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2. To offer our subscribers Biblical weekend seminars to train them in evangelism.
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### ***THIRTY RULES OF BIBLE STUDY – RULE ONE***

Rule one of Bible study is that Bible studies are for people looking for Christ, and not for people not looking for Him. In Matthew 7.7-8 from the Updated New American Standard Bible, Jesus promised to those looking for Him, “(7) Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (8) For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.” Contextually, Jesus assures those truly desiring the spiritual and eternal treasures to be found only the kingdom of heaven will ultimately receive them (Matt. 6.19-21). However, their eventual obtainment of them depends upon their continual asking, seeking, and knocking on the door of God’s kingdom for as long as they live (Rev. 2.10).

Consequently in Matthew 7.13-14, Jesus also stated, “(13) Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. (14) For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.” Therein, from His own Holy Spirit empowered words (Acts 10.38), Jesus truthfully declared that few of humanity will make it into heaven while many will make it into hell. Hence, the conclusion becomes that the many (as opposed to the few) of humanity are more interested in laying up for themselves the physical and temporal treasures of earth than those of heaven. No one (except God) knows what the numerical ratio is between the few and many, but it is colossal.

Numerically speaking, the harvesting (evangelizing) of lost souls is surely plentiful, and the workers (evangelists) are few (Matt. 9.36-38; Luke 10.2). Therefore, all faithful churches of Christ (with all their Christians) need proactive evangelism programs. Such programs need to be of high enough calibers that warrants their continued survival via numerical and spiritual growth. Or, they must encourage the continuous harvesting of lost souls which comes from having many workers instead of just a few. Thus, the thirty rules (including rule one) of Bible study are meant to better prepare the Christians (who learn them) to rightly reach lost souls. After all, the apostle Paul pictured the evangelist and evangelism as a spiritual fighter in a spiritual fight (1 Tim. 4.7).

Tom Wright

### ***EVANGELISM - MINISTRY ACTIVITIES OF “THE UNVEILED GOSPEL”***

Upcoming Events:

March 2016

18-19 – Door Knocking Campaign for the Walsh church of Christ, Walsh CO.

31 – Door Knocking Campaign for the Kim church of Christ, Kim, CO.

April 2016

19-22 – Door Knocking Campaign for the La Junta church of Christ, La Junta, CO.

23 – Weekend Seminar for the La Junta church of Christ, La Junta, CO.

May 2016

12-13 – Door Knocking Campaign for the Limon church of Christ, Limon, CO.

14 – Weekend Seminar for the Limon church of Christ, Limon, CO.

## SAYING GOODBYE

a white shape, I noticed a solid black one!

I shared this with my wife who then provided a vital piece of information concerning the rug: since it was modeled after Native American craftsmanship, the rug's lack of symmetry was a purposeful thing. As I was told the saying goes, "The rug cannot be perfect because only God is perfect!"

For centuries, people have sought the perfect church. If we could just find the church where everyone got along and no one's personality conflicted and the preacher taught exactly what was needed to be heard every Sunday and the pews were always full and the temperature in the building was comfortable for everyone... I think you get the picture!

Jesus himself called us to be perfect, "*You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect*" (Matthew 5:48). But this perfection is only obtained through Christ. Jesus certainly knows and understands that we are not able to be perfect on our own. And he also knows that despite our best efforts, we are fallible people.

There is no such thing as a perfect church – at least not in the way we want to define it. But a perfect church is made up of those who do the will of the Father. "*[B]ut whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him*" (1 John 2:5).

Like the rug that sits on the floor of our house, the church is far from useless. There is an imperfection in the rug and there are imperfections in the *people* who make up the church, but the church is perfect if it is centered on the commandments of Christ. The church is well made and can take a lot of wear and tear. It can be a comfortable place and can handle a mess from time to time. But it also must be maintained. It needs to have stains removed. It needs to be repaired when it starts to get frayed and tattered.

"*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death*" (Romans 8:1-2). Jesus heals and continues to heal. He cares for his church – flaws and all – and makes us perfect every day. There is a perfect church and it belongs to Christ!

D.J. Overman

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

When we were baptized we gratefully followed God's guidance to be brought into a new kind of life. We, like the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8, went away rejoicing because we were "raised to walk in a newness of life" (Romans 6:4). We gladly received the word of God as truth and now live in accordance to His holiness instead of dying with the flesh's defilement. But what does it mean to live a holy life? What changes must take place for us to not live as hypocrites? God's word is clear in what it is God desires from us by what He continues to do in us.

