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Goals For 2021
Theme
 A Church with a Mind to Work
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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Gary Henry is preaching today

We are now in week #23 of our Daily Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Lynn Maudlin's father
 Carrie Kelly in Lincoln Hills
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson
 The Wards & Beth McFarland
 Dale Kahl, Brooke Thomas

"Good Works": Gal. 6:10; Titus 3:14; Acts 9:36

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
 1 Cor. 11:23-26

Scripture Reading
 AM: Luke 11:24-26
 PM: Gal. 2:20

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 0
 Invites last month: 8
 Visitors YTD: 12

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MAY OUR GODLINESS RESULT IN GOOD WORKS

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

- Introduction**
- A. The question "now what?" is one of life's most important questions. Unfortunately, many who have sought salvation from sin may not understand what salvation is for.
 - B. Like ancient Israel, we've been rescued from "Egypt," but we don't have a good grasp of the goal God had in mind when He set us free.
- I. THE PAST WE'VE BEEN DELIVERED FROM**
- A. It's not a good situation if the Christian has "forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins" (2 Pt. 1:9).
 - B. Now that we follow Christ, the dominant note in our lives should be gratitude: "But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered" (Rom. 6:17).
 - C. Yet we must not define ourselves solely in terms of the things we don't do anymore.
- II. THE FUTURE WE'RE GOING TOWARD**
- A. Nature abhors a vacuum, as they say, and the gospel was meant to do more than subtract the evil from our lives (Lk.11:24-26). The question is, why did God want certain things removed from our lives and what does He now want to put in their place? We are not what we used to be, but what comes next?
 - B. Having forgiven us, God wants us to be "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pt. 1:4). He plans to repair sin's damage ("corruption") and transform us into people who think and act as creatures made in His image - 2 Cor. 3:18.
 - C. In fact, He plans to makes us into people who have the same character as His Son, Jesus Christ - Rom. 8:29.
- III. THE WORK WE'RE TO DO IN THE PRESENT**
- A. Christians are not just people who are learning a new character — our conduct is involved as well.
 - B. "As we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10).
 - C. "Let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful" (Tit. 3:14).
 - D. If we intend to increase our good works, it's helpful to make specific plans. Rather than a vague "we need to do better," it's better to set some specific goals — big enough to challenge us, but small enough to be doable.

Conclusion

- A. Paul goes so far as to say that "we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Eph. 2:10).
- B. May we, no less than Dorcas, be "full of good works and charitable deeds" (Ac. 9:36).
- C. And may we do those good works in such a way that God receives the glory - Mt. 5:16.

Gary Henry

CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

Introduction

- A. "Crucified" is the only really definitive adjective by which to describe the Christian life" (J. Furman Miller).
- B. "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).
- C. In the text above, Paul speaks of "the life which I now live." This stands in contrast to the way he lived previously, when "faith in the Son of God" was not his guiding principle. To say the least, obedience to the gospel of Christ creates a "before" and an "after" — a radical conversion or turning in a person's life.

I. GOD'S ULTIMATE INTENTION FOR US

- A. In Christ, God plans to do more than smooth out a few wrinkles from our lifestyles; He plans to renovate the depths of our hearts so radically that our character will be just like that of Jesus Christ.
- B. When our hearts have become miniature models of Christ's own heart, we will truly be His siblings, bearing as He does the unblemished image of our Father. God aims for us "to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren" (Rom. 8:29).

II. OUR COMMITMENT TO THINK DIFFERENTLY

- A. Being "crucified with Christ" does not happen automatically. It's a choice we make, and it's one we make continually.
- B. Our "sanctification" is both a fact (1 Cor. 6:11) and a command (2 Cor. 7:1).
- C. Learning to "live by faith in the Son of God" is not easy. It requires the kind of commitment and discipline which says, "I am done with self-will and self-reliance. God being my helper, I will learn to move at His command because I trust Him." A human being cannot change at any deeper level than this.

III. WHAT WILL MOTIVATE US TO MAKE THE CHANGE?

- A. Nothing less than deep gratitude for God's pardon is powerful enough to produce the kind of change He plans for us.
- B. The difference between Paul's past and present was motivated by his love for the Son of God, "who loved me and gave Himself for me."
- C. In another text, Paul said that "the love of Christ compels us . . . He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again" (2 Cor. 5:14,15).

Conclusion

- A. **May we never underestimate the seriousness of what has to happen to us. "Crucifixion" is not too strong a word for it.**
- B. **It was doubt and distrust that drove us to sin. Forgiven, we must learn to "live by faith in the Son of God."**

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Helpfulness to the Local Congregation

A spirit of helpfulness on the part of individual Christians contributes enormously to the work of a local congregation. When brothers and sisters in the Lord are motivated by a genuine desire to be useful and to give assistance, work is done which would not otherwise be done and it is done with a positive, hopeful enthusiasm.

On the other hand, when Christians lack the desire to be truly useful, they tend to complain and criticize, rather than work. The atmosphere becomes negative, and dissatisfaction and unhappiness set in.

Preachers and especially elders appreciate those who make a habit of being helpful. Teaching, preaching, and leading become real joys among those who are eager to aid a congregation's work in every way they can.

A man named Robert Babson has said, "If things are not going well with you, begin your effort at correcting the situation by carefully examining the service you are rendering, and especially the spirit in which you are rendering it." It is true that much of our unhappiness stems from our lack of helpfulness to others. Those who constantly make themselves of assistance to those around them are usually at peace with themselves and with their situation.

All of us have opportunities to be helpful. But not all have made the preparation necessary to be useful. Not all are sensitive and mature enough to know how best to help. Not all are ready to make the sacrifices of time, effort, and energy required to help. Are you?

Gary Henry