

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

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You Are Cordially Invited to Our

Spring Gospel Meeting

May 7-11, 2023

With Guest Speaker:

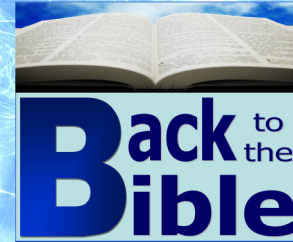
Jeff Johnson

West Jefferson Church of Christ

130 Robert Street; West Jefferson, NC 28694

SUNDAY:.....10:00AM, 11:00AM & 1:30 PM
MONDAY-THURSDAY:.....7:00 PM

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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
"Back to the Bible"
AM 580 WSKS
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**We Extend A
Warm & Cordial
Welcome
To All Our
Visitors!**

JOHN 5:22-29

What Jesus Has, Does, And Deserves

Roger D. Campbell

John 5 records that Jesus healed an impotent man in Jerusalem. Instead of rejoicing in this marvelous miracle and the man's health, the reaction of the antagonistic Jews was to seek to kill Jesus because He performed this wonder on the sabbath day (John 5:16). In response to this, our Lord spoke first of His Deity, calling God His Father (John 5:17). From there He went on to speak about some things that He has, does, and deserves.

Consider some of these from verses 22-29:

1. The Judgment of Jesus – "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son" (5:22). Knowing that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world through His Son (Acts 17:30), are you making your personal preparation for that judgment the number one priority in your life on earth?

2. The Honor of Jesus – "That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him" (5:23). Knowing that God wants you to honor His Son, how much honor do you give to Jesus with your words and actions?

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3. The Life-Giving Power of Jesus – Jesus named three facts that show His power to give true, spiritual life. (1) “He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life” (5:24); (2) “...the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live” (5:25); (3) “For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself” (5:26). Knowing that true life can be obtained only in and through the Lord Jesus, how much do you really appreciate Him? And, how much is He truly the focus of your thinking?

4. The Authority of Jesus – “And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man” (5:27). Later Jesus said that all authority had been given unto Him in heaven and in earth (Matthew 28:18). Knowing that Jesus has all authority, how willingly and completely do you submit to His commands?

5. The Raising and Dividing Power of Jesus – “Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation” (5:28,29). What will Jesus do? He will speak (the dead will hear His voice), He will call forth the dead (as He did Lazarus), and He will divide them, sentencing some to everlasting damnation and some to everlasting life (Matthew 25:46). Knowing Who will “be in charge” when the dead are raised and judgment is carried out, and understanding the two possibilities that loom before us all (eternal condemnation or eternal salvation), just how serious are you right now about living for Him and doing all things in order to please Him?

The message about Jesus in John 5:22-29 is clear. Each one of us needs to acknowledge His judgment, honor, life-giving power, authority, and power to raise and divide the dead. More than just admitting these truths, however, we each need to commit our lives to Him, truly live for Him each day, and tell others the wonderful news about Him.

*“I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul. Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me. Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee” (Psalm 116:1-7)*

EIGHT REASONS WHY I ATTEND ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

By Richard Guill (adapted)

1. God has commanded it and my love for God moves me to obey His command (John 14:15; Hebrews 10:25).
 2. I want to learn as much of God's Word as I possibly can (Col. 1:9-10).
 3. I love my brethren and enjoy meeting with them as often as I can.
 4. I want to set the right example for others. I don't believe I can have the right influence upon others, particularly those who are weaker in the faith, if I do not attend those periods of Bible study.
 5. I am encouraged by being around the most diligent workers in the church. They will be at the mid-week Bible study periods.
 6. I attend because I believe we ought to have the attitude of "What more can I do?" instead of "What do I have to do?"
 7. I believe that the first and greatest commandment, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matt. 22:37), and the sobering words of Jesus, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" (Matt. 6:33), can best be fulfilled by those who attend mid-week Bible study.
 8. The Bible teaches that Jesus may come at any moment (Matt. 25:13) and if He should come on Wednesday night, I certainly would want to be there with the saints studying His Word and worshipping Him rather than to be somewhere else doing something which is not nearly as important to me spiritually.
- Now these are eight of the reasons (there are more) why I attend Wednesday night Bible study. I know that some who read this may NOT attend these services. If you are among them, would you do me a favor? Would you list the reasons (any number) why you do NOT attend?

“And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’” (Acts 20:35).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 30 – Prayer Service
- May 7 – Preach & Eat & 1:30 Worship Service
- May 7-11 – Gospel Meeting with Jeff Johnson
- May 14 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Bible Class after Evening Worship
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell