mary Box: recovering from cracked ribs and some other health problems, please pray that she will get better

Winfred York: in rehab at Hamilton dealing with injures from recent automobile accident, please keep him and Mrs. Vertie in your prayers

Ren Garrison (Donna Martian’s Nephew): will have an operation October 17th dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that surgery will be successful in dealing with this problem.

Now look at the next verse. “Whosoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.” One who knows God’s will, but does not obey Him, may think he loves the Lord. However, John says that whatever love they may think they have for Him is an imperfect love.

This same truth tying the true love of Jesus to obeying Him was taught by Jesus. “You are my friends if you do whatever I command you” (John 15:14). “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15).

So, when you hear someone talk about knowing the Lord, remember that it is one thing to say, “I know the Lord,” and another to show that we know Him by obeying Him!

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Love of the Brethren

1. CHRISTIANS ARE TO LOVE GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS { ■ Matthew 22:37
2. CHRISTIANS ARE TO LOVE NEIGHBOR AS SELF { ■ Matthew 22:39
3. CHRISTIANS ARE TO LOVE THIER BRETHREN
 - CHRISTIANS ARE TAUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER 1 John 4:12
 - CHRISTIANS ARE TAUGHT TO LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD 1 Peter 2:17
 - CHRISTIANS ARE TAUGHT TO LOVE AS BRETHREN 1 Peter 3:8-9
 - CHRISTIANS ARE TAUGHT TO LOVE THE CHILDREN OF GOD 1 John 5:2

**God’s family united here
will be God’s family united
in Heaven!**

A Universal Proverb Among Christians

By J. Randal Matheny

Driving one Sunday morning up US Highway 45 in Tennessee, on our way to report on our work to a congregation outside of the town of Dyersburg, we passed a denominational church building with a sign posted near the right-of-way. It was simple, with three words, one on top of the other: Scripture, Tradition, Reason.

In truth, in order to reflect that group’s positions, the order ought to be reversed: reason, tradition, scripture. The denomination could not exist were it not for human reasoning and religious tradition, because its name and its teachings do not appear in Scripture in any form.

Division among people who call themselves Christians is a serious problem. Religious leaders not only justify it, but promote it. They glory in human names and creeds. They impose their doctrines and, like the hypocritical scribes and Pharisees, make their followers “twice as much a child of hell as” themselves, Matthew 23:15.

The apostle Paul thought division to be the destruction of the gospel of peace. When it occurred within the church in Corinth, he attacked it fiercely. Among the many problems there, it was the first to be addressed. He spent more space in his letter devoted to division than any other.

At one point in his several arguments to restore unity in Corinth, Paul appealed to a saying current among Christians. The saying was so widely used among them that he knew they would immediately recognize it and understand its application to their situation.

Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying: “Nothing beyond what is written.” The purpose is that none of you will be arrogant, favoring one person over another, (1st Corinthians 4:6 - CSB)

Burton Coffman wrote;

Not to go beyond what is written ... is in the Greek literally, “Not beyond what is written”. These words must be a sort of quotation, or in any case a standing expression, associated with the preaching of Paul and all the apostles. It has the effect of a universal

proverb among Christians, “well known to the Corinthians, so that Paul could assume the words to be clear”. Russell declared the meaning to be: “The things which are written ... no special text, but the teaching of the scriptures as a whole, which no leader, however gifted, may supersede”. “This was a catch-cry familiar to Paul and his readers directing attention to the need for conformity to scripture”. There is no need to multiply scholarly support of the usual view of this place; no other explanation is tenable.

Coffman rightly says that the compressed saying “has the effect of a universal proverb among Christians”. The point of the proverb: If it’s not in the Bible, don’t teach it, don’t practice it, don’t promote it; follow only what is written in Scripture.

Paul’s application: Scripture says nothing about exalting human figures as a means of creating and pushing your party, so stop preferring one servant of God over another. Our implementation of it: Unity comes from requiring only what the Bible requires, teaching only what the Bible teaches, practicing only what the Bible enjoins.

In modern times, Christians have used other proverbial statements to capture the nature of faith.

- Speak where the Bible speaks, be silent when it is silent.
- Do Bible things in Bible ways; call Bible things by Bible names.
- No creed but Christ, no book but the Bible.
- In matters of faith, unity; in matters of opinion, liberty; in all things, love.

These are all good sayings, useful as jumping-off points for teaching about the gospel. Even better, however, are proverbs that rise from Scripture itself. And few are more useful and needed today than the ancient proverb: “Nothing beyond what is written”.

Upcoming Events		
Today	Tri-County Singing {Here}	2:00 pm
September 1 st	Country Place	2:00 pm