

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

WHAT CAN I DO?

Have you ever felt left out? That you weren't important and thus not worth anything? Or, that you couldn't make some great contribution? Maybe you've felt that way in the church: "Oh, I wish I could speak like that man..." or "Oh, I wish I could quote scripture like so and so ..." or "Oh, I wish I was a leader in the church like what's his name ...". Have you ever felt like that? WELL DON'T!!!

It's the **Lord** we want to be pleased with us; not other people. If the Lord is pleased with us, we should be pleased also. If He is pleased with us, what then does it matter what other people think of us? And conversely: If the Lord is not pleased with us, we better not be pleased with ourselves. If He is not happy with us, it doesn't matter how popular or respected we are.

Our only aim should be to please the Lord. We can! He tells us how in his Word. The things He delights in are things that each and every one of us, without exception, can attain, possess and use:

"Thus saith the Lord,

Let **NOT** the wise man glory in his **WISDOM**,
NEITHER let the mighty man glory in his **MIGHT**,
Let **NOT** the rich man glory in his **RICHES**:

But let him that glorieth glory in this,
That he **UNDERSTANDETH** and **KNOWETH** me,
That I am the Lord, which exercise
LOVINGKINDNESS, JUDGEMENT, and RIGHTEOUSNESS,
in the earth:

For in **THESE** things I **DELIGHT**, saith the Lord." - Jeremiah 9:23,24

Young or old, rich or poor, great or small, man or woman, let's **all** strive and hunger for knowledge and understanding of God and His ways—the spiritual ways of Mercy, Love, Judgment and Righteousness. **Study God's word—the Bible!**

“for if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” - 2 Peter 1:8

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

EYES ON HEAVEN IN 2011!

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Ed Kelleher

THE INFALLIBLE BOOK

PM: Ed Kelleher

DOING RIGHT—THE WRONG WAY—IS NEVER RIGHT

“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men,
but in the power of God.” - 1 Corinthians 2:4,5

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CHRISTIANITY
TODAY!

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Betty Mathis, Margaret Herring, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier* and *Phyllis Johnson*.
- **Margie DeYoung** is still in LMC Room 680 with complications after surgery. It was incorrectly reported last week that she had gone home.
- Keep **Margaret Herring, Anna Porter** and **Gwen Pittman** in your prayers.
- Also keep the **Willson** family, and especially **Lisa**, in your prayers.
- Remember the **Kennedy family** as they are in California; **Jan Kelleher** who is house sitting and working on her book, in Virginia; and **Jason Parks** who is working in Vermont for awhile.
- **Chris and Grant Parks** request prayers for the **Meyer family**, part of their Boy Scout troop, whose father passed away.
- **Anna Porter** requests prayers for her grand-son Steve who is in Spain.
- Prayers are also requested for **Amy Smith**, a former member at St Andrews Road who has a tumor on her pituitary gland.

"And so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words" - 1 Thessalonians 4:18

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Lorraine Porter** needs a ride to church. She's at the Rapha center, on Fish Hatchery Road. Directions are in the foyer. This is a good work if you can do it.
- **GOSPEL MEETING in Walterboro.** If anyone would like to go Monday or Tuesday pm, let **Ed Kelleher** know and you can drive down with him. Leave from the church building at 5:30pm and back around 11pm.
- Please choose a week to help **clean the building**, and more if you can!
- **Bible Study at Church Building, Saturdays 3 pm**, all are invited and please invite visitors to come! It's a good way for people to learn more of us. An informal session around a table with everyone using their bibles and Strong's Concordances.

“But to do good and to communicate forget not:

for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” - Hebrews 13:16

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“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

- We rejoice with the angels in heaven that **Andrew and Jessica Moore** were baptized into Christ for the remission of their sins last Sunday afternoon. They had been attending for several weeks and studied with one of the members here. **Jessica** is the daughter of **Margaret Herring**. Jessica had been baptized years ago and repented of falling away. However, she felt she had no understanding of why she had been baptized earlier and needed to be baptized now for the remission of sins. We rejoice in this and their commitment to the Lord. They are both zealous for the Lord. Encourage and pray for them, that they will grow in the faith.

“For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:” - 2 Timothy 2:11

THE BIBLE IN SATAN'S HANDS

The Bible in the hands of *sectarians* is being made to "teach" every imaginable contradiction known to religion. In *their* hands, it "teaches" Christian Science, Mormonism, Catholicism, Episcopalianism, Universalism, Trinitarianism, Spiritualism, Baptistism, Methodism, Presbyterianism, Premillennialism, Adventism, and a hundred more like "isms", all contradictory and agnostic. No two of them can be reconciled. Each claims God as its author. Each asserts that it is carried on by the "work of the Holy Spirit." Each believes that *it* is right and all the others wrong.

Now, who can believe that anyone but the devil endorses and "blesses" such contradictions and religious confusion? The Spirit of God *hates* and *condemns* all such divisions and emphatically says that **"they who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."** (Gal. 5:19-22). But the Spirit of Satan says, "they who practice such things *shall* inherit the kingdom of God."

Denominational divisions are *not* the servants of Christ, though they *think* they are. They are deceived and Satan is deceiving them. They say they are not being deceived, but they are liars and Satan is behind it.

They may shout "intolerance" at me, but that only intensifies their sin, for all I say, I quote from the Holy Spirit's teaching in the Bible. To accuse *me* of anything is dodging the force of the Spirit's indictment -- an effort to get me in the same boat with them. What if they succeed? Will that remove their guilt? Why not *repent* and *renounce* the divisions of denominationalism and become Christians instead of servants of Satan? Thousands living today have done this.

The Lord's church today is largely filled with persons who were once in denominationalism but who, seeing they were lost, fled from it and became disciples of Christ -- *Christians only*. They simply obeyed the Spirit and came out of Babylon. What about you?

Those who want you to *remain* in denominational confusion and continue to practice division in spite of the Spirit of God will tell you anything to hold you in sin and away from Christ.

They will tell you that if you quit the practice of denominational division and become a disciple of Christ or Christian, you will become a "Campbellite." They tell you that to hold you in sin. They are moved by no other motive. They will hate you if you become a Christian, and will love you if you remain in sin with them.

Such is the universal spirit of sectarianism, though they simply do not know that themselves. When they ask you to become a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, etc., they do not realize they are asking you to *commit sin against Christ*. And if they should find you determined to obey Christ alone -- as the people did on the day of Pentecost -- they will actually get mad at you because they cannot lead you to do something else.

Denominations are hostile to Christ, though they, like Saul, *think* they are "doing God service." But as Saul persecuted Christ in ignorance (**Acts 23:1; 1 Tim. 1:13**), so are they. That means they, like Saul, must turn from their sinful course and become obedient to the faith of Jesus Christ and leave denominations. May God help us in aiding them to see their duty and turn before they are eternally lost.

- **E. C. Fuqua**, Gospel preacher ~ 1910

“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