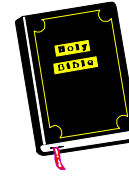


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## WHY STUDY THE WORD OF GOD

- 1) The Word of God will not pass away, it will last forever: “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.” - Matthew 24:35 (also John 12:47,48)
- 2) The Word of God makes one wise to salvation: “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. “ - 2 Timothy 3:15 (also James 1:21, John 17:17)
- 3) The Word of God is necessary to prove or test all things: “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:21 (also Hebrews 4:12)
- 4) The Word of God makes one approved to God: “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15 (also John 12:42 and Hebrews 12:9)
- 5) The Word of God makes one grow spiritually: “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:” - 1 Peter 2:2 (also 2 Peter 3:18)
- 6) The Word of God is what we need to teach others: “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” - 2 Timothy 2:2 (also Hebrews 5:12)
- 7) The Word of God lets us detect error: “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” - 1 John 4:1 (also Matthew 7:15,16, Hebrews 4:12)

- Mel Futrell, Gospel preacher, Shades Mountain church of Christ, Birmingham, Al.

"Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.: - 2 Timothy 1:13

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FROM SUPERFICIAL TO SACRIFICIAL  
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"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." - 2 Timothy 2:3,4

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## **“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Margaret Herring, Jean Godley, Amy Wintermute, Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- Lorraine Porter is doing better, recovering from pneumonia.
- Remember Marilyn Brooks, Margie DeYoung, Margaret Herring and Eddie Sheppard in your prayers.
- Brother Manning has many Bible studies during the week, remember them in your prayers, thank God for the power of His Word and pray he would bless our efforts.

**“Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:17,18**

## **“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- Ladies Bible class, Tuesday 7pm at the building.
- Building Cleanup volunteers **STILL** needed for: November, and December!
- Youth Devo SATURDAYS 7 pm.

**But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.” - Hebrews 6:9,10**

## **Christian's Obligations To God And Man**

The Christian's life is regulated by everything they think, say, and do. We have a two-fold obligation – one to God and one to our fellowman (Luke 10:27).

A Christian wife must submit to her husband as unto the Lord. A Christian husband must love his wife (Ephesians 5:22-25). Christian fathers are to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Children are to be obedient to their parents as long as they are under their authority, and when they become Christians and are grown up, they are to honor their parents as long as they live (Ephesians 6:1-2). Christian employers are to be fair and just to their employees, remembering they also have a master in Heaven with Whom there is no respect of person (Colossians 4:1; Ephesians 6:9). Christian employees also are to do their best at all times, not just when the boss is watching.

We also have a duty to help our fellow man, whether a neighbor or stranger who is in need (Luke 10:29-37). When we fulfill our obligation to man, we go a long way toward fulfilling our obligation to God.

— **Bud Butcher**, elder East End church of Christ, McMinnville, TN

**“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.” - Luke 10:27**

## **FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLY**

So many of today's citizens of the Lord's kingdom think nothing of missing Sunday evening worship and Wednesday evening Bible classes. They are apt to ask the following question to justify their absence from the assembly: "Do the scriptures explicitly say that we must attend Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services?" The answer is obviously "No". The inspired writer of Hebrews does, however, give other "reasons" for assembling at every designated service:

1) So we may **“Hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering”** - Hebrews 10:23. (i.e., not end up as apostates from God's truth - Hebrews 10:26-31).

2) **“To provoke one another to love and good works”** - Hebrews 10:24.

3) We are to **“love one another”** - 1 John 4:11, and we are encouraged to **“do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith”** - Gal. 6:10.

4) To **“exhort one another”** - Hebrews 10:25, to faithfulness (Rev. 2:10).

5) Our Lord is present at all "assemblies" (Matthew 18:20). The Lord says that we are to love Him with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind (Luke 10:27). If we absent ourselves from the assembly where He is present, do we truly "love" the Lord? Are we putting His kingdom "first" in our lives (Matthew 6:33)? The Lord will not accept "second place" (Exodus 20:3; Jeremiah 35:15; Matthew 6:24; 1 John 2:15).

6) To set a good example before others (Ephesians 5:3; Philippians 3:17). Christ intends that every one of His disciples uphold the truth (Matthew 5:16; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:15-16; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Ephesians 3:17; 1 Peter 2:12). As we faithfully assemble with the saints, God's truth is upheld and we provide an example before others.

In addition to the above scriptural reasons for attending every assembly, the elders of the church have designated "other times" (other than Sunday morning) for the saints to "assemble". Are we "obedient" and "submissive" to the elders (overseers) of the church (Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:17) when we willfully absent ourselves from assemblies designated by them?

Brethren, let us prayerfully consider the above reasons for attending every designated service. The world has to see Christ living in us (Gal. 2:20; Romans 6:6) before it will be motivated to "change" their lifestyle and be obedient to Christ (Romans 1:5; Romans 16:26).

- **Mike Riley**, Montana Street church of Christ, El Paso Texas

**“be thou an example of the believers,  
in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” - 1 Timothy 4:12**

**Are you?**