

The Unveiled Gospel

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Victorious Focus

“He said to Him, "O Lord, how shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family is the least in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's house” (Judges 6:15).

There is a false belief in this world that the Christian life is free from trouble. The Bible clearly shows that pursuing God’s righteousness will cause many difficulties. Paul explained this predicament to a young preacher named Timothy: “Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” (2 Timothy 3:12). Even Christians have to face the troubles of life. There is no easy way, there is no quick way but there is a safe way and that is through Jesus Christ. When we focus on Jesus and His abilities instead of our own, victory truly awaits. Gideon was one who focused on his own ability and couldn’t see victory, but when he focused on God he was victorious over his fears.

There are trials everywhere we live. When we focus on our own abilities we will fail. Paul said Christians live life in a manner that is pleasing to God. God finds no pleasure in His children being overcome by trials. He has given us His Son to remind us that victory can be ours if we will focus on His power and not our own. His plan of salvation cannot be conceived by human minds so he sent His Son to bring the impossible to reality (i.e. John 3:16). But when we focus on our own ideas to find salvation we will fail. We must believe in Jesus. That is to simply trust and obey His teaching. You cannot believe in Jesus and don’t do what He says: “Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?” (Luke 6:16). Many today, know Jesus as Savior, but do not recognize Him as Master: “Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’

“And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS” (Matthew 7:22-23). Jesus denounces anyone who doesn’t heed His words. He calls them “lawless.” This is the title that goes to anyone who focuses on their own abilities instead of having faith in God’s plan of salvation.

We can only be right with God by dying to our own beliefs and powers and “fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith” (Hebrews 12:2). He is the beginning and the end of salvation. We must study His words and depend on His strength to be saved.

~Cub Orcutt, church of Christ, Trinidad CO

The three-fold purpose of “The Unveiled Gospel” is as follows.....

1. To help our subscribers grow in their Bible knowledge through articles from various writers.
2. To offer our subscribers Biblical weekend seminars to encourage the faithful.
3. To assist our subscribers in evangelizing their own communities (weekdays only).

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The Unveiled Gospel

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EVANGELISM - MINISTRY ACTIVITIES OF "THE UNVEILED GOSPEL"

Past Events:

April 2016

Door Knocking Campaign for the La Junta church of Christ, La Junta CO:

- Many doors knocked in one part of the community.
- 3 Bible Studies set up, 2 Bible Study call backs
- 3 Baptisms

Weekend Seminar for the La Junta church of Christ

- Over 55 shared in 4 great lessons on "Building Relationships"

Upcoming Events:

May 2016

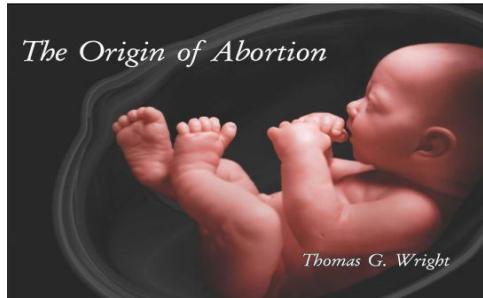
14 – Seminar for the Limon church of Christ, Limon CO.

FREE PUBLIC SEMINAR

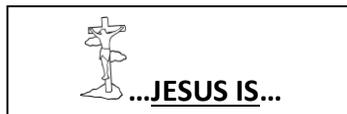
9:00 – 12:00 AM

SATURDAY

MAY 14, 2016



22-25 – Gospel Meeting/Door Knocking Campaign for the Rawlins church of Christ, Rawlins, WY.



THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST SALUTE YOU:

(ROM. 16.16)

Burley church of Christ, *Silbano Garcia*, evangelist:

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THIRTY RULES OF BIBLE STUDY – RULE THREE

Rule three of Bible study is that “all” Bible studies should be used to train Christians and non-Christians to think in spiritual and eternal terms instead of physical and temporal terms (1 Cor. 3.1-3; 2 Cor. 4.16-5.5, 17; Gal. 5.16-26). For Christians to learn how to do this is a progression that begins in their minds and should manifest itself in their actions. But before they could teach this progression to others (non-Christians), they must learn it for themselves that can take anywhere from years to an entire life time. Hence, the Bible is the progression from all things physical and temporal to all things spiritual and eternal. For instance, even the creation is progressing from the old physical and temporal one to the promised new spiritual and eternal one (Gen. 1.1, 26, 31; 2 Pet. 3.8-13; Rev. 21.1-8).

Uniformly, all individuals make this progression whenever they progress from practicing unrighteousness to practicing righteousness only through their obedience to the gospel of Christ (Matt. 5.20; 28.18-20; Mark 16.15-16; John 3.5, 36; Acts 2.37-42; Rom. 1.16-17; Col. 1.13-14; Rev. 2.10). Likewise, even Christ will have made this progression having come to earth the first time as man for purposes of salvation and returning a second time as God for purposes of judgment (Matt. 1.18-25; 25.31-46; Luke 2.10-11; Phil. 3.20-21; 1 John 3.1-3; Rev. 20.11-15). Any person failing to make this progression before death or at Christ’s return stands in danger of judgment (2 Cor. 5.10; 2 Thess. 1.6-10; 1 Pet. 4.17). Nonetheless, “It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Heb. 10.31).

~Tom Wright, church of Christ, Limon CO

To Be or Not to Be

Our nation, the United States, is divided in so many ways. We have racial division that is once again becoming more and more heated. There are age differences between the labeled generations, not to mention gender division. Then there is the separation between what has traditionally been called the “haves” and the “have nots.” This divide refers to those who are wealthy and those living in poverty. With an apparent shrinking middle class, society is lining up in one of these two camps. Although plenty of opportunities remain for people to move from one side of the tracks to the other, it is becoming more and more difficult. This division knows no race, age, or gender.

The wealth division focuses on the material, and the deck seems stacked in favor of the so-called super wealthy. Money does, in fact, equal power in this culture. People are defined by the car they drive, or the large house in which they live. Many of those that lack these possessions are envious of those that have more than they need. There is truly an

income inequality in this land and feelings on both sides against the other are growing deeper. This difference has always existed, and always will. Jesus Himself said we would always have the poor with us (Mark 14:7).

Despite all the possessions of the “haves” there remains something missing in their lives. As the old true saying goes, they cannot take things with them.” What is missing is available to them and to the poor. There is no inequality in Christ. We are all one in Christ – Galatians 3:26 – 28. Regardless of how much, or little, we own, we can still belong to Christ, and this is much more valuable than all the wealth in the world. “*For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?*”(Luke 9:25).

To be among the “haves” does not depend on the size of one’s bank account or debt. In Christ, there is no debt because He paid it all. Each of us can be among the “haves” by following Him on the journey through life. Rich or poor, Jesus welcomes everyone to obey the gospel call. Instead of reaching for stuff that will fill our hand, reach for the One who can fill our heart, Jesus. In the end, it does not matter how much we have, but who we are. Matthew 5:3 “*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*” Christ desires us to be humble, not arrogant. All of us can enjoy a loving relationship with Christ and with each other.

We are called to be His disciples regardless of status in society. Let there be no divisions among His followers based upon any physical characteristic. As the church we need to stand together rather than compete among ourselves. We have one common opponent and it is not any one but Satan. He wants nothing more than to divide us. We are all to be united in Christ and be all we can be for Him.

