

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements

Clay Morris

Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper

Joseph Barry, Bill Rinehart,
Alec Capel

Prayers

Mike Davis, Cole Meador

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Announcements

Randy Ellis

Song Leader

Clay Morris

Prayers

Jerry Schnelle, Alec Capel

Invitation

Jack Calvert

“Praise the LORD! Praise the
LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!”

(Ps 148.1-2)

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons

Jon Barry Mike Davis
Clay Morris

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.

Monday (Zoom)

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16;
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto
death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think On These Things

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Minimal Effort in Friendship

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We have all heard it said that “a friend in need is a friend indeed” and “a true friend is a friend to the end.”

We sometimes sing the song, “Angry Words”, which contains the following words. “Love is much too pure and holy, Friendship is too sacred far, For a moment’s restless folly Thus to desolate and mar.”

I recently found the following on Facebook memes: “True friends are the ones who lift you up when nobody else has noticed you have fallen.” “A true friend reaches for your hand and touches your heart.” “I now know what a true friend really is: someone who always loves you - the imperfect you, - the confused you - the wrong you - the scared you - because that is what friends do.” “A true friendship is a journey without an end.” “A true friend is someone who thinks you are a good egg, even though they know you are slightly cracked.”

The Bible speaks volumes on the subject in a very few words.

- A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity. (Prov. 17.17)
- A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. (Prov. 18.24)
- Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful. (Prov. 27.6)
- As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. (Prov. 27.17)
- "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." (John 15.13)

These thoughts suggest that true friendship deserves and demands as much energy as one can exert to form and maintain friendships. Sadly, to many, friendship is all about them rather than the friends that they should be making and cultivating, such as seeking the favor of those with more money or greater gifts than they themselves possess. (Prov. 14.20; 19.6)

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember the health concerns of *Francine Davis, Gerald Eaton, Joey Avance, Jerry Schnelle, Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan, Beth Ellen, and Pete Rowland.*

Perhaps the problem is the way many choose their friends. “Imagine how much he could do for me”, etc. When one is not a true friend, he will end those friendships as soon as, or soon after, they cease to benefit him. But the objective should not be to make friends for our benefit, although true friends will benefit us; the objective should be to make friends for their benefit, that is, how our lives can impact theirs in a positive, spiritual way.

Friendship should be like marriage – “in sickness and in health, for richer, for poorer, till death do us part”. And it should be “through thick and thin”. One should never abandon a friend for anything less than impenitent sin. Perhaps one has a friend who has difficulty “keeping his head on straight”, though he is trying to do so. We should continue to help him as much as we can for as long as he is desirous of our help. This is what true friendship is all about.

Subjective Spirit Leading Terry Benton

Subjective “Spirit Leading” is when one is moved by imagined nudging and impulses, then attributes that imagination to the “leading of the Spirit”. It often never is in complete harmony with Spirit “revelation” in the Bible. It is sometimes outright contrary to

Spirit guidance through “revelation” (Eph.3:3-5).

It is completely subjective as to whether it is the Holy Spirit instead of a deceiving spirit or just plain human desire and imagination. Yet, you get drawn into the language and thinking that imagines the Lord walking and talking with you, and then you start saying “the Lord told me this” or “the Lord showed me this”.

Francis Chan offers stories from those who have experienced “real encounters” with God. He says each of us has the choice every day “to depend on yourself, to live safely, and to try to control your life. Or you can live as you were created to live—as a temple of the Holy Spirit of God, as a person dependent on Him, desperate for God the Spirit to show up and make a difference.” Yet, he is basically telling people to imagine the Spirit “showing up” in some emotion-driven and imagination-perceived way, and all such imaginations automatically becomes self-confirmation that the Holy Spirit instead of Satan as an angel of light is doing this “showing up”.

Beth Moore is another that uses this imagination-driven approach where her imagination of talks with God become conversations with God in which she reports “what God told me”. This kind of thinking is very dangerous, and yet some of our brethren are jumping on the band-wagon of these kind of authors and speakers and promote them as truly guided by God.

The real “Holy Spirit” showed up in guiding the apostles into “all truth”. He revealed and confirmed “the faith once for all delivered to the saints” – Jude 3-4; Heb.2:1-4. He powerfully leads through that revelation (Heb.4:12; Eph.3:3-5). When we are listening to the Spirit in

scriptures used correctly we are listening to the voice of the real Holy Spirit.

Imaginations must be cast down and not exalted to the level of God’s word. When a person does not “abide in the doctrine of Christ” but gives greater or equal guiding authority to their imagination of conversations with God, they have quit “holding fast to the Head” (Col.2:19) and have “intruded into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind” (Col.2:18). This is “empty deceit” because its imaginary conversations with God as if it happened in reality, and this is a form of lying since God did not actually tell them anything. It is purely adult form of make-believe and empty of real revelation. Be careful of those who promote such.

Three Sections of the Bible Terry Benton

The Bible is testimonial evidence of Jesus. It is very powerful in giving prophetic testimony of Jesus the Messiah-Christ of God. In fact, it is all about Jesus. You would be correct if you viewed the 66 books as three sections of testimony: 1) The Old Testament is prophecy of Jesus (John 5:46). Jesus said Moses “wrote about Me.” The Old Testament is amazing in that it describes in types, shadows, and prophecies the things pertaining to Jesus. You can see the shadow of Jesus in so many people, events, sacrifices, typology, and foreshadowing, all of which gave a foretaste of the coming Savior-Redeemer-King. It was basically history and prophecy given in PREPARATION for Him.

2) The four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are eyewitness testimony about the

manifestation of Him. They declare that Jesus was God come in the flesh, the long awaited Messiah. They present Him as real, in place and time and that they saw and heard Him, that God approved Him with miracle and signs that none of the Jews could deny. They present the teaching of Jesus in preparation for establishing His kingdom/church. They present the eyewitness testimony of His life, death by crucifixion, and His resurrection from the dead along with the commission to spread the good news of Him to all nations so that all men everywhere could acquire salvation from sin and condemnation in Him.

3) The books of Acts through Revelation expounds on the realization of Him, noting the meaning of Jesus and the benefits enjoyed by being united together with Him in baptism (Rom.6-8). The realization of Jesus gives us great spiritual benefits, forgiveness of sins, a clear conscience, an amazing hope of eternal life with Him if we are faithful till death. These books give us richness of faith as we realize the many benefits of knowing Him and being found in Him.

In summary, the three sections of the Bible are:

- 1) Old Testament is PREPARATION for Him.
- 2) The Gospels gives us the MANIFESTATION of Him.
- 3) Acts – Revelation give us the REALIZATION of Him.

Have you taken a serious look at the powerful testimony of Jesus Christ? Don’t miss out on this amazing news and the eternal benefits offered to you in Christ!