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Bible Study:... 10:00am
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Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am
"Back to the Bible"
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**We Extend A
Warm & Cordial
Welcome
To All Our
Visitors!**

LOCATING GOD'S CHILDREN

W. N. (Bill) Jackson (1929-1991)

For years, those of us in the church of the Lord thought we knew where the children of God were located. We had seen in Acts 2:47 that those who obeyed the Gospel of Christ were added by the Lord Himself to the church, which is His body (Eph. 1:22-23). The New Testament emphasizes repeatedly that there is but one body (Eph. 4:4). Never do we get, from the New Testament, a picture of some religious conglomerate made up of various religious denominations. The body is the church —the church of Christ (Rom. 16:16). Our preaching and teaching in the church used to ring out this point: 1) The saved are in the church; 2) The church houses the saved; 3) The saved are God's children; 4) God has no children outside His family, the church!

Of late, we are hearing of those who claim to find children of God throughout the religious world; yea, in all the religious denominations around us. Some have claimed to have found children of God in such numbers that "they're coming out of the woodwork!" And, it is a mighty peculiar thing, which peculiarity we now want to mention.

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"And Now Why Are You Waiting?" Acts 22:16

**SOME
TARRY IN
DISOBEDENCE
BECAUSE
THEY...**

DO NOT UNDERSTAND

• John 8:44-45 • Matthew 28:19
• Acts 8:30-39

SEE NO NEED

• Romans 3:23 • Galatians 3:22

HAVE WORLDLY PLEASURES

• John 12:42-43 • Matthew 10:34-39 • Gal. 1:10

ARE NOT SURE OF HOLDING OUT

• Rev. 2:10 • Matt. 11:28 • 1 Cor. 10:13 • 1 Peter 5:7

VIEW THE PRICE AS TOO HIGH

• Proverbs 23:23 • Mark 8:36-38 • Hebrews 11:24-26

KEEP THINKING OF TOMORROW

• Proverbs 27:1 • 2 Cor. 6:2 • James 4:13-15

PAUL DID NOT CONTINUE TO TARRY

HE OBEYED AND BECAME A CHRISTIAN

Those who claim that the Lord has children in all the denominations have a view of men entering the family of God, and thus are “in the church,” and such men are not even aware of it!

They have a view of these being “in the church,” and at the same time those “in the church” will argue against the church of the New Testament and its importance in God’s plan of things.

They have a view of men being in God’s family, the church, and becoming Christians, and at the same time these will refuse to wear the name Christian and will defend the use of human names!

They have a view of men becoming Christians, and entering the church, the kingdom of God, and yet denying that the kingdom has yet come, and they look for and teach concerning a mythical kingdom yet to be set upon earth!

They have a view of one entering the Lord’s family, becoming a Christian, and yet they will argue for a perverting of the New Testament pattern of worship as pertains to giving, to the Lord’s supper, and to the use of only vocal music in worship!

They have a view of some being in the church, being Christians, and yet they will argue against the Lord’s New Testament teaching on church organization and will fight to protect a man-made system, far, far removed from the Bible!

Brethren, something is bad, bad wrong with any view that has such contradiction in it! This surely indicates the difficulty facing men when they try to improve on what the New Testament teaches, and when they try to find some children for God outside that family He has identified on the pages of Scripture!

We tire of hearing men speak of these, wholly sold on sectarianism, and wholly defensive of man-made systems, and claiming for them that “they have the necessary faith, have repented of sins, have confessed the Christ, and have been baptized acceptably,” and thus are “in the church, are Christians,” when they do not know it and are virtually in darkness concerning all things peculiar to the Lord’s system! Perhaps we need to take a look and see that, considering where they are and the convictions they now have, something is defective in their faith, defective in their repentance, defective in their confession, and defective in their baptism! Those in New Testament times who had their souls purified did so in obeying the truth of God (1 Peter 1:22), which was the Gospel (Eph. 1:13). Never do we find those who somehow heard false doctrine, believed false doctrine, obeyed false doctrine, joined some false system with one-hundred-percent endorsement of false doctrine, but somehow they were “God’s children” and “Christians.”

It may be called a narrow view—that which we have been setting forth—but we are in good company (Matt. 7:13-14). A very simple truth is that men must be taught (John 6:45)

if they are going to become children of God. Additionally, they must be taught the truth! Who would have thought that we would ever see the day when men would, in the church, stand up and argue that God has children scattered throughout denominationalism, which children deny the very body these claim they have been added to by the Lord! We will do better if we will return to proclaiming the Gospel of Christ in its purity, and stress the plan of salvation with power and clarity, and set forth the one body—the church of the Lord—in its holiness and beauty!

We do a confusing work, reflecting upon our own convictions pertaining to the Word of God, when we follow a soft and compromising course. Many of those who belong to God have (over thirty and more years of faithfulness in God’s family) yet to find those “children of God” throughout denominationalism. Acts 2:47 tells us where they are! We will stand on that.

God’s children are in the church of Christ which he purchased with his blood. The church is his. It belongs to him. It wears his name. It abides by his doctrine. Man has made many churches, but the Lord made only one. Only those who are members of his church will be saved (Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23).

“He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:15-19).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sept 29 – Song Service
- Oct 6 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Class
- Oct 13 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell