

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## PSALM 19

In **Luke 13:3** the Lord told us, “**except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**” Three things are necessary for repentance to salvation—to prevent our perishing:

1. Men must first recognize **HE IS** God and **seek** after Him.
2. They must then **LEARN** what He wants of them.
3. Finally, they must **OBEY!**

This is nothing new. **Psalm 19** is a beautiful illustration of these same 3 points:

- 1) God has declared plainly, to **all** men, that **HE IS** in verses 1-6:

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.”

- 2) God has told us what we must **LEARN** in verses 7-9:

“The law of the **LORD** is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the **LORD** is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the **LORD** are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the **LORD** is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the **LORD** is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the **LORD** are true and righteous altogether.”

- 3) God has told us to **OBEY** what we learn, in verses 10-14:

“More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O **LORD**, my strength, and my redeemer.”

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

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

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“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.” - Colossians 3:12-13

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## **“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Miles Johnson, Richard Ramkinson, Margaret Herring, Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier.
- **Pete Glott** had to have emergency surgery last week on his last functioning kidney.
- Prayers are requested for **Jen Grimbley’s** family as her grandfather in California passed away last Saturday. Jen is **Brian Park’s** girlfriend.
- Continue to remember **Jones Gamble’s sister, Margie** who continues to be treated for kidney problems, a recent transplant is being rejected.
- **Ed Kelleher** left Saturday for Japan on business, he’s to return Thursday.
- **Jones and Dawn Gamble will be at the beach this week. Faye Parks is traveling to Greenville and Connie Richbourg is traveling in Tennessee.**
- Also, **K.C. Dunbaker** requests prayers for **Matt Brophy’s** (a fellow coach) whose wife had major breast cancer surgery; and **Skylar Tieben** who is being treated for migraine seizures and hopes to be back to school—and soccer—soon (Oct 10).
- **Gail Allen** is doing better after surgery. She goes back to the doctor for further evaluation next Wed. She’s hoping she then will be able to go back to work.
- Keep all these, and **the church here**, in your prayers. Our thanks and gratitude to those who watch, and work and pray for the church here.

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” - Philippians 4:6

## **“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- Our thanks to **Harvey Allen** who preached for us last Sunday. Gail wasn’t up to the trip as she is still recovering from surgery and contusions after a recent severe fall.
- **Bible Study at Church Building, are postponed until Saturday Oct 13.** Otherwise, most Saturdays at 3 pm, all are invited and please invite visitors to come! It’s a good way for people to learn more of us. An informal session around a table with everyone using their bibles and Strong’s Concordances.
- Remember to **send cards to our visitors.** **Marshall Mancuso** had had a bunch of nice cards printed, and **Jones Gamble** faithfully gets visitor cards posted with addresses. So help out yourself! Send a card, invite people to visit, then send more cards! Postage for a post card is \$.32, Send 3 for a dollar and keep the change!
- **Bible Bowl**—February 23, 2013—Book of John.

“Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.” - Psalm 95:2,3

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## **ARE YOU LISTENING?**

Here’s a verse that ought to get our attention:

“Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: - John 15:2

God, being spirit, wants (and requires!) **spiritual** fruit from us. Fruit that will make **us** more **pleasing** in **His** sight and **valuable** to Him and **worth** keeping. When we, as branches in Christ, have and abound in the spiritual qualities of: Mercy, faith, faithfulness, love, patience, meekness, hope, zeal, joy etc. God will be pleased because these are the things He **wants** from **us**. Here’s what you should do:

1. First, you must **want** to bear good fruit (Proverbs 16:9)
2. Get your **heart** (the soil) ready (2 Peter 1:5-8)
3. Plant the right **seed** (Luke 8:11, Colossians 1:5,6)
4. Water and **nurture** the seed and the soil (1 Corinthians 3:6, 1 Peter 2:2)
5. **Recognize** good fruit, reject the poorer (Colossians 1:10, Titus 3:14)
6. Remember, the fruit is for **God**, we’re just the servants (John 15:8)

**That ye might be ... Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness” - Colossians 1:10,11**

**DO WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO DO! ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

“Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.” - Luke 12:43

## **REGARDING DENOMINATIONS:**

“Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.” - Acts 11:25,26

“Every denomination (Catholic or Protestant) had its origin this side of the New Testament. Every denomination has something in its teaching or practice that marks it as different from the church of the New Testament. Otherwise, it would not be a denomination.

As it was possible for an undenominational church to exist at Antioch, so it is possible now. Any church today that has the same faith and practice as did the church at Antioch (and other faithful New Testament congregations) is not a denomination, but a church of Christ”.—**David Pharr**, Gospel Preacher

“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” - 1 Corinthians 1:10