

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

ONLY THE CONVINCED CAN CONVERT

It is impossible to teach something to someone that you do not really believe. If you are going to be successful reaching the lost, you must be a true believer. You must understand what is at stake. When you understand what is at stake, you will be willing to say what needs to be said, you will understand how careful you need to be, and you will take your responsibility and the salvation of others far more seriously.

There are at least a couple of things that you must be convinced of before you can teach anyone. You must truly be convinced that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). You must be convinced that the person you are talking to is lost (Rom. 3:10-11). You also must understand how difficult it might be. Sadly, some of our evangelistic successes in the past have caused people in the world to pull back, because many people think they know what we believe and why. They honestly think we believe in water salvation or works salvation. They will attack quickly with the line, "You think you're the only ones going to heaven." They know that we have "a funny view about music." And that's a lot to overcome. Therefore, we must be convinced going in about their need, so that we can talk passionately - not about why they are wrong, but about how the Bible is right!

Also, someone who is truly convinced is going to offer something else to the subject - enthusiasm. There will be a backdrop to everything the person says about Jesus Christ that shows how much He means to us personally. People need to see that. You are not going to convince people by dryly going over a few verses of scripture. After all, most people approach the Bible emotionally in the first place. For the people we are trying to reach to value the truth, we first must show them that we value it.

- **Kevin W. Rhodes**, preacher, Granbury Street Church of Christ, Cleburne Texas

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” - Romans 1:16

IN THE BIBLE WE'LL DELVE IN 2012

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: **ED KELLEHER**

PM: **BILL YOUNG**

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,” - Matthew 28:19

“Am I my brother's keeper?” - Genesis 4:9

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NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY!

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:** Miles Johnson, Richard Ramkinson, Margaret Herring, Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier.

- Prayers are requested for **Steve Nimmons**, Trevia Parks son in law who might have a tumor growing on his pituitary gland.
- **K.C. Dunbaker** requests prayers for **Skyler Tieben** a student of his who became non-responsive at a soccer practice K.C. was supervising.

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." - Romans 8:18

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Bible Study at Church Building, most Saturdays at 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.

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but GOD gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but GOD that giveth the increase." - 1 Corinthians 3:6,7

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

- The **Sailors** family is happy to announce the arrival of **Lyla Grace**. She was born at 8:30 am Wednesday, August 29th. She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. All are well and at home. Remember them in your prayers.

REGARDING DENOMINATIONS:

“Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people.

And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.” - Acts 11:25,26

“Every denomination (Catholic or Protestant) had its origin this side of the New Testament. Every denomination has something in its teaching or practice that marks it as different from the church of the New Testament. Otherwise, it would not be a denomination.

As it was possible for an undenominational church to exist at Antioch, so it is possible now. Any church today that has the same faith and practice as did the church at Antioch (and other faithful New Testament congregations) is not a denomination, but a church of Christ”.—**David Pharr**, Gospel Preacher

“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

“And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.” - 1 Kings 18:21.

If you've made the choice to serve God—Good! Then watch out for this one:

"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." - 2 Peter 2:20-22

Remember, we need to take up our cross **daily**—to die to self daily. It isn't done all at once, baptism is the beginning, not the end. Do something for God **each day**, otherwise we'll windup as He says.

Have you found Christ? Good, are you like Andrew?

“ ... Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus.”- John 1:41,42

Andrew believed, and that belief produced action on his part. He went and told his brother Peter and brought him also to hear Jesus. You know the rest of the story about Peter and how he preached the first Gospel sermon on Pentecost. But what of Andrew? We have no recorded writings of his. But God has told us, and this we know—**that he brought his brother to Christ**. That is enough to know. We can't all be like Peter, but we certainly all can be like Andrew. Do you believe? Like Andrew?

People believe in God, but they have not obeyed the Gospel, because they have not heard the whole counsel of God preached. They will hear it at our Gospel meeting! Tell them of it! Work at it! Follow up with them, to see they come **hear!** They, and you (for God will remember), will be blessed as a result.

GO YE!

People need to hear the Gospel. Invite them to come hear.

“Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.” - Matthew 22:9

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.” - Matthew 28:19,20

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” - Mark 16:15

(Remember, we all must give account on judgment day—2 Cor 5:10)