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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Spencer Strickland

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

Who do you listen to? Does it matter?

**“And my speech and my preaching
was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom,
but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men,
but in the power of God.” - 1 Corinthians 2:4,5**

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PRACTICING
NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY,
COME SEE!**

SERVICES

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study
Sunday 11 AM , 6 PM Assembly
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study
Office Phone (803) 794-5320
Nursery provided

INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY

Saturdays 3 pm
Everyone Welcome!
Bring your friends & Bible questions

EVANGELIST

Other than the members
none at present time
Full time position open

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

WHAT CAN I DO?

Have you ever felt left out? That you weren't important and not worth much? That maybe people didn't think much of you because you couldn't make some big contribution? Maybe you've felt that way in the church: "Oh, I wish I could teach like that person..." or "Oh, I wish I could quote scripture like so and so ..." or "Oh, I wish I was a leader in the church like what's his name ...". Have you ever felt like that? Maybe a little? WELL DON'T!!!

It's the Lord we want to be pleased with us; not other people. If the Lord is pleased with us, we should be pleased also. If He is pleased with us, what then does it matter what other people think of us? And conversely: If the Lord is not pleased with us it doesn't matter how popular or respected we are.

Our only aim should be to please the Lord. We can! He tells us how in his Word. The things He delights in are things that each and every one of us, without exception, can attain, possess and use:

**"Thus saith the Lord,
Let NOT the wise man glory in his WISDOM,
NEITHER let the mighty man glory in his MIGHT,
Let NOT the rich man glory in his RICHES:**

**But let him that glorieth glory in this,
That he UNDERSTANDETH and KNOWETH me,
That I am the Lord, which exercise
LOVINGKINDNESS, JUDGEMENT, and RIGHTEOUSNESS,
in the earth:**

For in THESE things I DELIGHT, saith the Lord." - Jeremiah 9:23,24

Young or old, rich or poor, great or small, man or woman, let's **all** strive and hunger for knowledge and understanding of God and His ways—the spiritual ways of Lovingkindness, Judgment, Righteousness, Mercy. He gives us all these and more in His word—the Bible! Study it, because He said:

“for if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” - 2 Peter 1:8

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

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Merrie Christmus, Dorothy Gray & family, Margaret Herring, Richard Ramkinson, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Anna Porter, Stephanie Rigney.*

- Remember in prayer **Sharon Mancuso** and **Ken Parks**, traveling for work; **Paula Kennedy's** cousin **Janette Lockey** who has taken a turn for the worse; **Stephanie Rigney** suffering from a recurrence of cancer; **Margaret Herring** with many ills; **Dorothy Gray** dealing with the many needs of her family; **Pat Joyner**, greatly concerned about leg problems; **Jan Kelleher** continuing in chemotherapy and a painful fight with metastatic disease.
- **Pray for all these**, and our search for an **evangelist** to help us with the work of the Lord here at West Columbia. Give **thanks** to God for his goodness and love for us.

"And so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words" - 1 Thessalonians 4:18

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **David Paher**, missionary to Guyana will be speaking here Sunday 8/27/17 and **Ron Fleet**, potential new evangelist for us, will be speaking Sunday 9/3/17.
- **Correction:** **Kelly** and **John Beasley** have wed, 8/20 is get together for them.
- **MEN!** Sunday AM and PM please find **Jason**, or whoever is putting together the assembly duty roster and volunteer to help with prayer, Lord's table, singing, etc.
- **INVITE SOMEONE TO VISIT US!** Give them one of the **church cards** that are on the table in the foyer. If you take some, please use them.

“But to do good and to communicate forget not:

for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” - Hebrews 13:16

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REGARDING DENOMINATIONS

“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

“...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 11:26

THE BIBLE IN SATAN'S HANDS

The Bible in the hands of *sectarians* is being made to "teach" every imaginable contradiction known to religion. In *their* hands, it "teaches" Christian Science, Mormonism, Catholicism, Episcopalianism, Universalism, Trinitarianism, Spiritualism, Baptistism, Methodism, Presbyterianism, Premillennialism, Adventism, and a hundred more like "isms", all contradictory and agnostic. No two of them can be reconciled. Each claims God as its author. Each asserts that it is carried on by the "work of the Holy Spirit." Each believes that *it* is right and all the others wrong.

Now, who can believe that anyone but the devil endorses and "blesses" such contradictions and religious confusion? The Spirit of God *hates* and *condemns* all such divisions and emphatically says that **"they who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."** (Gal. 5:19-22). But the Spirit of Satan says, "they who practice such things *shall* inherit the kingdom of God."

Denominational divisions are *not* the servants of Christ, though they *think* they are. They are deceived and Satan is deceiving them. They say they are not being deceived, but they are liars and Satan is behind it.

They may shout "intolerance" at me, but that only intensifies their sin, for all I say, I quote from the Holy Spirit's teaching in the Bible. To accuse *me* of anything is dodging the force of the Spirit's indictment -- an effort to get me in the same boat with them. What if they succeed? Will that remove their guilt? Why not *repent* and *renounce* the divisions of denominationalism and become Christians instead of servants of Satan? Thousands living today have done this.

The Lord's church today is largely filled with persons who were once in denominationalism but who, seeing they were lost, fled from it and became disciples of Christ -- *Christians only*. They simply obeyed the Spirit and came out of Babylon. What about you?

Those who want you to *remain* in denominational confusion and continue to practice division in spite of the Spirit of God will tell you anything to hold you in sin and away from Christ.

They will tell you that if you quit the practice of denominational division and become a disciple of Christ or Christian, you will become a "Campbellite." They tell you that to hold you in sin. They are moved by no other motive. They will hate you if you become a Christian, and will love you if you remain in sin with them.

Such is the universal spirit of sectarianism, though they simply do not know that themselves. When they ask you to become a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, etc., they do not realize they are asking you to *commit sin against Christ*. And if they should find you determined to obey Christ alone -- as the people did on the day of Pentecost -- they will actually get mad at you because they cannot lead you to do something else.

Denominations are hostile to Christ, though they, like Saul, *think* they are "doing God service." But as Saul persecuted Christ in ignorance (**Acts 23:1; 1 Tim. 1:13**), so are they. That means they, like Saul, must turn from their sinful course and become obedient to the faith of Jesus Christ and leave denominations. May God help us in aiding them to see their duty and turn before they are eternally lost.

- **E. C. Fuqua**, Gospel preacher ~ 1910

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