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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Harvey Allen

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

**COUNT THE COST!**

**“For what shall it profit a man,  
if he shall gain the whole world,  
and lose his own soul?” - Mark 8:36**

**WHAT WILL IT BE WORTH 100 YEARS FROM NOW?**

Examine yourself! Are you really in the faith? (2 Cor 13:5)

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**JOIN US IN  
PRACTICING  
NEW TESTAMENT  
CHRISTIANITY  
TODAY,  
COME SEE!**

SERVICES

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study  
Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
Office Phone (803) 794-5320  
*Nursery provided*

INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY

Saturdays 3 pm  
*Everyone Welcome!*  
Bring your friends & Bible questions

EVANGELIST

Other than the members  
none at present time  
Full time position open

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

**DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FUN?**

Has anyone ever said this to you because of your behavior as a Christian? Have you ever thought this way in regards to being a Christian—that you don't have any fun? Is that the way it should be—that a Christian shouldn't have any fun? No! If you think so, you'll miss the boat! Consider David a moment, whom the Holy Spirit said was "A man after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22):

**"I have REJOICED in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in ALL RICHES. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will DELIGHT myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word." - Psalm 119:14-16**

Does this sound like a person who wasn't happy to you? What was it he was doing? Who was he out to please? - himself, or God? Was his enjoyment **physical** or **spiritual**? That's the key to understanding this. It is our **spiritual** man that counts!

People tell us today to change the way we eat. When we want a snack, don't get a candy bar, get an apple instead. It's better for us and just as satisfying. They say that our desire for **junk food** is just a **habit**, that can, and should, be changed into a desire for more healthful food. ("Repentance" anyone? ☺)

Well, as a Christian, our idea of what's **fun** should change also—it must! We should **want** to help others above ourselves (Romans 15:1-3). We should **enjoy** God's word more than a novel or the Sunday funnies (Psalm 1). We should **rejoice** in keeping God's word rather than feeling it's a burden (Acts 5:41). Remember, **"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."** (Matthew 5:6) This is a **promise** from God, don't you believe it? How are you acting? (see sidebar on page 3)

The **world's** idea of "having fun" is doing something for **yourself**. This is the part a Christian needs to change. "... remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive**" -Acts 20:35

Let's go after the "True riches", let's be like our Lord who said "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me". Let's find fulfillment and true joy as **children** of God. Let's **be** Christians.

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

Examine yourself, whether you are in the faith ... or not! (2 Cor 13:5)

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

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Merrie Christmus, Dorothy Gray & family, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Judy** had good news at the doctor concerning her blood pressure and doesn't have to go back for 6 months.
- **Pat Joyner** is still in pain but able to be at worship Wednesday night.
- **Margaret Herring** is improving.
- Continue to remember **Lauren** and her father, grandmother and niece in prayer.
- **Connie and Floyd** are still ill.
- **Mike Kennedy** is home and under going dialysis 3 times a week.
- **Spencer Gilmore** ( a friend of **Paula Kennedy**) undergoing cancer treatment.
- **Jan Kelleher** continues to suffer debilitating side effects from chemotherapy. She also continues to be in pain from bone cancer, but so far she is coping well and it is not spreading. All thanks and glory to **God** that the cancer is still not spreading, **Pray for all these**, and our search for an **evangelist** to help us with the work of the Lord here at West Columbia. Give **thanks** to God for his goodness and love for us.

"My grace is sufficient for thee:  
for my strength is made perfect in weakness" - 2 Corinthians 12:9

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

- **First Sunday!** All are invited to stay after the morning assembly to share a meal and time together. MENS MEETING AFTERWARD, VERY IMPORTANT!
- **MEN! Plan on discussing Sunday** our latest evangelist search respondent.
- **MEN!** Sunday AM and PM please find **Jason, Jones** or whoever is putting together the assembly duty roster and volunteer to help with prayer, Lord's table, singing, etc.
- **ALL! Contact** those on the Directory list you've not seen recently (like last Sunday).
- **ALL! INVITE SOMEONE TO VISIT US!** Give them one of the **church cards** that are on the table in the foyer. If you take some, please use them.

"He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." - 1 Corinthians 1:31

Examine yourself! Are you really in the faith? (2 Cor 13:5)

## **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

## **DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FUN? - (SIDEBAR)**

“And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.”—Acts 11:26

The disciples were called **Christians** by God. It was a divine proclamation, not man's. Read Acts 11 and you'll see **why** God called them Christians—they were **acting** like it.

If we claim to be Christians, we also need to **act** like it. We need to act like those good disciples described in the Acts of the Apostles and the other books of God's word. The Lord told us as much:

“**If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above**” - Colossians 3:1

This is really part and parcel of our repentance—changing our minds. Not minding the earthly, physical things, but instead setting our desires, our fulfillment on the heavenly, spiritual things God has called us to:

“**Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:**” - 1 Peter 4:1-4

They might think us strange, but God will call us “Christians”. — Ed Kelleher

## **THE ORIGINAL GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING, ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES...**

Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well, “...whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst” (John 4:14). We might not think that very important or pay much attention to it today because we've never really lacked for physical food or drink. That's too bad in a way, because like the Laodiceans (**Rev 3:14**), it can be hard for us to see we're starving—**spiritually**. Here's a bit of food from God that, if we make it a part of us, if we **memorize** it, **will** nourish us **forever**. Parents, our children memorize popular songs. You provide well for their physical needs, here's something much better for them (and us) to memorize:

“**Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law does he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.**” - Psalm 1