

Today's Sermons

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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

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The Birthplace of the Church

Greg Weston

The church is a divine institution in fulfillment of a loving plan to redeem us from sin. Jesus established his church nearly 2,000 years ago in the city of Jerusalem. Many have sought to change the church, and have begun religious institutions they call a 'church', but Jesus established only one church.

When Jesus was preparing the people for the great blessing he would provide in the church he usually referred to the church as the kingdom. Those two words are used interchangeably for the church. Remember the words of Jesus, "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (Matt 16:18-19 NKJ). In the gospels he speaks of the church as the kingdom, but after the resurrection the word church is used more frequently than the word kingdom.

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Baptism

There are some today who teach that to be baptized, people can have water sprinkled upon them. Some even extend baptism (sprinkling) to babies and children.

THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT:

BAPTISM IS A BIRTH
 ■ John 3:5

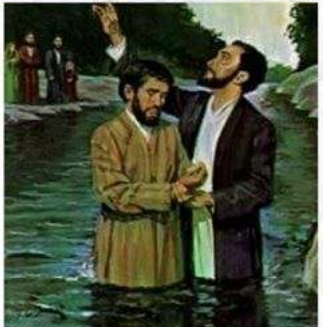

BAPTISM IS A WASHING
 ■ Acts 22:16

BAPTISM IS A BURIAL
 ■ Romans 6:4

BAPTISM IS A PLANTING
 ■ Romans 6:5

BAPTISM IS A RESURRECTION
 ■ Colossians 2:12

BAPTISM IS FOR "REMISSION OF SINS"
 ■ Acts 2:38

BAPTISM PUTS A PERSON "INTO CHRIST"
 ■ Galatians 3:27
 ■ Romans 6:3

BAPTISM IS FOR PENITENT BELIEVERS ONLY (NOT INFANTS WHO CANNOT BELIEVE)
 ■ Mark 16:15-16
 ■ Matthew 28:19-20
 ■ Acts 2:38; 18:8

THERE IS ONE BAPTISM
 ■ Ephesians 4:4

BAPTISM IS AN IMMERSION IN WATER
 ■ Acts 8:36-38

Chart Idea: The Gospel of Christ Newsletter, 2/2/11 Barnes' Bible Charts

Jesus taught those of his day that the kingdom would come ‘with power’ in their lifetime (Mark 9:1). Then he told his apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father, and till they were clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49). He told them the promise was the baptism with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4, 5), at which time they would receive power (Acts 1:7).

In the second chapter of Acts, the apostles were still in Jerusalem, were baptized with the Holy Spirit and received power. That power caused great interest and excitement. With the power coming upon them in Jerusalem the church was ‘born’. On that day Peter and the apostles declared that Jesus had been crucified by lawless men but was raised by the Almighty God. Then Peter instructed the people what to do in order to be forgiven (Acts 2:38). Three thousand souls were saved on that day because they gladly received what he said and obeyed the voice of the Lord. In Jerusalem the divine institution called the church was born. Read Acts 2 for the full account.

“Troublemaker” In The Church

Jerry Joseph

“And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim” (I Kings 18:17-18) Elijah, the prophet of God was accused of causing trouble in Israel. Ahab thought that Elijah was nothing but a troublemaker. Today some are charged with causing “trouble” in the church when they are standing for the Truth. Who is the real “troublemaker” in the church? It is the ONE who...

- ♣ CONFORMS to false doctrine not the one who CEASES it (Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 5:19-23).
- ♣ COMMENDS false doctrine not the one who CONDEMNS it (Eph. 6:10-17).
- ♣ CONDONES false doctrine not the one who CRIES OUT against it (Acts 20:27-31).
- ♣ CONTINUES in false doctrine not the one who COMES OUT of it (Rom. 12:21).
- ♣ COVERS UP false doctrine not the one who CORRECTS it (2 Timothy 4:2-4). ♣ COMPLIMENTS false doctrine not the one who CENSURES it (Titus 1:9-11). ♣ IS CONTENT in false doctrine not the one who CONTENTS against it (Jude 3).
- ♣ CONTRIBUTES to false doctrine not the one who CONFUTES it (Ephesians 5:11).
- ♣ CHEERS false teachers not the one who CHECKS OUT false teachers (I John 4:1).
- ♣ CHOOSES to sit at the feet of false teachers not the one who CALLS the names of false teachers (II Tim. 2:17-18).

♣ COMFORTS the false teacher not the one who CAUTIONS others about the false teacher (Matthew 7:15).

♣ CALLS the false teacher sound not the one who CALLS upon the false teacher to speak whereof he stands (I Peter 3:15). Elijah correctly directed Ahab to the real cause of the trouble in Israel. They had ceased following God's Word and had commenced following godless ways. When we turn from God's way, trouble will always be there because we will be in that godless way. Whenever we are confronted about spiritual things let us have the courage to do what the Bible commands and to call upon others to do the same. Let us be careful and cautious lest we become “trouble” in God's sight.

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God” (Romans 8:1-8).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 26 – Song Service
- June 2 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Class
- June 9 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- June 26-29 – VBS (Cookout Saturday)
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell