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Worship Opportunities

Sundays

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Week

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Patchogue Church of Christ Patchogue, NY 11772

A multi-racial community of believers with a purpose and vision to live holy lives, fulfill the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving each other and our community with compassion, love and the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ.

Records you Made:	11/01/15	10/25/15
Bible Classes	27	27
Worship Service	96	93
General Contribution 2nd Sunday - Bldg	\$1641.00	\$2910.00
Wed Bible Class	31	30
Baptisms / YTD	-	10

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. Ro 16:16

Youth Corner

By
Jamal Colson



Hope

Young people have you considered "Hope?" Young people, you are faced with many challenges in your life. Some of the challenges are managing relationships, some are the lack of relationships. Many of you have to deal with peer pressure, social media, limited resources, and health concerns. As you manage your life ask yourself,

"where then is my hope— who can see any hope for me?" (Job 17:15 NIV).

Young people your challenges are not new to mankind just new to you. God will meet *all* your needs. *"But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you," (Psalm 39:7 NIV).*

My hope is in Jesus Christ! Praise God that we can anchor ourselves in his hope. *"But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love," (Psalm 33:18 NIV).*

Young people as you journey through your teens and beyond remember as long as we are ALIVE we have hope. *"Anyone who is among the living has hope — even a live dog is better off than a dead lion!" (Ecclesiastes 9:4 NIV).*

In conclusion, we need to do further study in "Hope" realizing we can grow. The more you invest, the more you can learn. *"As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more," (Psalm 71:14 NIV).*

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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The truth of God

"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free," (John 8:32).

The truth of God states, "No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish," (Luke 13:3); Yet many people will not repent of their sins. "...proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned," (Mark 16:15-16). Yet many people still refuse to be baptized so that they may be saved by Jesus. John 8:32 makes it clear that men must have a deep and abiding respect for the truth of God. The truth of God for us today is what God has spoken: "In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, ..." (Heb. 1:1-2).

A great truth to learn and respect is this, "God Has Spoken!" Jesus tells us that when God spoke, He spoke words. "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God," (Matt. 4:4). These spoken words were written down so that we may read and understand them, "assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit," (Eph 3:2-6).

The words spoken by God came to us via Jesus Christ, and His chosen apostles and prophets. God made it abundantly clear that those spokespersons were to be listened to as by listening to them we are in fact listening to God. Of Jesus, the Father said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him," (Matt. 17:5). Of the apostles and prophets Jesus said: "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me," (Lk 10:16).

The teachings of the apostles and the new testa-

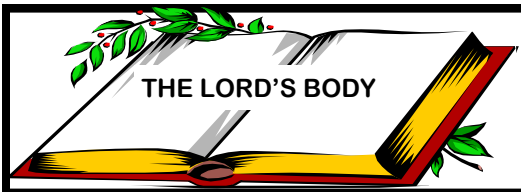
ment prophets are of equal importance and strength as the teachings spoken directly by Jesus Christ Himself. Many publishing houses that print Bibles print the direct speech of Jesus in red. By so doing they make the implication that the words spoken by Jesus are more important than the written words of the apostles or prophets. While this may be a good marketing tool for the sale of Bibles, it is a false concept; the red and white prints are both the words of Christ and are of equal authoritative import.

The teachings of the apostles are the word of God which is the teachings of Christ. This was accepted and understood by the early Church who "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship..." (Acts 2:42) and were commended because of their attitude, "And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers," (1 Thess. 2:13-14).

The word of God is the truth of God; it is to be believed, accepted, obeyed, practiced and taught. It is to be treated with the greatest degree of reverence and respect. It is not to be viewed as the teachings of mere men, and it must always take precedence over the ideas, views or philosophies of human beings. The truth of God is supreme. Jesus said it will be the basis of judgment on that awesome day when all men will be judged. "There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day," (John 12:48).

We cannot over stress, the importance and necessity of reading and studying the Bible and especially by we the people who wear the name of Christ. We must be thoroughly educated in the gospel of Christ. Jesus said, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples" (John 8:32). We cannot continue in what we have not begun; we cannot continue in that of which we are ignorant. Let us give the truth of God, His holy word, the prominence it deserves in our lives. Let us take the time to read it, study it, learn it, obey it and live by it.

Lancelot W.



The family by John Stallworth



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ladies' Corner
by
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Morning Service

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Ben Field	
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Closing Song #7	703

The Gospel Truth

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Pearls

Mt. 13:45-46 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

Gold, silver and jewels have been human treasures for thousands of years. Their beauty has mesmerized. Men and women have cheated, stolen and killed to get them. We've tied these precious materials to money and even love. If a man proposes to a woman with a "small" diamond, his love is insufficient. The value that we've placed on these stones and metals is fascinating.

