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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Josuha Parks

PM: Harvey Allen

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

**ARE YOU LISTENING?**

“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them* slip.

For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*;" - Hebrews 2:1-3

"But it is good to be zealous always in a good thing" -Galatians 4:18

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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

Any Time On Request  
*Everyone Welcome!*

Bring your friends & Bible questions

EVANGELIST

Other than the members  
none at present time  
Full time man wanted

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

## LIVING WHERE YOU DO NOT BELONG

In Jesus' prayer to the Father in John 17, He states that His disciples are not of this world, just as He is not of this world. How can that be? Were we not born in this world? Of course we were. But, we have been called out of this world (2 Cor. 6:17, 1 Pet. 1:13-15), and we have been purchased with the precious blood of Jesus (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:18,19). We do not belong to this world, or even to ourselves (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

If we do not belong to this world, than how do we live in this world? Missionaries, diplomats and others could give us some insight living in a culture that is not our own, but let's learn how from one that knows more than all of these put together, Jesus - the Son of God, who left heaven and dwelt as a man in a world in which He did not belong. How did He do it, and what did He teach that will help us do it?

1. **Remember that you do not belong here** (Matt. 6:19-21; 22:17-21). Jesus knew where He was from and often spoke of returning.
2. **Do not fall in love with this world** (Matt. 6:24; 1 Jn. 2:15-17; 2 Pet. 2:20). Jesus knew a better place, heaven, and knew that He was returning there when His mission on earth was complete.
3. **Live holy lives** (Matt. 5-7; 1 Pet. 1:15). Jesus lived a perfect life, without sin, even in this dark world.
4. **Stay focused** on why you are here (Matt. 6:33; Col. 3:22-24). Jesus constantly was concerned with fulfilling the will of His Father.
5. **Stay in touch** with the home land (1 Thess. 5:17; Matt. 22:29; 2 Tim. 2:15). Jesus frequently separated himself from the mob and disciples to pray. Know the Scriptures thoroughly. He also taught others to pray, and the importance of knowing the Scriptures.
6. **Look expectantly** to going home (Jn. 14:3; Lk. 12:36-37; 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Jesus spoke about returning to the Father and taking His disciples with Him. If we will observe and practice the way Jesus lived and what He taught, then we too can live as we should in this world to which we do not belong.

- John Curtis, minister church of Christ, Paul's Valley, Oklahoma

“And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again” - 2 Corinthians 5:15

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

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Merrie Chrismus, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Barbara and Melvin Reeder, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Jason’s** fiancée **Sarah** broke her wrist in an automobile accident, surgery is required.
- **Lawrence** asks for prayers for his friend **John Singletary** who had intestinal surgery last week.
- **Gail Allen** ask for prayers for her cousin who is to have heart surgery next week.
- **Janet Boyd** was not feeling well Wednesday night.
- **Pat** is still not getting any relief from being dizzy.
- **Barbara Reeder** has started dialysis, is doing better, and was with us last Sunday.
- Give thanks to God for His mercy, and pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia that we will grow in love for Him and each other.

**“For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.” - Psalms 22:24**

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

- **Pray** for our preacher search, that a sound, zealous man be found..
- **Carolina Men’s Fellowship**, Rockhill Saturday March 9, 9 am to 3 pm

**“If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, ...” - James 3:2**

**"But it is good to be zealous always in a good thing" -Galatians 4:18**

## **Christian’s Obligations To God And Man**

The Christian’s life is regulated by everything they think, say, and do. We have a two-fold obligation – one to God and one to our fellowman (Luke 10:27).

A Christian wife must submit to her husband as unto the Lord. A Christian husband must love his wife (Ephesians 5:22-25). Christian fathers are to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Children are to be obedient to their parents as long as they are under their authority, and when they become Christians and are grown up, they are to honor their parents as long as they live (Ephesians 6:1-2). Christian employers are to be fair and just to their employees, remembering they also have a master in Heaven with Whom there is no respect of person (Colossians 4:1; Ephesians 6:9). Christian employees also are to do their best at all times, not just when the boss is watching.

We also have a duty to help our fellow man, whether a neighbor or stranger who is in need (Luke 10:29-37). When we fulfill our obligation to man, we go a long way toward fulfilling our obligation to God.

— **Bud Butcher**, elder East End church of Christ, McMinnville, TN

**“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.” - Luke 10:27**

## **OVERCOMING HUMAN TRADITION**

Many times a person will have difficulty accepting the truth taught in God's Word because it goes against what was formerly believed by the individual, and perhaps contradicts what he was always taught. This very thing happened to Alexander Campbell, who set out to restore New Testament Christianity in the 19th century. Campbell's family had always practiced infant baptism, and Campbell himself had been sprinkled. But when a child was born to Campbell and his wife in March of 1812, he determined to study the subject in light of the Bible alone.

Throwing aside the Presbyterian tradition in which he had been raised, Campbell was convinced through a study of the Bible that only penitent believers were appropriate subjects for baptism. He studied further and looked at the original language, and discovered that baptism was actually immersion.

Alexander related these conclusions to his father, Thomas Campbell, who agreed with his study. They realized that they had never been baptized into Christ. On June 12, 1812, Alexander Campbell and six others — his wife, sister, father, mother, and James Halen and his wife — were all baptized into Christ for the remission of sins.

The gospel is the power of God to save (Romans 1:16), but when men pervert the gospel it loses its power. This is the reason there are such stern warnings against changing what is revealed. "As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:9). Adding to and taking away from the message is strictly forbidden (Revelation 22:18-19).

The Campbells recognized and respected the Lord's authority on the question of baptism by immersion by penitent believers, as well as other points. While Alexander Campbell is not the founder of the church of Christ, nor is he our authority in religious matters, he serves as a good example on this point that we would all do well to imitate. Search the Scriptures for the answers to religious questions, and submit to the ordinances of God.

- **Jason T. Carter**, evangelist, Mt. Vernon Church of Christ, Park City, Kentucky

**“The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) ...” - 1 Peter 3:21**

**"But it is good to be zealous always in a good thing" -Galatians 4:18**