Through the study of God's word it is easy to conclude that sin is not good. It brings shame, separation and sorrow. But, because we live in the flesh, it is not always easy to understand how deep these words truly run. When we decide to turn our back to God's congregation to spend time enjoying ourselves and maybe even our family, it is hard to understand that as shameful. But when we think of standing before God and answering His question of why we did not sacrifice our time to please Him instead of choosing to please our own desires, it becomes clearer.

We should be ashamed of ourselves when our flesh rules our actions. We are baptized born again Christians, which means we have died to sin to be in fellowship with Him. Yet, we live in a world that will not help us to see the shame in making such decisions but we are not citizens of this world: "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20).

The Bible also shows us that sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). There are many people in this world that love God, but we lose the majority of those people when loving God demands sacrifice. Israel was God's chosen nation, but when they tried other ways to bring happiness to their hearts beyond what God instructed, they found themselves separated from God's grace and unprotected. God's grace appeared to teach us how to love God and hate sin: "[I]nstructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age" (Titus 2:12).

As God's children, we leave our senses when we choose to turn away from God's instructions to live in a way that our flesh tends to find more pleasing. As we rejoice knowing our sins have been washed away, let us remember the reason we should rejoice is in knowing that God has provided a better way of life for us. He has given us the

opportunity to live in Christ and not die in sin. Dying in sin is an eternal separation from God, a separation we will not know the full effect of until we have left this realm: “These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (Matthew 25:46).

One of the greatest lies we have ever been told is that there is happiness to be found in sin. The truth that God revealed to us is that sin only brings sorrow. Trying to find happiness in the world is vanity: “Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had exerted, and behold all was vanity and striving after wind and there was no profit under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 2:11).

True joy can only be found in the new life God has brought to us in Christ. When God poured His Spirit in us, He filled our hearts with His nature. He changed what brings joy to our souls. This change only sees temporary happiness as sorrow. We should not waste our time on earth chasing the wind. We should live as new creatures searching eternal joy.

Cub Orcutt

## A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ

***A GOOD SOLDIER MUST...*** 2 Timothy 2:3

**ENLIST**  
Matthew 11:28-30  
Matthew 12:30  
Romans 6:17-18



**PURSUE VICTORY**  
1 John 5:4  
1 Corinthians 15:55-57  
2 Timothy 4:7-8

**OBEY ORDERS**  
Matthew 28:19-20  
Colossians 3:17  
2 John 9

**COURAGEOUSLY FIGHT**  
1 Timothy 6:12  
Philippians 1:17  
2 Corinthians 10:3-5

**PATIENTLY DRILL**  
1 Timothy 4:7-8  
Hebrews 5:13-14

**ENDURE HARDNESS**  
2 Timothy 2:3-4  
1 Corinthians 9:27  
1 Peter 4:12

**BE ARMED**  
Ephesians 6:10-18  
1 Peter 4:1  
Romans 8:9

**Are You Pleasing Him Who has Chosen You as a Soldier?**

Barnes' Bible Charts

## ***BEING A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST***

Jesus gives us what He expects from us if we say we are His follower in Mark 9:34...”he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow Him.”

The best example of anyone being denied is that of the Lord Himself. When Peter was confronted for knowing and being with the Lord he declared three times that he did not know the man, even with a curse. How many of us can say that of ourselves. Do we know who we are?? Paul declares that we are dead and our life is hidden in Christ, Col. 3:3. Denying ourselves is telling everyone we are the Lord’s.

The cross was an instrument of death. Not only does Paul say we have died, but also says, ‘I’ve been crucified with Christ” Gal. 2:20. We must die to self daily (1 Cor. 15:31). When we realize that our life belongs to Christ we do everything the Lord desires. His desire will then become our desire, His will becomes our will.

When His will becomes our will, then following Him becomes our greatest goal. There is no one greater, no one lovelier, and no one holier than our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is the only one worthy of following. There are millions of things we can follow in this world. However, there is only one that offers salvation, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Paul states that we should, “follow him as he follows Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1). Following Christ is the only thing that makes life worth living.

Being a follower of Christ leads to the greatest gift of all...a home with Christ in heaven. That’s our main goal. That is our greatest desire. Nothing on earth compares to that.

Danny Aragon

## ***THE PERFECT CHURCH***

There is a rug in our home that we have had for at least a year. I see and walk on it every day. It is a nice rug. It is well made and stands up well to traffic and spills and the like. But the other day I was sitting on the rug and noticed something peculiar.

Rugs have patterns and these patterns promote symmetry. As you look from one side to the other, you will see a repeat of a pattern. But as I sat there and looked over the symmetry of the rug, I found a flaw. On each end of the rug was a shape with repeating