

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

The Gospel's Power To Save

There must be some connection made between power and the thing to be moved. There is great power in a locomotive, but it cannot move the train of cars till proper connection is made with power.

There is sufficient power in the gospel to move every sinner out of sin into the blessings of salvation, but that power moves no one until proper connections are made. Preaching is the means of establishing that connection. It is God's way of bringing the sinner under the influence of his saving power. For that reason, Paul was not ashamed to preach it. **(Rom. 1:16).**

The gospel exerts no power over the heathen who has never heard it, nor over the infidel who will not hear it, and it exerts but little power over him who looks for the power to come some other way. It exerts a power over us for good to the extent that we place ourselves under the influence of its teaching. The cyclone has no power over the man who is safely hidden away in his storm cellar, but it would be foolish for him to come out after the storm and confidently affirm that there was no power in the cyclone, but no more foolish than for a man who will not heed God's word to affirm that there is no converting power in it.

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.

(both by) - R. L. (Robertson Lafayette) Whiteside, 1869-1951 Gospel preacher

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Ed Kelleher

WHY NOT US?

COME JOIN US FOR
THE NEW YEAR!

PM: Ed Kelleher

PSALM 1

SINGING! Twin Cities
Sunday 1/30 2-4pm

EVIDENCE OF GOD'S GRACE

“Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.” - 2 Corinthians 8:1,2

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

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Bible Classes for all ages

LADIES CLASS

2nd Tuesday of month 7-9 PM

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Margaret Herring, Jean Godley, Amy Wintermute, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier and Phyllis Johnson.*
- **Deborah Stoyk** has moved to Health South Rm 228-A for rehab for her broken arm and shoulder. She had very encouraging news from Duke where she's been undergoing experimental treatments—her tumor has shrunk by half. Let's give God the glory, thank Him for His mercy, and continue to pray for sister **Stoyk's** recovery.
- Brother **Bill Young** has a small cyst on his vocal cords and will have it removed in February for biopsy. He won't be able to talk for a week after that. Remember him in your prayers.
- Sister **Merrie Chrismus** is recovering from major dental work, but she is looking forward to a much improved situation afterwards.
- Remember **Dale Smith, Faye Parks'** brother, who is having hard times, and that he be receptive to the Gospel.

"Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." - Acts 14:22

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **SINGING!** With many congregations at Twin Cities church, **Sunday 1/30 2-4 PM** if you'd like a ride, see Ed Kelleher.
- **Bible Study!** 10 am Saturdays at **Trevia Parks'** home, informal, informative, useful!
- **BIBLE BOWL 2011**—**BOOK OF MATTHEW**—Sign up sheets in the foyer for youth and adult teams. The Bible Bowl Machine has been setup for practice.
- **Building Cleanup** availability is going fast, we're signed up through April. Signup quickly to reserve your spot in making the building spotless! ☺

“But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.” - Hebrews 3:5,6

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PSALM 1

1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly , nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Satan Must Love Calvinism

The doctrine of Calvinism is named after John Calvin, and its main points are Summarized by the acronym "TULIP" – Total hereditary depravity, Unconditional election, Limited atonement, Irresistible grace, and Perseverance of the saints. Calvinists believe that every single event, whether it is good or bad, happens because God ordained it to happen. This doctrine is deadly, and it seems to permeate nearly every denomination in one form or another. I am sure that Satan must love Calvinism, because it confuses people about the nature of God, His Plan of salvation, and so many other critical spiritual issues. Please notice some specific reasons why I believe that Satan must love Calvinism:

- **Because it teaches that God causes people to be tempted, and makes them do evil things** – However, the Bible does not teach this! (James 1:13-16; 1 Peter 1:16, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that people are basically nothing more than robots, having no free will of their own** – The Bible does not teach this! (Deuteronomy 30:19; Joshua 24:15; Acts 2:40, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that innocent newborn babies have souls blackened with sin** – The Bible does not teach this! (2 Samuel 12:23; Ezekiel 18:20; Matthew 18:3, 19:14, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that God will save certain people whom He chooses, without any conditions to be met on their part** – The Bible does not teach this! (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38, 40; 2 Corinthians 7:1; James 4:8; Jude 21, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that the Lord's invitation for salvation was only for individuals arbitrarily chosen by God to be saved** – The Bible does not teach this! (John 3:16; Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 22:17).
- **Because it teaches that Jesus only died for individuals who were fortunate enough to be predestined for salvation by God** – The Bible does not teach this! (John 3:16; Hebrews 2:9; 1 John 2:1, 2, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that God is a capricious respecter of persons when it comes to salvation, not desiring that all men be saved** – The Bible does not teach this! (John 3:16; Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11; 1 Timothy 2:4; 1 Peter 1:17; 2 Peter 3:9, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that if God chooses one for salvation, God cannot be resisted** – The Bible does not teach this! (Luke 7:30; John 12:42, 43; Acts 7:51, 13:46, etc.).
- **Because it attempts to denigrate the power of the Word and the need for spreading the Gospel** – Why labor to spread the Gospel when God will supposedly draw men to Him by a direct operation of the Holy Spirit? The Bible does not teach this! (John 6:45; Mark 16:15, 16; Matthew 28:19, 20; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; Romans 1:16, 10:17, etc.).
- **Because it leads "the elect" to believe that there is no need for them to study the Word of God** – The Bible does not teach this! (1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16, 17, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that once a person is saved, there is no possibility of falling from grace** – The Bible does not teach this! (Galatians 5:4; Hebrews 3:6, 4:11, 6:4-6, 10:25-31, 10:35-39, 12:15, 12:25; 2 Peter 2:20-22; etc.).

- **Jason Hilburn**, Minister, Luverne Church of Christ, Alabama

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