~ Terry Smalling, church of Christ, La Junta CO

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
- OBEY ORDERS**
Matthew 28:19-20
Colossians 3:17
2 John 9
- 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
- PURSUE VICTORY**
1 John 5:4
1 Corinthians 15:55-57
2 Timothy 4:7-8
- COURAGEOUSLY FIGHT**
1 Timothy 6:12
Philippians 1:17
2 Corinthians 10:3-5
- BE ARMED**
Ephesians 6:10-18
1 Peter 4:1
Romans 8:9

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

Are you a happy Christian? Have you learned to sing in the rainstorms of life? Songs of Solomon 2:11-12 says winter has past and the rain is gone. The flowers have come and the voice of the turtledoves can be heard in our land. The time of singing has come and we must learn to sing to God even if we are going through a hard time in life because God is always with us. The solution to our problems in life is to sing like a bird because our problems make us seek the face of God. Our daily struggles make us get in the Word of God and when we do it is life changing because we find God. We usually don't seek God in good times but we run to God's side when we face trials and when we are in trouble. Singing in the rain is a faith builder. We must learn to lean on God and grow stronger in our trials. (Ex. 14:14) Your life could be worse so sing because of your blessings. Turn negative thinking to positive thinking by being thankful to God.

All Christians have personal struggles in their lives but they still SING because God says, "I am here." (I Peter 4:12-13) Christians need to keep rejoicing and run the race of endurance. (Heb. 12:1-2 and Matt.28:19-20) Jesus died for us so we can live with Him in heaven. This is why Christians sing and live through the rainstorms of life. Christians march on because Jesus loves us and He died for us! We must embrace the storms in life by fixing our eyes on Jesus. (Heb.12:2) Christians have every reason to be happy in life! Are you a happy Christian and if not why not?

Jimmy Judd said, "Lift up your eyes for the fields are wide into harvest. What does that mean folks? We are so busy with our own lives and our own agenda, and our own problems, and our own blessings that we do not lift up our eyes and see the lost world out there. We do not see the SOMEONE that God keeps putting in our lives to teach, to help, to encourage, or to talk to. We are TOO BUSY looking down at our own world." The important fact in life is to sing through the rainstorms and look around and start to serve others. How often do we allow God to use our eyes to see the pain in others, to use our hands to reach out to the needy, to use your feet to go teach the Word to the lost, (Matt. 28:19-20) and to use our heart to love and serve others? So let us keep singing in the rain by enduring to the end and staying on the course to heaven by centering our life on others and not on our personal rainstorms in life.

~ Rita Martinez, church of Christ, La Junta CO

One thing that weighs heavy on my heart for my own life and the life of other Christians is the fact that it seems like more and more we are becoming more biblically illiterate. Even, George Gallup and Jim Castelli agree with me. They say that "Americans revere the Bible – but, by and large, they don't read it. And because they don't read it, they have become a nation of biblical illiterates."

Biblical illiteracy is causing heartache in the lives of Christians, in the churches of our Lord, and in the communities we live in. It is a poison that affects us in many different ways and never for the good.

God's people have always been "destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:1-6). A failure to have a daily time of reading and studying God's word destroys us spiritually. It is the blessed person that feeds upon the word of God, Psalm 1:1-3; 119:97-98. It is through prayerful Bible study that brings a person closer to God. It is the only way that one increases their understanding of God's wonderful word. There is strength, comfort and hope that only the word of God provides.

How many of the Lord's churches hurt for a lack of teachers. The only reason there are a lack of teachers is because there is a lack of knowledge (Hebrews 5:12). How many churches do you know of that are being led astray by false teachers and false doctrines? Churches need to come to realize the value there is in mutual edification, read Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:24-25. The church needs to provide opportunities for Christians to study God's word together. The early church was "devoted to the apostles teaching" (Acts 2:42). There is a lot of benefits that come when God's people get together to study God's word.

If you look around, there are many people even in the government that are calling "good evil and evil good" (Isaiah 5:20). More and more as a nation it seems like our standards of morality are twisted. We are now and have been living in a nation that will slaughter the innocent (abortion), we spare the guilty (capital punishment is no more). The only way to change the downward spiral of our communities is for Christians to stand. We do not stand on our own when we are standing on the word of God. We need more and more people to be men and women of the book. The great commission is for us to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15).

The question for the Christian and for churches is: How serious are we about stamping out the problem of biblical illiteracy? There is only one thing to do if we are..."

"Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21).

~Danny Aragon, church of Christ, Kim CO