

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM
Study Sunday 10:00 AM
Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM
Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM
Singing every 2nd Sunday evening
Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter,"

—Matthew 7:21



Servants during May:

Songleader: Stanley (4), Larry (11), Dwight (18) Stanley (25)
Reading: Larry (May)

Announcements: Marty (May)

Table: Mike, Larry, Stanley (May)

Wednesday Lesson: Stanley (7), Kris (14), Larry (21); Stanley (28)

Lawn Mowing (week starting): Larry (4), Kris (11), Marty (18), Stanley (25)

Area Meetings:

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"Examine everything carefully..." 1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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Can We All See the Bible Alike?

By Hiram Hutto

If a statement is made often enough, people will come to believe it even though it is not true. A good example is that which you hear so often in religion, "We can't all see the Bible alike." The Apostle Paul disagrees with this idea in 1 Corinthians 1:10, "Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment."

If we can't all see alike, why would Paul, the inspired apostle, tell us to do so?

We Do See Alike in Everyday Affairs

We see alike on the point that each automobile must have a state license. Those who cannot see this are punished.

We see that all must stop for a red light. What is your interpretation of a red light? Does it mean "stop" to one and "go" to another? It means "Stop" to all. One who will not see this endangers his life and the lives of others. He is required to pay a fine.

We see the time of day exactly alike. Those who refuse to see, like all the rest of us, miss their appointments. If we should disagree on the time of day, we simply go to the recognized authority and correct BOTH our watches.

The objection may be made that we do not see alike on the kind of automobile to buy or the kind of clothes to wear. But there is NO LAW that tells us we must purchase a certain make of car or wear a certain type of clothing. Where there is a law that tells us what to do, we MUST, and we DO see alike in everyday matters. Where there is no law, we are at liberty to do as we please. BUT THE BIBLE IS GOD'S LAW—NOT MAN'S OPINION.

Can We All See the Bible Alike

James 1:25 tells us that we are under a perfect law of liberty. We must see the commands of this LAW alike. Can we do so?

The Bible tells us there is only one God. Can we all see this? The heathen in Paul's day did not think they could. Why?

Simply because they would not accept what the Bible said. All who believe the Bible can see this alike.


The Bible affirms that Jesus is the Son of God. Can we all see this? Some do not. Why? Do they not understand what the Bible says? Does it tell one man that Jesus IS the Son of God and another that He is NOT? Some simply will not believe the Bible.

The Bible tells us there is but one body, 1 Cor 12:20, and that body is the church Eph 1:22,23. American people are as hard to convince concerning the oneness of the church as Romans and Greeks were concerning the oneness of God. Yet Ephesians 4:6 says there is one God. Ephesians 4:4 says there is one body. Does the word "one" have two

meanings? It means ONE in both passages.

Jesus tells us to believe in Him, Jn 3:16. The Bible tells us to repent, Acts 17:30. Peter commanded men to be baptized, Acts 10:48. Some will not obey. Is it because they are uncertain whether God wants them to repent and be baptized? Do we have trouble seeing these commands, or do men simply refuse to believe and obey God?

Conclusion

Since the Apostle Paul commanded us to see the Bible alike, 1 Cor 1:10, and since Jesus prayed that all should be one Jn 17:20,21, and since God does not require of us that which is impossible, we CAN see the Bible alike! 

Let's use this time to prepare for our
"Gospel meeting"
with Adam Smith, May 25-28

Temptation: Jesus' and Ours

By Greg Gwin

The account of Jesus' temptation by Satan is very important for us to study. First, it teaches that He was subject to temptation, "in all points... like as we are," Heb 4:15. It is great to know that Jesus understands the things we face. Why? Because He has been there.

Second we learn that, though tempted, He "committed no sin," 1 Pet 2:22. This gives us the satisfaction of having a perfect sacrifice for our sins –


and a greater gift than that has never been given.

But, again, studying the actual record of His temptation, Mt 4:1-11, we learn how Jesus overcame His temptations. Each time Satan approached Him, Jesus replied, "It is written." His strength against temptation was the Scriptures, and it must be our strength as well.

Finally, consider a fact that is often overlooked. Matthew says "then the devil

left him," Mt 4:11 and we might assume that now Jesus would need to deal with him no more. Not so! Luke says the devil "departed from him for a season" Lk 4:13, or as one version has it, "he left him until an opportune time." Our point is simply this: as long as Jesus walked upon the earth it was necessary for Him to resist

Satan. Satan was looking for every "opportunity" to tempt Him.

What does this tell us? It demonstrates that we can never let down our guard—that we must always be ready to "extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one," Eph 6:16. 

Jesus' Preaching vs. Modern Preaching

By Sewell Hall

Generally speaking, our generation has an aversion to authority, yet those who heard the Lord's great sermon observed that "He taught them as one having authority."

We prefer sermons that deal in generalities; Jesus dealt with specifics.

We prefer preachers who praise rather than condemn; Jesus condemned not only wrong conduct but wrong motives as well.

We object to "name calling"; Jesus unabashedly named unfavorably the leading religious party of His day.


We favor motivation by promise of rewards; but Jesus, while offering rewards, did not hesitate to threaten "hell fire."

Our society seeks instant gratification while the promises of Jesus are primarily for life hereafter.

We tend to think of everything as relative, but Jesus spoke in absolutes.

We criticize as simplistic any preaching that "makes everything black and white," yet Jesus repeatedly divided His subjects into just two categories: right and wrong.

We applaud broad-mindedness and seek the easy way, but Jesus warned that His gate is narrow and the way is difficult.

Jesus knew that in every generation those who would follow the heavenly way would be few compared to the many who would reject it. His concern was not with quantity but with quality. Consequently, He compromised His standards not one iota to accommodate the weaknesses of men or the peculiarities of His generation. Had He made any compromise at all the resulting kingdom would not have been the kingdom of Heaven. 

Remember in Prayer

Both Stanley and Donise are healing from facial skin cancer recently removed.

Please pray for **Barbara; Betty;**

Carolyn; Deborah and Serenity; Hazel; Joshua V and family; Kathy M; Pam B, Julie, Kaylee and Violet; Mark Horton; Pam McNatt; and John, Sylvia, and