"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

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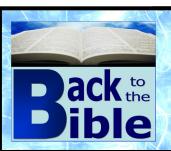
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2	SAMARITANS ACTS 6:5-13	HEARD 8:6	BELIEVED 8:12			BAPTIZED 8:12
3	SIMON ACTS 8:13	HEARD 8.5	BELIEVED 8:13			BAPTIZED B:13
4	ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH ACTS 8:36-81	HEARD 8:35			CONFESSED 8:37	BAPTIZED 8:28
5	SAUL - (PAUL) ACTS 9:1-9; 22:6-16; 26:12-	HEARD 22:16				BAPTIZED 9:18
6	CORNELIUS ACTS 10:25-48	HEARD 10:33	BELIEVED 10:43			BAPTIZED 10:48
7	LYDIA ACTS 16:13-15	HEARD 16:13-14	BELIEVED 16:14			BAPTIZED 16:15
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Times of Services:

Sunday

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

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A Great Responsibility

by Dale Grissom

There is a gulf between the church and the world. This exists because believers are committed to the moral standards of Christ and non-believers are not. Christians do not always live up to these standards, but forgiveness of sins is one blessing that Christians have. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Corinthians 6:17-18).

It has always been difficult to maintain the moral standards in the church. In the early church, congregations like Corinth had moral problems. In the last 40 years a great change has taken place in our country. When I was a boy attending public elementary school, we had chapel service every morning where prayer, Bible reading and singing took place. We have come a long way since those days, and much of the change has not been good.

Our children and grandchildren are growing up in a different environment. This places a great responsibility on Christian parents to train their children to maintain good morals. The church has a great responsibility to teach its members to abstain from the evils of our modern society. The also places a great responsibility on the elders. Elders must see that the teaching and training of the congregation is sufficient to help the members shun the sins of the world and to cleave to that which is right with God.

THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS CHRIST

David P. Stevens

God does not engage in idle talk! When God speaks, He means what He says and says what He means. Many want to do things their way instead of God's way. This creates a battle of wills. Who will win?

- I. Authority—Its Source. "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18). Jesus has supreme authority. No man has the right to usurp the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- II. Authority—Its Nature. Jesus has the right to "bind and loose." This means that He has the right to command men to obey Him. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you…" (Matt. 28:19, 20). We are responsible to heed those things revealed by God (Heb. 2:1-3). The Scriptures should command our attention, time, thoughtfulness, faith and obedience.
- III. Authority—Its Accountability. Jesus said, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). Why listen to God and Christ? God's Word will judge us in the last day. We are accountable to God for our words, attitudes, and actions. If we use our will to defy the God of heaven, we will face the wrath of God. If we use our will to do the will of the Father, we will receive God's favor. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:14).

"I think that I shall never see; A church that's all it ought to be
A church whose members never stray; Beyond the strait and narrow way
A church that has no empty pews; Whose elders never have the blues
A church whose deacons always deak; And none are proud and all are meek
Where all are always sweet and kind; And all to others' faults are blind
Such perfect churches there may be; But none of them are known to me
But still I'll work and pray and plan; To make our congregation the best I can.

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Preach a Sermon, Preacher

Preach a sermon, Preacher, but don't preach very long; Just tell the love of Jesus Christ but don't condemn the wrong. Say not a thing of doctrines false, lest others be offended; Then turn away from us today, and call us narrow minded.

Preach a sermon, Preacher, but don't preach very plain; Let others guess at what is meant, don't ever call a name. We'll sing your praises long and loud, we'll keep you many a day, But make it clear, and you'll hear, "Brother, be on your way!"

Preach a sermon, Preacher, but say nothing of our sins; Let us keep on as though we have none, perhaps we'll make amends. Please, let us dance, gamble, wear shorts, and take in every show, Make us secure and very pure, we're humans, don't you know.

Preach a sermon, Preacher, but speak not to us of duty, Just preach about the grace of God, and picture heaven's beauty. Leave out the things that we must do, we're busy making money; We haven't time, can't spare a dime, won't even be there Sunday.

Preach a sermon, Preacher, when it comes mine to die,
Tell all my kith and kin about my home beyond the sky.
Preach the sermon, make strong, preach me straight to heaven;
That's my only way to get to stay, where Christ's reward is given!

"If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- > Jan 29 Prayer Service
- Feb 5 Men's Bus. Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class after Evening Worship
- Feb 12 Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship & Song Service
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell