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**BECAUSE** CHOICE

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?

So run, that ye may obtain.

1 Corinthians

Phone (803) Bible Study

Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services.

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LADIES CLASS

2nd Tuesday of month 7-9 PM

Jerry Manning e Phone (803) 936-1502

TRUTH MAKES CHRISTIANS

## WEST COLUMBIA **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

"every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master." Luke 6:40b

A perverted gospel cannot save. Jesus declared that it is the knowledge of truth, not the belief of error, that makes men free. (John 8:32). Though a perverted gospel may have in it all the elements of the true gospel, its power to save is lost in perversion. Bread is God's power to quell the hunger, but the admixture of a poisonous element — a spoonful of arsenic, for instance, in a loaf of bread would destroy its power. Water is God's power to quench the thirst, but the admixture of salt will destroy the quenching power of water.

The gospel is God's power to save the soul, but its admixture with error the doctrines and commandments of men, when heard and believed — destroys its saving power. Hence, Paul's alarm concerning the perverters at Galatia:

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." - Galatians 1:6-7

Error preached, error heard, and error believed cannot result in the truth obeyed. No man can accidentally obey God. The truth preached, the truth believed, and the truth obeyed makes a Christian. Nothing else does. How careful then men should be in their handling of it!.

- Foy E. Wallace, Jr., 1896-1979, Gospel Preacher

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" - John 8:31,32

> Seeking the truth, from God's Word is one way to ... **OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." - Acts 17:11

#### "PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER" - James 5:16

- REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- Eddie Sheppard is in LMC with pneumonia.
- Anna Kennedy requests prayers for Betty Smith, a preachers wife in W. Va.
- Marcella Klieves is in West Virginia with her father John Meadows who had back surgery last Wednesday.
- Remember Amy Wintermute as she goes through especially difficult times. She's written and says she's hanging in there with God's help and our prayers.
- We have many that are ill: Vernecia Matthews, Marilyn Brooks, Ron Banks, Margaret Herring, Jean Boyd, Anna Porter, Sue Eiland, Anna Porter, Craig Robinson, Carolyn Lee, and Margie DeYoung.
- Remember all these in your prayers. Write them a card, give them a call, let them know you're praying for them and see if they'd like a visit:
- Brother Manning has many Bible studies during the week, remember these, those that are recovering from loss, in your prayers.
- Remember also Evan Roberson who was recently baptized into Christ. His address is: 109 Manning Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169
- "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." 2 Corinthians 1:3,4

#### "AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY" - Acts 2:42

- This Sunday is our monthly fellowship dinner. All are invited to stay after the
  morning assembly as we share a meal and get to know one another better. Also,
  we'll have a Lord's business meeting at 1:30 pm.
- Carolina Men's Fellowship, 12th Annual, Saturday March 13, 2010 at Rock Hill. 9 AM—3 PM at the Gold Hill Road church of Christ, Fort Mill, SC. If you're interested in going, see Ed, hopefully we'll have a van load going up.
- College age Bible study now on TUESDAYS at 7 pm.
- Any of the men of the congregation with a desire to teach are encouraged to see brother Manning to prepare some Wednesday night devotionals/invitations. We were all encouraged by our brother Lamar Reeves who gave a devotional and invitation last Wednesday.
- Pantry items to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.
  - 2/21 Campbells Chunky Chicken Noodle 2/14 Campbells Chunky Beef&Dumpling
- "Whatsoever thy hand findest to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, wither thou goest." Ecclesiastes 9:10

#### **OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

#### "DIVISIONS MUST COME"

Division in the churches is painful. It wrings the heart with anguish. But God asked, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). This is a strong declaration that they cannot. It is true as applied to both God and man. Can you walk with God unless you agree with Him? He claims to be the Lord, the only Ruler of the universe. Can you walk with Him while you insist on making laws and changing His order? It also applied to man. Can two walk together when one insists on going another way?

Often, those we love must force us to the choice as to whether we will cling to God or go with them. If we love God better than we love them, we will cling to God and His ways. If division must come, let it come along the lines of love and loyalty to God. If we separate from others and do not walk with God, another separation must come. Separation after separation must come until the lines of cleavage run with the line of loyalty to God. Until division along this line is reached, divisions must continue and multiply. As soon as, and not until, divisions along this line is reached, the union with God and those true to Him will be permanent.

God is directing these things and does all things well. All we have to do is to stand true and firm to God and His word all along the line, and leave results with Him. We can do nothing else. We are poor and foolish and weak; God is wise and strong. Our only hope is to walk with and be true to God in all things. "For there must be also heresies (divisions) among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you" (1 Corinthians 11:19). Divisions must come until we are all willing to be led by God.

- David Lipscomb, 1831-1917, Nashville Tennessee

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" - 1 Corinthians 1:10

Throwing aside man's traditions, is one way to ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

"Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture." - Psalms 100:3

### "REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!" - Romans 12:15

• Amanda and Joseph Manz have a new son, Nickalas, born Weds 2/24 weighing 9 lbs, mom and boy doing fine.

"My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever." - Psalm 73:26