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**SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:**

AM: Mike Miles "Return to the old paths" Jeremiah 6:14-16

PM: Mike Miles "Bad stuff happens" 1 Peter 2:18-20

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

**"Let your light so shine before men,  
that they may see your good works,  
and glorify your Father which is in heaven." - Matthew 5:16**

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**On Request**  
*Everyone Welcome!*  
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none at present time  
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**"every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master." Luke 6:40b**

## FROM MIKE MILES, GOSPEL PREACHER

History shows that many gifted people were overlooked by almost everyone they came in contact with until someone believed in them. For example:

Einstein was four years old before he could speak and seven before he could read. Einstein became one of the greatest physicists who ever lived.

Isaac Newton did poorly in grade school. Newton, like Einstein was one of the smartest people of his day as a scientist.

A newspaper fired Walt Disney because he had "no good ideas". Listen to the rest of the story about Mr. Disney." It is reported that Walt Disney was not only a remarkable man but also a remarkably happy man. Recently there was a story about his early years. When he started out in Kansas City, he couldn't sell his cartoons. Some hinted that he had no talent. Disney had a dream, so he set out to conquer his foes. He found a minister who paid him a small amount to draw advertising pictures for his church. Disney had no place to stay, so that the church let him sleep in the mouse-infested garage. One of those mice which Disney nicknamed Mickey became famous--as the world knows. How satisfying life must have been for Disney when he remembered the hard struggle from lean years spent in a church garage."

Leo Tolstoy flunked out of college. It was later that he wrote the literature classic that we know as "War and Peace". Werner von Braun failed ninth grade algebra. Later in life he became a rocket engineer. All these people succeeded because they were willing to take the risk and invest themselves and apply their God-given talents.

That is all that God expects from you and me. Take what He has given us, refine it and use it to His glory. No one who reads this is without talent. If nothing else, you can read. You can take that talent to someone who can't. Accept them where they are and apply a little friendship evangelism and bring a new brother/sister into the Lord's church. Believe in yourself like God believes in you. As a church we are as strong because Jesus is our head. But we must share with others what someone shared with us so that we continue to grow God's kingdom. God will bless you as you try. I'm just Thinkin Out Loud.

Mike

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

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Don Blackwell, Merrie Christmus, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Barbara and Melvin Reeder, Stephanie Rigney.

- **Stephanie Rigney’s** pain was from flesh eating bacteria. She had emergency surgery at LMC, then was taken to Augusta where she has had 3 more surgeries. This is a life threatening disease, especially with a compromised immune system as she has. Pray God will have mercy on she and Steve as they deal with this.
- **Janet Boyd** has shingles in many places.
- **Pat Joyner’s** dizziness may be due to a spinal stenosis. It might need surgery.
- **Barbara Reeder** is soon to start dialysis, and continues in need of prayer.
- **Keep ALL these in your prayers**, that the Lord be merciful and pray also that we **all** grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**

**“Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.” - Psalms 27:14**

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

- **FIRST SUNDAY!** All are invited to stay after the morning assembly to meet with each other, and also with **Mike Miles** and his wife Joyce. Mike is very interested in working with us.. He is a sound, experienced man. His resume is posted on the bulletin boards.

**“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.” - 2 Corinthians 9:8**

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## **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**

## **IF THE ANSWER IS YES**

**“... upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” - Matthew 16:18**

In determining whether or not any given denomination is the one true church revealed in the New Testament, a simple question can be posed to its sectarian adherents. The question is as follows: **“Can an individual be saved outside your denomination?”** If the answer is yes, then that religious group is most assuredly not the church. Here is why.

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus promised that He would build His church. Notice that Christ said HE would build the church and that only one would be built. That church is identified by the apostle Paul as the body (Eph. 1:22-23) and is said to be the only body (Eph. 4:4), hence the only church. This church is also identified as the bride and Christ as its bridegroom (Eph. 5:22-23; cf. Matt. 9:15; 25:1). Christ is not a polygamist. He has but one bride for which He nourishes and cares.

The beautiful bride of Christ, the church, consists of a blood-bought people who, by faith, have been baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38,47). Collectively, these baptized believers are known as the saved, the church, the body, the temple, and the kingdom (Acts 2:47; Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 12:27; 1 Cor. 3:16; Col. 1:13, respectively). They belong to Christ, and wear His name (Rom. 16:16; 1 Pet. 4:16). It is this entity of people whom Christ will take to glory at the Judgment. Christ is clearly and unmistakably the Savior of this body - His body, the church (Eph. 5:23). Undeniably, salvation is to be found in the church and only in the church. Since the church is the body of Christ, and salvation is only in Christ (2 Tim. 2:10; Acts 4:12), it follows that one cannot be saved outside the church. When Christ comes again, He will save only those who are in His church.

Therefore, if an individual tells me that I do not have to be a member of their church to be saved, then I can know with certainty that their church is not the church of our Lord. Nearly all denominations assert that you can be saved even though you are not a member of their church. However, no one can be saved apart from the Lord's church. Thus, any religious group espousing the doctrine that salvation can be procured outside the church is not a church which belongs to Christ. Salvation is in the church. If you want to be saved, then you must be in the church.

**“And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” - Acts 2:47**

**John Moore**, minister, Dripping Springs church of Christ, Texas

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