

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

ARE YOU REALLY LIVING LIKE CHRIST?

Some would be shocked and indignant if it were suggested that they were not living like Christ! Yet, their lives do not seem to include His principles. The term Christian means to be Christ-like. His teaching is our rule of conduct. Check the following to see some areas in which we may need to improve.

1. Do we do unto others as we would have them to do unto us? (Mat. 7:12). Is this our constant practice?
2. Do we rebuke our brother who has sinned against us with the hope that he will repent, or tell everybody but him? (Luke 17:3).
3. Are we busy-bodies in other men's affairs? (1 Pet. 4:15).
4. Lately, have we been praying for those who revile us, persecute and say all manner of evil against us falsely? (Mat. 5:11-12).
5. Do we do good unto all men, and especially those of the household of faith? (Gal. 6:10).
6. Have we forgotten to pray without ceasing? (1 The. 5:17).
7. Do we obey them that have the rule over us? (Heb. 13:7,17).
8. Do we serve the Lord heartily with all our might? (Col. 3:23-25).
9. Do we love the Lord our God with all our soul, heart, and mind? (Luke 10:27).
10. Do we visit the sick and help the needy? (Mat. 25:31-46).
11. Do we keep our appointments with the Lord for worship over our appointments with men? (Mat. 6:33; Heb. 10:25).
12. Are we willing to suffer with Christ in His cause? Are we ashamed when we do? (Rom. 8:17; 1 Pet. 4:16).

The question, “*Are you a Christian?*” does not always direct itself to those outside the church. Let us adorn the Gospel by lives that are truly faithful to the Lord.

- Gary Colley, Gospel preacher, missionary, and teacher, Tennessee

“It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master ...” - Matthew 10:25

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: HARVEY ALLEN

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“Choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell:
But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” - Joshua 24:15

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A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Margaret Herring, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier and Phyllis Johnson.*
- **Jones Gamble’s father** is not doing well. The Gamble’s cancelled their holiday drop-in in order to be in Manning with Jones’ father.
- **Margaret Herring** Is having many health problems, including a problem with her bones. Pray for her relief.
- **Tommy White** requests prayers for **Agnus Wright** who has pneumonia.
- **Pete Glott**, a member at North Columbia, and former member here at West Columbia, was hospitalized with pneumonia and likely will have some more tests.
- We’re thankful, along with Marshall and the family, that **Sharon Mancuso** had a safe trip to Washington DC and return.
- Give thanks to God and pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia.

“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.” - Psalms 121:1,2

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- We appreciate brother **Jones Gamble** publishing a list each week of those we missed on Sunday. Give those folks a call, or send a card to see if their ok, and to encourage them and let them know we miss them.
- **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 it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.” - Galatians 4:18

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SEE THAT YOU ABOUND IN THIS GRACE ALSO

“Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.” - 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” - Romans 10:13

Many people think *“calling on the name of the Lord”* means something like saying, *“Lord Jesus, please save me!”* — as long as it is sincere and from the heart.

But is that what Jesus meant when he had the apostle Paul write this? It’s good we recognize we are lost and Jesus can save us. Indeed calling on the name of the Lord **will** save; but we need to call on the Lord in the way he intended!

Satan would be perfectly happy to have everyone *“calling on the name of the Lord”* in a manner the Lord did not recognize. Don’t leave your salvation to chance. It’s the most important thing you’ll ever do — there’s a way we you can be sure.

The Lord gave us an excellent example of what *“calling on the name of the Lord”* means in the accounts of the conversion of the Apostle Paul. If we truly want to be pleasing to God, we must be diligent and seek out in His word, the Bible, what He wants, and not be lazy and just rely on our own assumptions.

In **Acts 9**, the first 20 verses, and in **Acts 22**, the first 16 verses, the conversion of Paul is described. Read both passages to get the full account.

Jesus wanted Paul saved. Jesus appeared miraculously and spoke to Paul (Acts 9:3,4 Acts 22:6,7). This was not enough to save Paul.

Paul acknowledged that Jesus was the Lord (Acts 9:5, Acts 22:8) This was not enough to save Paul.

Paul asked and was told to go into the city to hear what it was he must do (Acts 9:6, Acts 22:10). To be saved, Paul must first hear, then obey.

Paul went three days without food or drink (Acts 9:9), praying (Acts 9:11). Fasting and praying was not enough to save Paul.

The Lord chose Paul to be an apostle (Acts 9:15, 22:14). Being chosen by God was not enough to save Paul.

A disciple chosen by Jesus laid hands on Paul and Paul received his sight and was filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:17, Acts 22:13). Even this was not enough to save Paul, for in Acts 22 and verse 16 the disciple instructed by Jesus, said:

“And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” - Acts 22:16

Baptism was needed to wash away Paul’s sins. This then is how we *“call on the name of the Lord”*: By our belief that indeed Jesus is the Son of God, that He rose from the dead; By our repentance—turning away from our former lives to instead serve Jesus, and; By obedience to his commands!

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” - Mark 16:15

Are you better than the apostle Paul? Have you called on the Lord as he has told us? If not, then the Lord hasn’t heard you.

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

“The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:” - 1 Peter 3:21