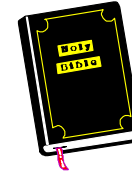


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“every disciple that is perfect, shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40

FAITH IN CHRISTIANS, OR FAITH IN CHRIST?

Have you ever been disappointed by someone you admired? Have you ever had high expectations of someone, only to discover they had done something you would not have expected them to do? When this happens it can be very discouraging but we should be careful that we do not put our faith in people instead of God. When a Christian is the source of this disappointment, some would go so far as to turn their backs on God! Should our faith be in Christians, or in Christ? What if Peter and the rest of Jesus' disciples had decided to stop following the Lord because of the actions of Judas? What sense would that make? When one thinks rationally, it is difficult to imagine trying to justify the rejection of God (who is perfect) because of something done by a man (who is fallible); however, this is something that seems to take place often.

God has instructed us not to trust in men: “**Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.**” (Jeremiah 17:5). People are fallible, and everyone will make mistakes. All have sinned and fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23), and even Christians striving their best to serve God will not live a life absolutely devoid of mistakes. In regards to Christians, John wrote, “**If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**” (1 John 1:8-10).

Sometimes it may be easier for us to remember occasions when others have let us down than it is to remember the fact that we have probably let other people down as well. We should always strive to be the best we can be, but let us remember that we all make mistakes, and we should have forgiving hearts. Christ said, “**For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**” (Matthew 6:14, 15; cf. Ephesians 4:32). **(Continued on Page 3)**

“**And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**” - Ephesians 4:32

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“Lord Is It?”

“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” - Isaiah 55:11

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Margaret Herring, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's grandson) and our shut-ins Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson
- John Manning is recovering from having an impacted wisdom tooth removed. The Manning family will be going to Nashville June 15 where their son Josh will be graduating from MSOP and John will be starting the 2 year program there.
- Marilyn Brooks is doing some better. She requests prayers for herself and her family because James Fishburn, a member of the church in Michigan who was like a father to her, passed away. She may be going to Michigan for the funeral.
- Gary Mathis, Betty's son, had surgery to remove a brain tumor and will be undergoing radiation and chemo treatments.
- Terry Lee, sister to Carolyn Stidham, Ron Banks and Ruth Boggs, and daughter of Margie DeYoung had a heart stent inserted. Remember Terry and her husband Gary in your prayers as our evangelist studies with them.
- Carolyn Lee requests prayers for Chris Cocher, a member of the church, east of Columbia who had is having complications after a kidney transplant.
- Claudia Pinkston, a member of the church, is gravely ill with cancer.
- Also remember Tom Rinehart, who has some back problems, and Margaret and Jessica Herring who are having some difficult times, in your prayers.
- Pray for our new brothers and sister in Christ, Alton Elledge, Richard Smith, Lamar Reeves and Stephanie Westfall.

Are you praying? Remember:

"For out of the abundance of the HEART, the MOUTH speaketh." - Matthew 12:43

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Remember our sister Anne Louise Gordon whose trial date set has been set for 7/9/2007 and the work at LCDC in your prayers. Brother Manning has been able to teach regularly and reach many who want to obey God and be baptized into Christ but are prevented from doing so. Also remember William Horan, an inmate in Pod G, who is teaching others the truth and wants to be baptized himself, but is hindered by the authorities. Send a card or letter to him at: **PO Box 2019, PG-5 Lexington, SC 29071**

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much:" - Luke 16:10

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“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

We rejoice with the angels in heaven that Lamar Reeves put our Lord on in baptism Wednesday evening. Lamar had learned the truth while taking the bible correspondence courses with the church in Walterboro while he at LCDC. After more study with our evangelist, Jerry Manning, Lamar confessed Jesus name and was baptized for the remission of his sins. Our new brother in Christ is: **Lamar Reeves**, 1329 Methodist Park Road, West Columbia, SC, 29169 and his telephone is: 739-4451 God is so good to us! Praise His Holy name.

“ I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.” - Luke 15:10

PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:24

- We need folks to help clean the building. Please see **Gerald Boyd** or **Billy Geiger**. It isn't hard, and it will be a good help to the church here.
- **Work Team D** will meet after the Sunday evening assembly at the home of Dawn and Jones Gamble, Team Captain.

"But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing," - Galatians 4:18

“ELDERS ... FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD” - 1 Peter 5:1,2

There is a reason God told us to look to Jesus. Jesus wrote the book and finished it: “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith” - Hebrews 12:2. Jesus is the one we will be measured against on Judgment day: “Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:” - Ephesians 4:13 We all need to look to him continually to see that we'll fit. Jesus is the one we must learn of:

“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:” - 2 Peter 1:3

FAITH IN CHRISTIANS, OR FAITH IN CHRIST? (Continued from Page 1)

We should be so thankful that we have someone eternally dependable who will never disappoint us – God! God does not make mistakes! We should be thankful that we have a perfect Savior who, even though He was tempted in all points like we are, committed no sin (Hebrews 4:15). We should be thankful that God, who is all-powerful and perfect, wants us to lean on Him, and depend on Him! Because of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can now obey the Gospel, which is the power of God unto our salvation (Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2 Thessalonians 1:8). Once we are in Christ, we can confidently approach the throne of God and bring our burdens to Him (Hebrews 4:16; 1 Peter 5:7; Matthew 11:28-30). God is holy and faithful – therefore, may our trust be in Him!

“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.” - Psalm 118:8

- Jason Hilburn, Gospel Preacher, Luverne Church of Christ, Alabama