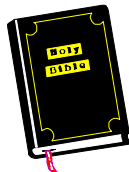


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## TRUTH MAKES CHRISTIANS

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 how ...  
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**"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**

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**“Exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;” - Hebrews 3:13,14**

*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.*
- **Anna Porter** was to come home from *Still Hopes* this past Thursday.
- **Margaret Herring** continues to suffer many health problems, sinus and bronchitis.
- **Anne Louise Gordon's** birthday is this Wed. Please try and send her a card or note to encourage her in her work at the prison.
- Give thanks to God for His mercy, and pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia.

**"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**

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

- **Signup sheet** for times when **Lorraine Porter** will need a ride to the assembly. **Jan Kelleher** has been handling this mostly, but will be out some Sundays in the next few months. Please take a look and help out where you can.
- **Building Cleaning** signup for the New Year is posted in the Foyer.
- **Marshal Mancuso** has gotten some special cards to send to visitors and those we haven't seen recently, see him to get some to use. Brother Gamble publishes a list each week of visitors and 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.

**"And He said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." - Luke 9:23**

Studying God's Word is one way how ...

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## **SAVE THE DATES!**

- **Gospel Meeting** at West Columbia with David Pharr Sun-Wed April 22-25.
- **Bible Studies** at the building, most Saturday afternoons at 3pm. Invite people!

**"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:  
and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you  
a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" - 1 Peter 3:15**

## **“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**

To avoid division, we must stick to God's word, so ...

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Another way to avoid division ...

**"That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." - 1 Corinthians 12:25,26**

**WHICH IS WHAT JESUS SAID AFTER ALL ...**

**“Jesus said unto him ,Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” - Matthew 22:37-40**