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**Beginning Our 66th Year Dec. 3, 2023**

**GOALS FOR 2024**  
**Theme**  
**“Respecting Bible Authority!”**

- **Giving:** Meet Our Yearly Budget
- **Invitations:** 130
- Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading
- Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer
- Every Member Committed To Each Assembly
- Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
- Hold A Men’s Training Class
- Hold A Gospel Meeting
- Converting 10 People Per Month

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Luke Capps  
 will be preaching today.

**We are on week # 46 of our daily Bible reading.**

**Prayer List**  
 Don Dennison, Luann Metcalf, Ivan Rochner, Sharon Thompson, Peter Hunt, Mary McAfee, Sharon Nale, Polly Ward, Macon Ward, Debby Spears (Roseanna’s sis), Pam Caudill, Brooke Thomas, Cathie Hall, Debbie Lewelle, Jimmy Wilson

**THEME THIS MONTH: Authority in the World (Our Example)**  
 1 Timothy 4:12; 5:1-16

**Who Have You Invited To Services This week?**

**Lord’s Supper Reading**  
 Isaiah 53:1-6

**Scripture Reading**  
**AM:** Acts 2:41-47  
**PM:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month 14  
 Invites last month: 18  
 Visitors YTD:

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Our Theme for 2024...  
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 Matt. 28:18  
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**An Ideal Church**

**Characteristics of a New Testament Assembly #3 (Acts 2:42-47)**

- I. They Were Devoted to Worship (Acts 2:42)**
- A. To the Apostle’s Doctrine (1 Cor. 14:37-38; 1 Jn. 4:6; 2 Jn. 9-10).**
  - B. To Fellowship (1 Cor. 1:9; 1 Jn. 1:3-7).**
  - C. To Breaking of Bread (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:26).**
  - D. To Prayer (Acts 6:4; Col. 4:2; 1 Thes. 5:17).**
- II. And Devoted to Each Other (Acts 2:44-47)**
- A. They had everything in common (v. 44; 4:32; 2 Cor. 8:5).**
  - B. They took care of each other (v. 45; 4:32-35; Rom. 12:10-13).**
  - C. They were together as much as possible (vv. 42 & 47; 1 Cor. 11:20-22).**

**Luke Capps**

**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, 1 Pet. 4:11.

**VISITORS**  
 Please fill out a visitor’s card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.



**Last Weeks’ Answer:** Jochebed  
*Good job: Elbert Metcalf, Sharon Thompson, Steve Nale*

(Submit your answers before the next bulletin is published revealing the answer)

**WHO AM I IN THE BIBLE?**

- I was one of Paul’s “fellow workers”
- However, I ended up deserting him and the faith for love of the world

# Characteristically Thankful

A Necessary Trait? (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

## I. The Danger of Ingratitude

**A. Ingratitude toward God is a sin (2 Timothy 3:1-5).**

**B. Ingratitude leads to complete unfaithfulness (Rom. 1:18-21, 28-32).**

**C. Ingratitude a subtle but destructive sin that is easier to succumb to than we realize (Rom. 1:21-23; cf. Luke 17:11-19; Phil. 4:12-13).**

## II. Habitually Thankful People...

**A. Remember the good things God blesses them with (Jas. 1:17).**

**B. Remember what Christ has sacrificed for them (Col. 2:6-7; 3:16; Eph. 5:19-20).**

**C. Remember to be content among any circumstance (Dan. 6:10).**

**D. Never forget God's grace (2 Cor. 12:7-10).**

**Luke Capps**

# Spiritual Food for Spiritual Thought The Distinctive Nature of the Church of Christ

## The Distinctive Christ

We tend to recognize things that have distinctive features or are distinct in their nature. Most religious people are aware of how remarkably different Jesus was when compared to the religious people of his day. His life, teaching and ministry were distinct from the current religious trends. *"The people were astonished at his teaching,"* (Matthew 7:28-29) and recognized that it was clearly different than that of the contemporary religious teachers. His life was distinct from most religious teachers in that he did not obtain a degree from the famed seminaries of his day, but rather made his advent from the humble obscurity of the despised city of Nazareth, which caused many to stumble (John 1:45-46; 6:42). Yet, for the most part, *"the common people heard him gladly"* (Mark 12:37). The mission of Christ was distinct in that he came primarily for a spiritual purpose (Luke 12:13-14; Mark 1:38) *"to seek and to save"* those who were lost (Luke 19:9-10) regardless of their past, while his contemporaries were more concerned about the "social" aspects of their religion (Matthew 23:5-7).

## The Distinctive church "of Christ"

Recognizing that the life "of Christ", the doctrine "of Christ", and mission "of Christ" were distinct from all other religious leaders of his day, we should not be surprised to find that the church "of Christ" would also be distinct from other churches that are not truly "of Christ". Even the casual observer will notice that the church "of Christ" in the first century had a very distinct worship based on sincerity and truth (John 4:24; Ephesians 5:19; 1 Corinthians 14:15), a distinct message of salvation in Jesus Christ (1 John 5:11; Acts 4:12) and a distinct mission to be the *"pillar and ground of the truth"* (1 Timothy 3:15) which *"is the power of God unto salvation"* (Romans 1:16).

## Hide it under a bushel?

It seems today, that in an effort toward greater tolerance and unity in diversity, many are trying to do away with the distinctive features of Christ's church in order to create a sort of ecumenical, generic church. Many *"churches of Christ"* (Romans 16:16) are forfeiting their divinely designed distinctive features in order to blend in with denominationalism. The distinct worship, doctrine and mission of the church "of Christ" are being compromised in order to become the MegaChurches of denominationalism.

## Compromise or Magnify?

Jesus never compromised his distinctive features in order to be less offensive to the religious people of His day (Matthew 15:12-14) or to gain more followers... should we? As a matter of fact, Jesus recognized that his distinct doctrine caused him to lose great numbers of people (John 6:53-66), yet he realized that His Father would "draw" whomever he willed through the very same distinctive features that repelled others (John 6:44-45; Matthew 11:25-26). May we never be ashamed of the distinctive nature of our Lord Jesus (Mark 8:38), nor of His body the church (Ephesians 1:22-23). If we ever hope to truly be the Lord's "own special (peculiar / distinctive) people" (Titus 2:14), we will have to maintain the distinctive features that he has given us that set us apart from all other religious efforts that are not "of Christ" (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

## Are you interested? Have you been searching?

Some of the Greeks, who came to Jerusalem to worship at the feast of the Passover, came to Philip and said "Sir, we wish to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Do you wish to see Jesus? Are you interested in studying and investigating to see what distinguishing features the Lord has given to his church? Are you interested in studying and learning more about the true, distinctive Christ?

**Brett Hogland**