

SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Spencer Strickland

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

THINK HE'S TALKING ABOUT MONEY?

**"The wicked borrows and pays not again:
but the righteous shows mercy, and gives." - Psalm 37:21**

HOW WOULD THIS BE UNDERSTOOD SPIRITUALLY?

Examine yourself! Are really in the faith? (2 Cor 13:5)

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CHRISTIANITY
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Bring your friends & Bible questions

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WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Who Is Jesus?

How would you respond if someone asked you today: "Who is Jesus?" Would you tell them of the virgin birth (Matt. 1:23)? Would you speak of all the good things Jesus did, especially the miraculous healings (Acts 10:38)? Would you talk about all the Old Testament prophecies He fulfilled which prove Him to be the Messiah (Luke 24:44)? Would you detail the last day of His life where He was betrayed, tried, and brutally executed on a cross (Matt. 26 & 27)? Would you expound upon His resurrection and explain what it means to the faithful today (Matt. 28 & I Cor. 15)? Certainly all of these points (and others) are worthy of mention when one speaks about Jesus of Nazareth.

But, where would you go if you could only turn to one passage of Scripture to teach about Jesus? Although there is no single passage that encapsulates all of the major ideas we mentioned a moment ago, there is one passage that comes to my mind that seems to declare who Jesus is to a great degree of depth. I'm referring to the first chapter in John's account of the gospel. At this time, let us briefly highlight some of the marvelous descriptions of Jesus found within this wonderful chapter.

According to John's prologue:

1. Jesus is eternal, having existed with God from the beginning (1:1),
2. Jesus is deity for He is declared to be God (1:1),
3. Jesus is the agent by which all things were created--nothing was made without Him (1:3),
4. Jesus is the means and source of moral life (1:4),
5. Jesus is the one that John the baptizer bore witness of and prepared the way for (1:7),
6. Jesus is the true Light for mankind (1:8),
7. Jesus became flesh and dwelt among men (1:14),
8. Jesus was characterized by a unique kind of glory--He is truly one-of-a-kind (1:14),
9. Jesus is the means and source of abundant grace (1:16),
10. Jesus is the means and source of ultimate truth (1:17),
11. Jesus is the only begotten Son of God (1:18),
12. Jesus showed the world who the Father is, even though no one has seen God at any time (1:18),
13. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (1:29),

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Merrie Christmus, Dorothy Gray & family, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Pat Joyner** is still having dizzy spells and pain but was able to be with us Wed.
- **Judy Cornelius** is to have her first carpal tunnel surgery July 18.
- **Steve Rigney** requests prayers for his mother **Fran** who is ill.
- **Amy Strickland** was greatly encouraged by her doctor visit, keep praying!
- Continue to pray for **Lauren Beard**, who is hoping for encouragement also with an upcoming visit to Vanderbilt Medical Center. Keep **Lauren** and **Jordan** in mind.
- Pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**
- Remember 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.

My flesh and my heart faileth:

but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever." - Psalm 73:26

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **ALL! Contact** those on the Directory list you've not seen recently (like last Sunday).
- **ALL! 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.

"This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." - John 15:12

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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

“The churches of Christ salute you” - Romans 16:16

WHO IS JESUS? - According to John's prologue: *(continued from page 1)*

14. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and would baptize others with the Holy Spirit (1:33),
15. Jesus is Messiah or Christ (1:41),
16. Jesus was written about by Moses and the prophets (1:45), and
17. Jesus is the King of Israel (1:49).

When reading John's introduction to his account of the gospel, it's almost as if someone inquired of the apostle: "Who is Jesus?" And John responds magnificently, via his inspired pen, as if to say: *"Here is my announcement of who Jesus Christ is. Here are some of His awesome attributes. Anyone who possesses these attributes has to be divine. In the remainder of this book, I will proceed to prove to you that He did indeed possess these attributes."*

As one continues reading in the fourth account of the gospel, it is easy to see that John did exactly that. John wrote this amazing book, which included many of Jesus' miracles, in order that those who read it "**may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing [they] may have life in his name**" (John 20:30,31). Friends, do you genuinely believe in Jesus the Christ? Are you His friend (John 15:14)? Do you love Him (John 14:15)? [Read these scriptures and the rest of the book of John and learn what Jesus wants from you.—Editor]

- **Stephen R. Bradd**, Gospel Preacher, Clinton church of Christ, Clinton, IL

COMMUNICATING OUR LOVE

Do you love others? We need to; remember, it's one of the greatest commands God has given us (Matthew 22:19). We can communicate with our words or our actions. Which speaks louder? God has told us how to love:

1. Suffer together (1 Corinthians 12:26)
2. Rejoice together (Romans 12:15)
3. Carry each others' burdens (Galatians 6:2)
4. Restore each other (Galatians 6:1)
5. Pray for one another (Romans 15:30)
6. Teach & admonish one another (Col 3:16)
7. Refresh one another (Romans 15:32)
8. Encourage each other (Acts 28:15)
9. Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32)
10. Confess to one another (James 5:16)
11. Be truthful with each other (Eph 4:25)
12. Provoke to love, good works (Heb 10:24)
13. Give to each other (Philippians 4:14,15)

14. Comfort one another (1 Thess 4:18)

God tells us what communicates best:

“But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” - 1 John 3:17,18

Are you listening? Do you love others?

Invite them to visit. Invite them as your guest to our Saturday afternoon Bible study! But if you're too busy on Saturdays ... what are you telling God?

**“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”
- James 4:17**