

The Bulletin

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“Let Us Imagine, If we can...

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Can you just imagine the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ to belong to different denominations as listed below:

Peter ... a Roman Catholic
Paul ... a Methodist
John ... a Mormon
Matthew ... a Faith Tabernacle
James ... a Presbyterian
Judas ... a Pentecostal Holiness
Andrew ... a Jehovah's Witness
Thomas... held to the Jewish faith
Philip ... a Baptist
James ... a Seventh Day Adventist
Simon ... a Christ Apostolic Church
Bartholomew ... a Lutheran
Judas ... thought one church was as good as another
Matthias ... to say there is no church in heaven!



Or can you just imagine Peter claiming to be a POPE! Paul saying, "You can sprinkle for baptism." John shouting, "You must have the book of Mormon before you can be saved." Matthew preaching, "You can be saved by FAITH ONLY, and you CAN'T fall from grace." Andrew teaching that there is no eternal hell. Imagine James telling people that their babies are born SINNERS!!

How does it sound? Foolish, doesn't it? That is because it is foolish. There were no denominations in the apostle's day and denominations have NO Bible authority for existence NOW! (1 Corinthians 1:12-13; 3: 4).

Please, note that, none of the apostles taught or believed ANY of these things? They taught "THEN" what your Bible teaches NOW!

If you have a copy of the Bible, kindly check all the references given below to show that the Bible still teaches that there has never been a scriptural pope (Acts 10:25-26); Baptism is a burial in water (Romans 6:3-4; Acts 20:27); the book of Mormon is unknown to God's Word (Acts 20:27).

Interestingly, faith "ONLY" is NOT a Bible doctrine and one CAN fall from grace (James 2:24; Galatians 5: 4). In the Bible, Jesus and His apostles repeatedly warned against HELL, because it is real (Luke 16:19-31)! The Bible teaches that all babies come directly from God, pure and undefiled (Matthew 19:13-15; Ezekiel 18:20).

Beloved, the apostles belonged to the church of Christ and taught only sound Bible doctrine (1 Corinthians 12:28; Matthew 16:18; Colossians 1:18 and Ephesians 4:4). The church of Christ is the only church you can read of in the Bible. We are appealing to you to please consider being a member of the Lord's church.

It is simple. If you will like to be just a Christian, working in His kingdom, worshipping Him in truth and in spirit (John 4:23-24) and living as Christian of the New Testament times did, all that is necessary is for you to begin to follow the teaching of the New Testament.

In spite of what many teach today, your Bible still has answer to that great question "What must I do to become a New Testament Christian?" The Bible declared that if a person desired to be saved, he/she must:

1. Hear the gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 10:14, 17; 1: 16).
2. Believe (have faith) in Jesus Christ as the Son of God (John 8:24; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 11:6).
3. Repent of his/her sins (Acts 2:37-38; Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19; 17:30).
4. Confess your faith in Christ (Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:37-38; Rom. 10:10).
5. Be Baptized into Christ (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Gal. 3:27).

If you can just leave human doctrines and teachings which invalidate your worship and render it vain and take these simple steps of obedience, God has promised to:

1. Forgive you all your sins (Acts 2: 23-38).
2. Give you a newness of life (Romans 6:3-4).
3. Make you a servant of righteousness (Romans 6:17, 18).
4. Add you to the body of Christ which is the church of Christ (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 4:4; Col. 1:18, 24; 1 Corinthians 12: 13); the kingdom of His dear Son (Colossians 1:13).
5. Give you eternal life (1 John 2:25).

Remember, no one was saved in the New Testament times without taking all the steps enumerated above. The book of Acts gives many examples of conversion. Every case of conversion recorded in that book reinforces the fact that one must take all those steps highlighted above.

Note a few examples. The Pentecostians (about 3,000 people Acts 2:14-42). The Samaritans and Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:5, 12, 35). Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:6; 22:16). Cornelius, the first Gentile convert (Acts 11:14). Lydia and the Jailer at Philippi (Acts 16:14-15; 32-34). The Corinthians (Acts 18:8; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:1-2).

My dear friend, if you have not obeyed the gospel of Christ as already stated above in line with the New Testament, you are urged to do so not later than immediate as you understand His requirements.

After all, the Philippians jailer was baptized "that very hour of the night" (Acts 16:33), after hearing and believing the gospel. The Ethiopian eunuch became a child of God while on his journey from Jerusalem to Gaza (Acts 8:26-39).

You too can just be a Christian, even now! (Slightly edited)

How Does Wisdom Come?

By Fear Or Reverence For God- **Proverbs 1:7.**

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction."

By Asking For It- **James 1:5.**

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

By Length Of Years- **Job 12:12.**

"Wisdom is with aged men, And with length of days, understanding."

By Humility- **Proverbs 11:2; James 3:13.**

"When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom."

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom."

By Studying God's Word- **Proverbs 2:1-11.**

"My son, if you will receive my words And treasure my commandments within you, Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding; For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding;.....". (Implies study).

News and Notes:

Sick and recovering: Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Daniel Holloway, Debbie Keplinger, Robbie, Sheila, Sherry Doles, Sandi Poole, Nathan Cox, Sandra Oliver, Chad Harris, Eli Johnson, Burt Ward, Jamie Jones, Fred Johnson, Mary Ann Holley, Larsen Plyler, Willis Fields (Brandi Meade's Dad), Sam Kennemur (Upcoming surgery November 6th), and Lisa Busby,

Our Gospel Meeting, with Tim Henderson, starts Next Sunday! (22nd—25th).

Those Who Serve:

Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:

Opening Prayer: Tim Harris Jr.
Preaching: Brian Meade
Sermon #1: *"No One Ever Spoke Like This Man!"*

Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:

Workbook: Jerry Kennemur
1 & 2 Thessalonians
Author: Mark Mayberry
Starting Page & Question: *Page #52, Question #1*

Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:

Announcements: Jerry Kennemur
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading: Russell Briggs
Scripture Reading: *Proverbs 26:17*
Song Leader: Lee Busby
Lord's Supper: Doug George
Assisting: — —
Preaching: Brian Meade
Sermon #2: *"Some Things You'll Never Regret"*
Closing Prayer: Blake Briggs

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.

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Auditorium Bible Class: Russell Briggs
Workbook: Preparing To Teach Our Neighbors
Author: Max Tice
Starting Page & Question: *Page #33, Question: Discussion #5*
Invitation: Paul Busby
Song Leader: Adam Harris
Closing Prayer: Paul Johnson

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“No One Ever Spoke Like This Man!”

Lesson Text: **John 7:43-46.**

I. What The Officers Sent To Arrest Jesus Heard.

- Why Were They Sent? **7:25-31.**
- In **7:32**, The Officers Were Sent To Arrest Jesus.
- What Did They Hear That Led Them To Say What They Did?
 - In **7:33-34**, Jesus Spoke Of Going Back To The Father Who Sent Him.
 - In **7:37-39**, Jesus Spoke Of Giving Living Water To Those Who Thirst.
 - In **7:40-44**, They Heard Some Say Jesus Was The Prophet And The Christ.
- In **7:47-49**, The Reaction By The Pharisees To The Officers’ Words.

II. Why Jesus Could Speak Like No One Else.

- No One Else Could Ever Speak Of Having Been With The Father.
 - **7:28-29**- Not The Only Time Jesus Said This: **John 8:42; 8:56-59; 17:5.**
- No One Else Could Claim Such A Close Relationship With His Father.
 - **John 14:8-13; 17:20-26.**
- No One Else Could Speak With Authority Like Jesus.
 - **John 7:14-15; 7:28-29; Matthew 28:18-20.**
- No One Else Could Speak Of Obeying The Father Like Jesus.
 - **John 2:49; 6:38; 8:29; 17:4; Acts 1:1-3; Hebrews 5:8-9.**
- No One Else Could Speak About Dealing With The Devil Like Jesus.
 - **Mark 4:15; Luke 4:8; 10:17-18; 22:31; John 8:44.**
- No One Else Could Teach Spiritual Truths In Parables Like Jesus.
 - **Matthew 13:1-3; 13:10-18.**
- No One Else Could Speak Of God’s Love For The World Like Jesus.
 - **John 3:13-17; 14:23-24.**

“Some Things You’ll Never Regret”

Introduction: Some Things We Will Regret....

1. Not Minding Your Own Business **Proverbs 26:17.**
2. Unwise Financial Decisions **Proverbs 15:11.**
3. Hiring The Wrong Person For The Job **Proverbs 26:10.**

I. Showing Kindness To The People Around Us.

- Spending Time With Someone Who Needs Us **Proverbs 21:21; 2 Tim. 1:15-18.**
- Encouraging Someone When They Are Down **Proverbs 12:25; 16:24.**
- Giving Help To Someone In Need **Proverbs 14:21; Luke 10:33-36; Gal. 6:10.**
- Forgiving Those Who Have Offended Me- **Eph. 4:32; Matt. 5:23-24; Prov. 11:17.**

II. Learning To Practice Self-Control In Our Behavior.

- In What And How We Say Things- **Proverbs 17:27-28; 29:11.**
- In How We Eat- **Proverbs 23:1-3.**
- Guard Our Heart- **Proverbs 4:23; How? 4:24-27.**
- The Gospel Teaches Us To Control Ourselves- **Acts 24:24-25; Gal. 5:22-23.**
- We Will: Destroy A Letter Written In Anger, Stop Actions That Will Destroy Our Reputation, Do Whatever It Takes To Deescalate Someone’s Anger- **Proverbs 15:1.**

III. Making It A Goal To Be A Better Person.

- What Is Being A Better Person? Just Getting Rid Of A Few Bad Habits? Sin?
- **Ephesians 4:17-24.**
- It Starts With The Heart- **Matthew 12:35; 15:18-19; Romans 6:17-18.**

IV. The Decision We Make To Follow Jesus.

- **Luke 14:25-30.** The Lord Cautions Us.
- But It Is The Best Decision One Can Ever Make.... **Matthew 19:27-29.**
- This Decision Determines Our Eternal Destiny- **Matthew 25:46.**