

The Old Paths

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“Our Gospel Meeting”

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Today begins our gospel meeting with brother Raymond Castillo. We are certainly in for a treat this week as brother Castillo breaks the “bread of life” to us today and the rest of this week, Lord willing.

This is a week we have planned, prayed for, and prepared for now for several weeks. We are very happy that our brother Raymond is here to preach the gospel. What can we expect in this gospel meeting?

Gospel Preaching

The preaching of the gospel is going to be the foundation of this meeting. Paul told Timothy to, “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (II Tim. 4:2). We will be obeying this same command through this gospel meeting. This is because the preaching of the cross is what saves people (I Cor. 1:18-21; Rom. 1:16). Brother Raymond knows this church will not tolerate anything more or less than preaching exactly what the Lord says. Nor does he tolerate anything else. Therefore, we’re looking forward to a successful gospel meeting with brother Castillo.

Fervent Prayers

In addition to sound preaching, fervent prayers are needed

for our successful gospel meeting (I Thess. 5:25). James makes it clear that, “*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much*” (Jas. 5:16). Therefore, let us pray for brother Raymond’s safe travel and his health. Let us pray for an open door where folks will listen to the preaching and apply it to their lives (Col. 4:3; II Thess. 3:1). Let us also pray that WE will listen closely and not allow distractions to enter our minds. Let us pray that we will take what is said and apply it to our lives immediately.

Spiritual Singing

In addition to the above, we will also engage in spiritual singing. The New Testament declares that singing is accepted and expected by God when we worship Him (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 2:12 13:15). “*Songs, hymns, and spiritual songs*” are what God wants in His worship. Therefore, we will actively engage in singing, and will look for our song leaders to help choose songs that will focus our minds on our worship to God (Jn. 4:24).

The above things mentioned will be done all through this week of the gospel meeting. Today, we will also engage in partaking of the Lord’s Supper and take up a collection per the Bible’s instructions. We do this because of the examples shown in such passages as Acts 2:42 and 20:7. Also, we see giving of our means being commanded of the “*churches of Galatia*” and the church at Corinth (I Cor.

16:1-2). We do all of this to the Lord “*in spirit and in truth*” (Jn. 4:24), and pray this will ascend to God in such a way as to please Him in all we do.

Conclusion

We are excited for this gospel meeting this week. We have been looking forward to this week, and now it is here. Please pay careful attention to the sermons brother Castillo preaches, and study everything he says in light of what the Scriptures say and make sure it is so (Acts 17:11).

After reading this article, make sure and take time this week to tell friends, family, and strangers about the gospel meeting that begins today and goes through September 12, Lord willing. We plan on meeting at our regular times today, and then 7 pm Monday-Friday. Make sure and make your plans to be here at every service, and bring others with you.

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Are you praying daily for our work here at Caneyville? Are you constantly asking for God’s blessings on our elders, deacons, preacher, Bible class teachers, our elderly, the widows, the spiritually weak, and every brother and sister in Christ? We have a great and powerful tool in prayer. Use it!

The New Testament Church

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We have heard the phrase many times, "Go to the church of your choice." However, when we read in the scriptures of the things that make up the Lord's church, it often contradicts the things men do in their "churches". Let us ask a few questions and determine if the church you are attending is truly the Lord's church.

Is Christ The Head Of The Church You Attend?

Ephesians 5:23 says, "For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church." If Christ is head of the church, then the church must be structured as He has ordained. In order for the church to be structured by Christ, it must be structured according to the doctrine of Christ (2 Jn. 9). Everything done by the church must be authorized by Christ. Therefore, authority for every doctrine and practice in the church must be found in the Bible. Everything that is found in the Scriptures relative to the church must be accomplished by the church.

Does The Church You Attend Scripturally Worship God?

The Bible teaches New Testament worship is to contain: prayer (Acts 2:42, 4:24); singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs - instrumental accompaniment is excluded by silence of the Scriptures (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). The Lord's Supper is to be observed every first day of the week (Acts 2:42; 20:7), as well as laying

by in store (collection) as we have been prospered every first day of the week (1 Cor. 16:1-2). Teaching and preaching must also take place in worship (Acts 2:42; 20:7-12). A church that "takes from" or "adds to" the worship of Christ's church is not worshipping according to the divine plan of Christ. We are not worshipping God unless our worship is according to the doctrine of Christ.

Does The Church You Attend Exclude All Gospels Of Men?

II Timothy 3:15-17 says, "You have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." Galatians 1:8 says, "But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed." If a church uses any man-made commands or traditions, thereby "adding to" or "taking from" the doctrine of Christ, then it is not a church according to the doctrine of Christ. It is an organization according to the doctrines and gospels of men. The doctrine of Christ

requires that only the Scriptures be used in organizing the church (II Tim. 4:2).

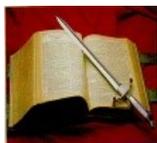
Does The Church You Attend Teach Salvation As Revealed In The Bible?

Acts 2:38 says, "Peter then said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" Regarding baptism, many denominational doctrines differ from the Bible. Some teach that baptism is not essential and others teach that, while it should be observed, it is not for the remission of sins or to wash away sins. Which will you obey — denominational doctrines or the doctrine of Christ??

After looking at some of these questions, do you find that the church you are attending is not found to be according to the scriptures? If not, will you learn more about what the New Testament says about the Lord's church. Will you come and study with us more on the Lord's church.

"Not to know is ignorance, but to refuse to learn is pride."
-- L.E. Sloan

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- Sunday Worship - - - - - 10:45 a.m.
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