

"...having the eyes of your heart enlightened..." Ephesians 1:18

"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Paul, Philippians 3:14

Welcome Visitors!

You are our honored guests and we are pleased that you have chosen to visit us today. Our goal is to do everything according to God's word, including respecting its silence. This is a church of Christ; we are not a denomination, not part of anything larger than this local church and we have no earthly "headquarters." The five elders oversee this work and, ultimately, we answer only to Christ. The comments you hear today are primarily aimed at our own members, as we examine Scripture and seek to be built up in our faith in Christ. If you don't understand something, please do not hesitate to ask one of the elders. We welcome and appreciate your comments and questions on any issue and especially if you see or hear anything that you feel does not correspond to God's word. We are here to serve; please help us do that.

Please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection plate. Thank You

Schedule

The Lord's Day

9:30 AM – Classes

Auditorium: How Jesus Teaches Us (The Gospel of Mark)

3 Rooms: 13/14 – 15/16 – 17 – Ladies' Teacher Training

10:30 AM – Assembly

Speaking today: David Posey

Jesus Calls Us Higher

2 PM Class at the Building

Room 13/14

Minor Prophets

5 PM (building)

Fruit of the Spirit

Weekly Young Adults Class

Tonight at the Posey's: 5 PM

{Tuesday Class}

This class will resume in the fall

Wednesday, 7 PM

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Men's Saturday Morning Meeting

7 AM, second Saturday of the month (see Tyler Wade)

Information

Children's Classes

We have classes for children from 18 months and up. Please see the map in the hallway or ask any of the members which room is appropriate for you and/or your child. There are several Bible studies in progress on Sunday afternoon and evening. Check with David Posey if you have questions.

Restrooms

There are two sets of restrooms: one off the first hallway to the right of the lobby and another at the end of the first hallway to the left. Ask anyone and they'll be happy to point you in the right direction.

For Small Children

There is a special room for nursing mothers and a separate "cry room" at the rear of the auditorium. You enter them from the first hallway to the right, across from the restrooms.

Online

You can find copies of class material and archives of previous editions of the View and listen to sermons online at www.folsomchurch.com. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/folsomchurch>

View & Junior View

Be sure to pick up a copy of the View and Junior View; both are sent out weekly, plus there are some hard copies printed on Sundays and available in the foyer.

Disclaimer

The opinions, interpretations and views that appear in the View are those of the author alone and do not necessarily represent the view of the elders or other members of the church of Christ at Folsom.

Teaching Notes

By DAVID POSEY

We are using this quarter to train new teachers and to sharpen the skills of our existing teachers. From every thing I've heard thus far, it has been a great success. Most of the classes are devoted to *how* we teach instead of *what* we teach. The latter is covered in our curriculum, which is constantly being evaluated and updated. I thought it might be helpful to highlight some of the fundamental topics that should be worked into a class whenever possible.

Teaching the Importance of Baptism

There is nothing that happens here at Folsom that is more important than when one is buried in water for forgiveness of sins and then rises again to a new life in Christ (Romans 6:4). Jesus said,

...there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. *Luke 15:7*

In the past two weeks, *Collin Zugnoni, Austin Zugnoni and James Platz* were baptized. Every time we witness this, we are reminded of that day when we were immersed and brought into a real relationship with God through Christ. We should talk about baptism, even at the youngest ages.

Teaching the Importance of Worship

In a scathing indictment, Gordon Dahl observed that we “worship our work, work at our play and play at worship.” Worship is a lost art. There are too many things, people, ideas competing for our attention—for our *reverence, honor, praise*. Worship has become commonplace, or it is minimized as something we do “now and then.” Too often, we do it half-heartedly, perhaps even half asleep. But there is nothing we do that is more to the point of who we are than to worship God because of who he is — not only at the building, at the “appointed times,” but whenever we are giving God his due in our study, in our prayer and in our thoughts.

Teaching Grace

When it comes to grace, faith, and works, we have to find the truth in the tension between the beauty and wonder of grace and the necessity of obedience. Grace can be turned to license to sin (Romans 6:1, 15; Jude 4) and obedience can be viewed as a ladder to heaven.

The consequences of navigating these issues are huge. If we focus most of our teaching on grace, we risk cheapening it and building overconfidence (e.g., “grace will cover me”). If we focus mostly on duty and good works, we risk stripping people of the confidence that God intends us to have (“I could never keep all those commands”).

It is important that we do our best to help people resolve the seeming paradox represented by these pas-

sages: “for we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of law” (Romans 3:28) and “and by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments” (I John 2:3).

One thing for sure: while understanding that we are saved by grace makes one “warm all over,” it is not *just* a feeling. Grace, in fact, is more fact than feeling. And that “nice warm feeling” we experience is covered with the blood of Jesus. That fact should cause us to pause and reflect on the price it took to secure our confidence.

And yes, we should have confidence. We should be able to say that “heaven is real and I am going!”

Teachers, especially of young children, should be exemplifying this confidence. We must never leave the impression that serving God is impossible. Meanwhile, we teachers need to dig deeper and work out the

paradox between works and grace. Here are some issues and questions that we should think about.

