



Today's Sermons

Morning: John 3 – A "MUST" Read Chapter
Evening: When Upon Life's Billows

Visit Us At:
www.wjchurchofchrist.org
For Audio Lessons,
Past Bulletins,
Bible Studies
& More

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study	26
Sunday AM Worship	39
Sunday PM Worship	n/a
Wed. Bible Study	31
Offering	\$1585



**WHICH STEP DO YOU NEED TO TAKE?
WILL YOU OBEY?**



A Weekly Publication of the
West Jefferson Church of Christ
130 Robert Street
West Jefferson NC 28694
Phone: (336) 846-5615 | Email: info@wjchurchofchrist.org
Volume IX May 15, 2016 Number 20

Minister:
Tim Canup
tim@wjchurchofchrist.org

Times of Services:
Sunday
Bible Study:... 10:00am
AM Worship...11:00am
PM Worship:...6:00pm
2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday
Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program
Sunday:.....7:30am
"Back to the Bible"
AM 580 WSKS
93.5 FM

**We Extend A
Warm & Cordial
Welcome
To All Our
Visitors!**

Who Is Head Of The Church? ~Selected

How would you answer this question? Compare God's answer with that of men.

"Who is the visible Head of the Church? Our Holy Father the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, is the Vicar of Christ on earth and the visible Head of the Church" (An Advanced Catechism of Catholic Faith and Practice by Thomas O'Brien, pg. 59).

"At the head (of the church, jhw) is the Prophet, Seer and Revelator with two counselors. These three presiding High Priests thus selected from the First Presidency, having jurisdiction over the church in all the world." (What the "Mormons" Believe, Epitome of the Doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, by President Charles Penrose).

On the other hand, Paul declares God made Christ "to sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named... and he put all things in subjection under his feet and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body..." (Ephesians 1:20-23). Who shall we believe? God or men?

Think about this. Christ is head of the church which is his body. If there is also an earthly head, then his body has two

Continued Inside

heads. But a body with two heads is a freakish thing and never survives. The church is the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:22-23). If there is also an earthly head, then the one church has two husbands. Bigamy is not an honorable state.

The teachings of men involve one in inescapable contradictions and confusion. The sure teachings of Scripture lead in simple, clear and harmonious paths.

Why submit your soul to a weak, fallible man who cannot save you? Submit yourself to Christ alone. He can save! He is sole head of His church. His word, recorded in the New Testament, must be your only rule of authority (John 12:48).

The Church of Christ has no head but the Lord Jesus! Why not be a member of it? Learn more about God's way at the Church of Christ near you.

REGARDING THE "CHURCHES OF CHRIST DISASTER RELIEF" ORGANIZATION

Ivie Powell

No doubt, many brethren, will be sending relief to the hurricane victims in South Texas and other areas. Brother Robert Meredith, faithful evangelist of the Green Plain church of Christ in Hazel, KY recently wrote an excellent article exposing the unscriptural organization known as the "Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Organization." For several years, many brethren with good intentions have worked through this organization. Brethren, simply because "good deeds" are done through an organization does not mean that organization is scriptural. After all, hundreds of human organizations do many good works, but are not connected with the Lord's church in any capacity. The "Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Organization," as correctly stated by brother Meredith, ". . . is a human benevolent society which mirrors the missionary society which was one of the major contributing forces that brought about the division in the Lord's church in the late 1800's." What is very clear is that the "Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Organization" is NOT the church! Furthermore, the Lord's church, not the "Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Organization" is to receive the glory (Eph.3:21; Col. 3:17).

"When a congregation sends its support to such organizations, it puts them in fellowship with the organizations. The "Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Organization" is known to be supported by the most liberal congregations. This would put the church in fellowship with liberal, digressive brethren. Ephesians 5:11 and 2 John 9-11 forbid such fellowship. This benevolent society also has a booth at the "Tulsa Soul Winning Workshop" which is a haven for false teachers." Another excellent point brother Meredith makes is, "Too the particular society is now sending out missionaries to the relief areas. Many of their "missionaries" do not even believe in the oneness of the church. Even if their missionaries were "trustworthy," missionary societies are sinful." As for attempting to parallel Children's Homes with this particular organization, brother Meredith wrote: "Some would contend that

benevolent societies parallel a Children's Home. However, there are major differences between the two. If my children were orphaned, could the church help my inlaws financially with the rearing of my children? Yes (Galatians 6:10). Can the church help a larger home do the work of a home? Yes! The church is still the one giving aid to that home. The church is in total control of the use of its funds. However, with a benevolent society it is different. The church is not directly helping the benefactors, the benevolent society is. It is acting as a "middle man" doing the work assigned by God to the church. There is a big difference between direct aid and indirect aid." Brother Meredith's concluding remarks well sums up why this particular organization is not scriptural when he wrote. "God is only glorified when the church does her own work, not when another organization other than the church does the work. "The "Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Organization" is not the church. The church can support a home to do the work of a home, but the church cannot support any human organization to do the work of the church. Doing a good work in an unauthorized way keeps it from being a good work (Colossians. 3:17; 2 Tim.3:16-17)."

Brother Meredith, in his opening remarks asked and answered the following question: "Is the "Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Organization" scriptural? No!" Therefore, since it is not authorized of God, faithful brethren cannot and must not work through this human organization! - - -Edited by Ivied Powell with brother Robert Meredith's permission.

Any honest, careful student of church history knows we are living again the scenes of apostasy that shattered the restoration movement of the 19th century. Attitudes, and probably motives, are virtually parallel to the sad saga of digression that shattered the work of great servants of the Lord a century ago. The powerful emphasis of "What does the Bible say?" is once again being replaced by "Is this acceptable to the people around about us?" One can detect an almost worshipful atmosphere at the shrines of higher education on the part of brethren today. And any student of history can tell you the end results of THIS arrangement! Even from among those who must know better comes an appeal for cheap grace, and not the deeply based teaching of the commands of Christ. It would appear that some are willfully ignorant (2 Pet. 3:5) as they wrest the Scriptures and go about seeking their own righteousness (Rom. 10:2; 2 Pet. 3:15-16). While they often speak of liberty and freedom in Christ, they and their devotees become the abject slaves of error (2 Pet. 2:17-22).

~ Johnny Ramsey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 15 – Preach & Eat – 1:30 Service
- May 24 – Evening Song Service
- June 3-5 – Tent Meeting in Lansing – 7:00 pm each evening
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell
- Wireless Internet Password: 94615548