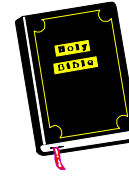


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

OUR LORD'S WARNING

Christ, who is all knowing, tells us that many people are going to be lost in eternity. In Matthew 7:13-14 He says, "Enter by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it". According to the Bible the majority of people will be lost. We must take this warning seriously. The Lord says that only a few people will be saved.

How few can few be? In 1 Peter 3:20 (KJV) we read, "When once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing, wherein few, that is eight souls were saved by water." The conservative estimate of the number of people on the face of the earth in the days of Noah is two hundred million (200,000,000) people. But only eight (8) out of the estimated two hundred million (200,000,000) were saved. This is not very good odds. Even though the Bible says in 1 Peter 3:9 that the Lord is "not willing that any should perish", Jesus says in Matthew 7:13-14 concerning eternal life in Heaven that "there are few who find it". The vast majority of people will spend forever and ever in the eternal fires of Hell that will never be extinguished. Mankind cannot comprehend how horrible that Hell is going to be.

There are only two roads to eternity and everyone is on one or the other. If we miss Heaven, we will be thrown into the eternal fires of Hell forever. One of the saddest things about being thrown into Hell is the fact that it could have been avoided. The majority of people will be lost in spite of what the Lord has done. Hell is not what God does to us, but Hell is what one does to himself. A person who ends up in Hell is his own worst enemy and only has himself to blame. Let us make going to Heaven our number one priority in this life.

- Ron Boatwright, church of Christ, Conway, Arkansas

“Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?
So run, that ye may obtain. “ - 1 Corinthians 9:24

Get Straight for heaven ... **OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

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MY PRISON SERMON
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PRAYER

"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;
but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." - Matthew 7:13

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- We're thankful Trevia Parks is doing better and able to be with us again.
- **Sue Island** requests prayers that her health improve.
- **Jean Godley** has been diagnosed with an extensive, inoperable cancer.
- **Jimmy Gist** is in his 5th round of chemo, but is not well.
- **We have many that are ill: Vernecia Matthews, Marilyn Brooks, Ron Banks, Margaret Herring, Jean Boyd, Anna Porter, Sue Eiland, Anna Porter, Craig Robinson, Carolyn Lee, and Margie DeYoung.**
- Remember all these in your prayers. Write them a card, give them a call, let them know you're praying for them and see if they'd like a visit:
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember these, those that are recovering from loss, in your prayers.

"Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do." - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Next Sunday is our monthly **fellowship dinner**. All are invited to stay after the morning assembly as we share a meal and get to know one another better. Also, we'll have a **Lord's business meeting** at 1:30 pm.
- **Any of the men of the congregation** with a desire to teach are encouraged to see brother **Manning** to prepare some Wednesday night devotionals/invitations.
- **Carolina Men's Fellowship, 12th Annual, Saturday March 13, 2010** at Rock Hill. 9 AM—3 PM at the Gold Hill Road church of Christ, Fort Mill, SC. If you're interested in going, see Ed, hopefully we'll have a van load going up.
- **College age Bible study now on TUESDAYS at 7 pm.**
- **Pantry items** to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.

2/21 Dole Tropical Fruit 2/14 Campbells Chunky Beef&Dumpling

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." - Galatians 6:7

“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15

- **Marilyn Brooks'** Uncle James succumbed to lung cancer. He had visited us several times with Marilyn. Remember her and the family in your prayers.

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

- We rejoice with the angels in heaven that **Evan Robberson** obeyed the Gospel and was baptized into Christ last week. He had been attending several weeks and studying diligently with **Evan Manning**. It was encouraging also to see his parents Harry and Carolyn here also last Sunday. Keep them all in your prayers and encourage Evan as he grows in Christ.

Regardless if you can read this... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

GENUINE FAITH

Genuine faith is based on evidence that admits of no doubt, and to believe in a person means more than to believe that such a person exists. "**He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him**" - **Heb. 11:6**. In addition to accepting the truth that God is, we confidently trust Him for the fulfillment of His promises. In all genuine faith there is, therefore, the element of confidence and trust. We trust Him to fulfill His promises, and we confide in His wisdom and goodness.

It is true that Abel heard God's command and obeyed, and therefore he made his offering by faith (**Gen. 4:4; Heb. 11:4**). But there was something back of all that. Why did he do what God said, and why did not Cain do what God said? Abel had confidence in God's wisdom and goodness. Cain had confidence in his own wisdom and way. Hence, Abel followed God's way and Cain followed his own way. Abel did what God commanded because he had more confidence in God than in himself.

- **R.L. Whiteside**, 1869-1951, Gospel preacher

Believe God and ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!

If you had an **emergency** and told someone it was a matter of **life or death**, how would you expect them to respond? Would you appreciate a "Ho-Humm, I'm a little tired, maybe tomorrow..." response? Look what God has said:

"Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the DEATH of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and LIVE: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" - Ezekiel 33:11

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not will that any should PERISH, but that all would come to repentance." - 2 Peter 3:9

God has said it's a matter of **life or death—forever!** How are **you** responding to that? Think of the cost of **neglecting** this message. It is so important Jesus had to come to this earth and die on the cross. How do think Jesus will feel if you neglect to put the same importance on the cross. What are you doing about it? Invite someone to visit us. It could be a neighbor you talked with last year, or someone at work. How did you find out about the church? Are you glad you did? **Do something about it—now!** There is **nothing** more important!

- **Ed Kelleher**, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

“Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.” - Matthew 22:9,10