

# The Bulletin

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### **“What The Word Of God Will Do”**

By Richie Thetford

Many people don't turn to God or rely upon God because they just don't have an understanding of what God's word can do and will do for them. The Hebrew writer says that “...*the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*” (Hebrews 4:12).

No person on earth can do what God's word can do for us. Therefore, we must let God's word penetrate our heart so that productive and needed change can take place within us. Here is what God's word will do for every person if they will read it, “C” it, and meditate on it:

It will **CHARGE** us.

When one reads the Bible they will learn why Jesus Christ came to this earth. He performed many miracles to help people believe that He truly is the Son of God. The Israelites of long ago should have believed in Jesus but many turned from Him.

Peter's sermon on Pentecost charged them with sending Jesus to the cross to die when Jesus was just trying to get them to learn the truth. Peter said, “*Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know - Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it*” (Acts 2:22-24).

It will **CONVICT** us.

The best thing that can happen to us is to read the Bible and allow it to convict us of unrighteousness (sin). As Peter preached his sermon on the day of Pentecost in Acts, chapter 2, the Jews who were gathered there began to understand that they were guilty of sending Jesus to the cross to die. They were convicted of their sin! Peter said, “*Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ*” (Acts 2:36).

It will **CONVINCE** us.

After we are convicted of sin, then we can be convinced that we need to do something about it. The Jews on Pentecost knew they had sinned but did not know what to do. They asked the all important question of Peter that day: “*Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”*” (Acts 2:37).

This is the very same question that all of us should be asking now. Knowing that we have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), we must now do what God instructs us to do in order to gain true peace of mind in Christ our Lord.

It will **CONVERT** us.

Upon understanding that we are in sin and knowing we must do something about it, then and only then, can we be led to true conversion. The Jews, after asking Peter “*what shall we do?*” received the best answer ever by the beloved apostle Peter. “*...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*” (Acts 2:38).

The answer they received, is the same one we receive. What God's word instructs of us is not difficult to do. If we truly want our sins forgiven and to be able to live with true peace of mind in Christ, we must obey God's commands. We learn from this passage of scripture that we need to repent (turn from sin), and be baptized (immersed in water), in order to receive forgiveness of our sins. When we do that, then we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit which is the promise of salvation to all who are obedient to God's commands.

Another passage of scripture that mirrors Acts 2:38 is Acts 3:19 which says, "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19). This passage also states that we must repent, be converted (baptized), to receive forgiveness of sins, and we will be refreshed knowing that we have the promise of eternal life if we remain faithful until death (Revelation 2:10).

It will **CHANGE** us.

As the Jews experienced a changed life after they were baptized for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:41-47), we too will experience a new life in Jesus Christ! It is such a blessing to walk through life daily knowing that through obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ, fully and completely, that we can look forward to eternal life with Him after we pass from this life.

I encourage all of us to examine the Bible and see what the Word of God will do for us. May God richly bless us as we diligently seek Him and allow Him to change our lives in a positive way through the power of the gospel message.

Paul was convinced of it, and so should we! "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek*" (Romans 1:16).

## **"CONTINUE EARNESTLY IN PRAYER"**

By Joe R. Price

*"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak."* (Colossians 4:2-4, NKJV).

Prayer is a powerful spiritual blessing we have in Christ. Paul trusted the power of patience, persistent prayers offered by his fellow Christians in Colossae. His exhortations encourage us to pray in the same manner.

### **(1) Continue earnestly in prayer (v. 2).**

Devoted diligence to prayer is a trait of faithful disciples. Jesus taught a parable that we "always ought to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1-8). We show faith in God to hear and answer us by continuing to pray (Luke 18:7-8; Heb. 4:14-16).

### **(2) Vigilant prayer is vital (v. 2).**

Prayer is practical, expressing daily supplications, praises, and petitions (Phil. 4:6). Be alert in your prayers, attuned to immediate circumstances, and trusting God to respond (1 John 5:14-15).

### **(3) Pray with thanksgiving (v. 2).**

God gives us every good gift that sustains our lives now and into eternity (James 1:17-18). His children remember to honor Him with thankful prayers.

### **(4) Pray for others (v. 3).**

Paul yearned for their prayers. We "*pray for one another,*" not just ourselves (James 5:16).

### **(5) Pray for opportunities to teach the gospel to the lost (v. 3-4).**

Paul asked them to pray that God would open a door to speak His word that saves those imprisoned by sin. Paul also asked them to pray that he would effectively speak God's word that saves souls. May we continually be devoted to thankful prayer, petitioning God to open doors for His word and help us speak it properly.

Memory Verse of the Week:

### **Galatians 2:20 (NKJB)**

*"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*

**News and Notes:** Sick and recovering: Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Chad Harris, Debbie Keplinger, Janis Johnson, Daniel Holloway, Peggy Harville (cancer), Linda Hunt, David Taylor, Randy Beaty, Sam Johnson, Randy Ferrell, J F Dancer, Earl Mitchell, Sandra and Randall Oliver.

