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Ac 17:30 "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

When the Good News is not so Good to Some

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news about how sinners can be made right with God. It is good news that you do not have to earn a right standing with God by being flawlessly good enough on your own merits. Since all have sinned and violated the law of God, none can stand on their own merits. But, the good news is that you can be forgiven, have remission of sins through the blood of Jesus being applied to your account and washing the record of sins from the divine ledger. But, where the good news loses the appeal it should have is when the good news demands "repentance" and "baptism" (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30-31). Repentance is a change of mind in regard to sin and the need for God. It is a change of mind that changes the way we live. Adulterers must give up adulterous relationships. Homosexuals must give up their homosexual relationships. Lazy people must go to work. Liars must cease their lying and speak truth. But, many people would like to have the gift of forgiveness of sins without repenting. Therefore, the real "good news" ceases to be good news to those who do not want to repent of sins and live by God's holy standard.

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Times of Services

Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 p. m. Worship

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Other Study and Worship Opportunities

- 2nd Sunday 2:00 p.m. Trinity Care Home Worship Service
- 2nd Saturday 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study –Ranch House Restaurant
- 3rd Sunday Neighborhood Bible Study 6:00 p.m. (TBA)
- Young Bible Scholars monthly meeting (TBA)
- The Pines Bible Study Sunday 8:00 p.m.; Mon. 5:00 p.m.
- Cady Hill Bible Study Sunday 8:00 p.m.; Thurs. 6:00 p.m.
- Recorded sermons and Gospel Meetings can be obtained by signing up in the foyer or going to the church website at <http://eastcolumbuschurch.com/> or contacting Steve Coburn.
- October 9-13 (Sun.-Thurs) Gospel Meeting with Tim Norment

News and Notes

- **Home Bound Members:** Mike Butler, Jack Burkes
- **Limited Health:** Joyce Monasco, Joyce Ratcliff, Willena Woods, Eula Mae Harliss, Wade and Doris McCrary
- **Sick:** Steve Coburn is suffering from COPD. April Green also battles chronic health problems. Elbert Logan is recovering from surgery. Marlyn Lavender is recuperating from pacemaker surgery. Melissa Parker suffers from chronic back issues. Marion Butler suffers from chronic upper spine injury and pain.
- **Deaths** – Graveside services were held for Burt Wheeler on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, MS following his passing on August 20. Carolyn Johnson died on August 20 following a lengthy illness. Services were held on August 26, with Lowndes Funeral Home. Burial was at Friendship Cemetery.

The problem is not with the gospel, but with the heart of man wanting forgiveness on his own terms instead of on God's terms. The sad thing is that many preachers today are telling sinners that "all you have to do is believe" and leave the impression that repentance is not required, and that is giving people a false sense of security. "Except you repent, you will all likewise perish!" (Luke 13:3). The good news is that repentance is not only required but it is within the power of each of us to do and the rewards are more than worth it.

Terry Wayne Benton

"I don't see anything wrong with that"

How many times have we heard this reply when we question some belief or practice which may be without Bible authority? The saddest thing about the statement is that many times it is really true. So many individuals have so little knowledge and understanding of the Bible when they are confronted with some false teaching or practice they really do not have the ability to see anything wrong with the sinful doctrine or practice. We all need our "senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:14). The only way we can have this ability is to put forth the necessary effort to learn and understand the truth. If we know what is right we will be able to recognize that which is contrary to it as being wrong and sinful.

James Hahn, (*The Beacon* 6-28-11)

Bible Question? Where is the account found of the longest day on earth? Hint: Five Kings of the Amorites

Your Answer: _____