Jesus capitalizes on this value in this parable: the merchant searched not just a pearl, but a "fine" pearl. Rare. In his search, he found one of "great value". This pearl was so valuable to him, he sold ALL he had to purchase it. Can you consider what this man might have sold just to get this pearl? Home, cattle, other precious stones and metals; whatever he had was included in ALL. What jewel, metal, or other thing would sell everything to purchase? Considering this thought: I think of an investment. For example, if you found a stock that you were assured would do well in the market, you'd sell 'ALL' or as much of 'ALL' as you could to try to benefit of this sure-fire thing. You'd be so excited about it, your money would just float out of your pocket. This is exactly Jesus' point of the Kingdom of God. The kingdom is an investment, with a retirement plan "out of this world". When we commit to Jesus, we are betting big on this "SURE-FIRE" thing. The ROI (return on investment) is immeasurable. The best part is: if we're ALL in, the guarantee is assured. "ALL", however, really means ALL; home, time, money, pride, commitment, etc.

Question: Is the "Pearl" of great value to you? Are you willing to invest in the kingdom of heaven?

Matt. 6:19, 20 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."

The Perils and Perks of Prophecy – Part V

Question – What about “date setting?”

Short Answer - When Jesus says “It is not for you to know the day or the season” He is the authority on the matter...end of story... no debate. THAT IS IT. Jesus, the Son of Man, said HE didn't know the day, because the father had fixed it secretly (**Matthew 24:36**). **What would make you think that you, or any other man, would have a better answer? Utter Hubris.** There are no hidden messages regarding dates in the bible that Jesus would not know, Jesus clearly said we can recognize the signs and events signaling His return (“when you see these things”) but we cannot know exactly when. In fact, even those expecting His return will likely be surprised by it. This is typically where we stop because those who taught us... tell us to stop. But it is not the end of the story because we are still here. It didn't stop Paul from saying he wished we **all** could have the spiritual gift of prophecy, nor did it stop Jesus' followers from commenting on events in light of scripture.

LIST OF FOOLS - Examples of those who prophesied but were proven wrong as they bashed themselves upon the rock of the scriptures are numerous. Here are a few...

Harold Camping – Predicted the End in 1994...then 2011.

Jehovah's Witnesses – Claimed Christ came to Earth in 1874 and then 1914 based on an interpretation of prophecies in Daniel. **I note** – they have said that this was a “spiritual manifestation” You might laugh until you realize that we have been taught similar doctrines – more on that later.

Popular Culture –2012 according to review of the Mayan Calendar.

William Miller – Claimed 1843...then..1844.

Jack Van Impe - Says it could be 2018....

John Hinkle - Claimed he had a vision that pointed to 1994

Sir Isaac Newton – One of the greatest scientists of all time. Claims it will be 2060.

The problem here is that these men are the very ones who contribute to the attitude actually predicted in scripture- **2 Peter 3:3-4** *Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming?”* These men allow people to mock.

I wish to strongly admonish, that you do not become one of these... who is a believer, yet unwittingly mocks scripture prophecy because you have become desensitized to the topic due to false prophets. Don't let 2 Peter 3:3-4 refer to you. Indeed, if you dismiss this topic because of false teaching, you are guilty of being one of the people this verse spoke of.

A Woman's Place II

In this most controversial of topics, Proverbs 31 illustrates for us the woman's place as household manager. She manages the feeding of the family and domestic affairs; she also manages their clothing; she takes care of her family and all its domestic affairs. While doing all of this, she runs a business to support the needs of her family.

The Bible tells us that a woman who manages her household, “looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness” (Prov. 31:27). The scripture breaks down the ways she does this. She takes care of their health in her choice of food for the family: “she provides food for her family” (vs 15), but not just any food. “She brings her food from afar” (vs 14). This suggests that she is careful about the quality of the food served in her house. In today's world, there is no excuse not to follow this example, with such an abundance of information available to us about healthy eating. She herself takes care of her body to ensure that “her arms are strong for her tasks” (vs 17). She ensures that they are well clothed – “When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet... she herself is clothed in fine linen and purple.”

We also learn from Proverbs 31 that a woman's place may involve supporting her household through her own industry – “she considers a field and buys it” (vs. 16); she earns money – “out of her earnings she buys a field” (vs16). She knows how to turn a profit. In today's age of city living, this can be translated into many and varied careers where women use their skills and intelligence, as this woman did, to support the needs of their family.

A woman's place is to “look well to the ways of her household.” This is not done through idleness and neglect, but through diligence. It involves ensuring proper nourishment, clothing, and care for her family, both physically and spiritually, as she seeks to ensure that they are “clothed with purple,” and also clothed in Christ (Galatians 3: 27).