Robbie, Sheila, and Sherry Doles.

Preacher Trey Haskett and family has Covid.

Wendell Ward (brother at Road Creek Ky.) has Covid and is in the hospital.

Prayers for Lisa Busby's family in the loss of her Mother, June Lawson.

### **Those Who Serve:**

#### **Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:**

<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Nathan Meade
<b>Preaching:</b>	Brian Meade
<b>Sermon #1:</b>	<i>"Meekness Is Not Weakness"</i>

#### **Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:**

Fred Johnson
2 Corinthians (Mike Willis)
<i>Page #38, Question #15</i>

#### **Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:**

<b>Announcements:</b>	Fred Johnson
<b>Opening Prayer &amp; Scripture Reading:</b>	Lee Busby <i>John 12:20-22</i>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jerry Kennemur
<b>Lord's Supper:</b>	Doug George
<b>Assisting:</b>	— —
<b>Preaching:</b>	Brian Meade
<b>Sermon #2:</b>	<i>"Seeing Jesus"</i>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Danny Sheffield

#### **Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.**

**February 2nd:**

<b>Auditorium Bible Class:</b>	Paul Johnson
<b>Workbook:</b>	Book of Isaiah
<b>Starting Page &amp; Question:</b>	<i>Page #62, Question #1</i>
<b>Invitation:</b>	Doug George
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Russell Briggs
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Nathan Meade

# **“Meekness Is Not Weakness”**

Lesson Text: **Numbers 12:3**, “Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth.” (ESV)

## **I. What Is Meekness?**

1. The world defines meekness as weakness!

2. **Meekness:** “It is that temper of spirit in which we accept His dealings with us as good, and therefore without disputing or resisting; it is closely linked with the word *tapeinophrosune* [humility].” (Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 401).

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_.

## **II. Why Should We Put On Meekness?**

1. To Be God’s Elect- **Colossians 3:12**.

2. To Inherit God’s Blessings- **Matthew 5:5**.

3. How A Good Christian Walks- **Ephesians 4:1-2; 1 Timothy 6:11**.

4. God Values It As Incorruptible Beauty- **1 Peter 3:3-4**.

5. It Is A Fruit of the Spirit- **Galatians 5:22-23**.

6. It Shows Wisdom In Action- **James 3:13**.

7. To Imitate Christ- **Matthew 11:28-30 (vs. 29)**.

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_.

## **III. Making Meekness Practical To Me.**

1. It Is How I Need To Receive God’s Word- **James 1:21**.

2. It Is How I Need To Teach Others- **2 Timothy 2:25**.

3. It Is How I Need To Restore The Erring- **Galatians 6:1**.

4. It Is How I Need Answer Everyone- **1 Peter 3:15**.

5. It Is How I Walk In The Spirit- **Galatians 5:23-26**.

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_.

# **“Seeing Jesus”**

Lesson Text: **John 12:20-26.**

## **I. The Honest Will Be Convinced.**

- A. The Two Disciples- John 1:35-39.**
- B. Peter- Luke 5:1-10.**
- C. Nathaniel- John 1:44-51.**
- D. Nicodemus- John 3:1-2.**
- E. The People of Sychar- John 4:29; 41-42.**
- F. The Man Born Blind- John 9:1-33.**
- G. Zaccheus- Luke 19:1-10.**
- H. Peter Sees The Lord Again- John 21:1-14.**

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_.

## **II. Some Didn't See What They Saw.**

- A. The Jewish Leaders- John 11:48.**
- B. His Hometown at Nazareth- Mark 6:1-5.**
- C. Some Looked for Jesus For Food- John 6:24-27.**
- D. Herod Wanted To See Jesus Do A Miracle- Luke 23:8.**

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_.

## **III. The World Still Needs To See Jesus.**

- A. Salvation Depends On It! John 3:14-15.**
- B. We Cannot See Jesus Physically, But By Faith- John 20:29.**

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_.

## **IV. How Can The World See Jesus Today?**

- A. In The Written Word- John 20:30-31; 21:24-25.**
- B. In The Preaching of the Gospel- 1 Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:2.**
- C. In The Worship Of The Church- 1 Corinthians 11:26; Eph. 5:19.**
- D. In The Lives Of His People- Philippians 2:15-16; Galatians 2:20.**

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_.

## **V. One Day We Will All See Jesus.**

- A. Because Jesus Is Coming Back... Acts 1:9-11; Colossians 3:1-4.**
- B. Everyone Will See Jesus- Romans 14:10-11.**
- C. That's Why There Is Real Hope For Us Now- 2 Cor. 3:18; 1 John 3:2-3.**

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_.