1. What is the source, meaning and outcome of God's grace?
2. What does God actually expect of us?
3. Is it a matter of doing or being — or both?
4. What is faith? Is it simply “mental assent”?
5. When Paul uses the term “works” or “works of law” what does he mean?
6. What is “obedience”? What is the standard that we are required to obey?
7. When John talks about “commandments,” what is he talking about?
8. What is “sin”? How does God view sin? What is the impact of grace on sin?

Teaching the Importance of Repentance

Repentance seems to be the forgotten command. We even forget that on the Day of Pentecost, Peter said “repent” before he said “be baptized” (Acts 2:38). What is repentance? D. A. Carson said,

Repentance is not a merely intellectual change of mind or mere grief, still less doing penance, but a radical transformation of the entire person, a fundamental turnaround involving mind and action, and including overtones of grief which result in spiritual fruit.

Teaching Humility

In connection with the above, we should also teach that it is only out of a sense of brokenness that we can please God. Psalm 51:17 says, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”

I like Vance Havner's comment on “brokenness.”

God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever.

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Women's National Soccer Victory

I hope our many young people who play soccer have not witnessed the public behavior of some of the women after their huge victory recently. I was “impressed” with Megan Rapinoe for all the wrong reasons. I don’t care if she hates Trump but her F-bomb-laced speech and her “I-deserve-everything” attitude is a terrible example to the millions of little kids who look up to her because she can kick a ball into a net better than others in her sport. There were also a couple of players who dropped and stepped on the American flag (although one member of the team rescued it). I would never call *any* athlete an “American hero,” but some of the women on this team are not even good examples of sportsmanship.

From Culture Translator

[Just a reminder: be sure to read all of these entries with your Bible filter firmly in place. Most of this material is opinion from the authors of Culture Translator, so keep that caveat in mind. *dp*]

Quote

“Authentic worship means being present to the living God who penetrates the whole of human life. The proclamation of God’s word and our response to God’s Spirit touches everything that is involved in being human: mind and body, thinking and feeling, work and family, friends and government, buildings and flowers.”

—Eugene H. Peterson, *The Jesus Way: A Conversation on the Ways That Jesus Is the Way*

Pop Culture Trending/Memes

Good news, we’ve got a new challenge and for once, it doesn’t involve poison or bodily harm. The “bottle cap challenge” caught fire this week with celebrities and social media users taking aim at a loose bottle cap on a table, attempting to roundhouse kick to unscrew the bottle. It’s deceptively difficult, requires little to no actual athletic skill, and oddly soothing to watch! Jason Statham, John Mayer, and Conor McGregor have all made their own contributions to this funny and refreshingly harmless trend. If you catch a circle of teenage boys trying to roundhouse kick your empty glass bottles around the picnic table this weekend—well, this is why.

Music

Scooter Braun and Taylor Swift are in a huge beef, and unfortunately, everyone cares. Here’s a quick run-down: Taylor posted a missive on Tumblr where she told fans that music mogul Braun had purchased her old record label, Big Machine, and henceforth owned the master copies of all of her back catalogue. Taylor called Braun a bully and said this is her “worst case scenario.” The bright side: Taylor Swift is teaching our

children copyright law! The weird part: Taylor always seems to be embroiled in some kind of Oedipus-like scandal where she is the victim and the underdog, as if playing those roles is part of her curated personal brand. Not exactly the most feminist message!

Politics

Gen Z darling and Queens politician Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez visited a controversial border encampment where migrant children are being detained in Texas. Her account of the conditions at this camp was dire, and she claimed she saw detainees drinking out of toilets. Then she cried while people took pictures. Since “AOC” is kind of, uh, polarizing to some people, the photos provoked a viral reaction, with many Twitter and Reddit posters photoshopping the politician’s emotional reaction to the migrant’s plight so that it read as a response to, say, wishing for Chick-Fil-A to be open. When it comes to memes, it seems nothing is sacred.

Teen Culture Latest Statistics

In less-than-patriotic news, a Gallup poll reveals that less than half of Americans feel “extremely proud” to be an American. But before you let that statistic trigger your flag reflex, consider the wording of the poll: 70% of those who answered were still “very OR extremely” proud. What’s more interesting to us are the things that Americans reported being proud of, or less proud of. Americans are happy to tout their country’s scientific achievements, and 89% say they are proud of the military. As far as the political system itself, 32% report feeling proud of how we hash out our politics and elect our leaders. Which begs a question: How, as Christians, do we balance love of country with our allegiance to the global Kingdom of God?

Negative things/ Pathologies

Weight-loss surgery is growing in popularity amongst teen populations. Between the years of 2014 and 2018, the number of bariatric surgery procedures performed on minors more than doubled. The good news is that research is growing to find out how these surgeries impact the bodies of younger patients. According to these new studies, teens lose weight post-surgery at about the same rate as their adult counterparts. But some surgeons see relaxing attitudes about performing these major procedures on teen patients as evidence that we are failing to impart healthy values to our kids. In essence, some doctors even feel like we are “losing” the war on obesity, despite the emphasis on health and wellness that we see proliferating the headlines and the culture at large.