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10AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - BLESSINGS OF BEING A CHRISTIAN

10AM SERMON - RICKY BERGER

10:30AM OSPEL MEETING AT PARRISH, SEP 12-15

10:30AM OSPEL MEETING AT CROSSROADS, SEP 12-15

10:30AM OSPEL MEETING AT TIDWELL CHAPEL, SEP 12-16

10:30AM OSPEL MEETINGS AT LIBERTY & CURRY, SEP 19-22

SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

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SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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BLESSINGS OF BEING A CHRISTIAN

(1 John 3:1-3)

- _____.
- A. All families need to be _____.
 - B. The Father we have as _____ is a good Father.
 - 1. _____ 1:17.
 - 2. _____ 7:11.
 - C. God is good to forgive us our _____.
 - D. Our brothers and sisters are _____ to be good to forgive.

I.

- _____.
- A. One cannot be a father without having a _____.
 - 1. That family is made up of His _____ (Romans 8:17).
 - 2. His heirs are the ones who are _____ by the Holy Spirit through God's word (Romans 8:14).
 - B. The church is the _____ of God.
 - C. This family _____ many things from God the Father.
 - 1. _____ (Acts 2:47).
 - 2. _____ (Acts 20:28).
 - 3. _____ (Ephesians 1:22).
 - 4. _____ (Ephesians 5:29).
 - D. The brothers and sisters in this family _____ for one another.
 - 1. _____ (1 Thessalonians 4:9).
 - 2. _____ (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).
 - 3. _____ (Hebrews 3:13).
 - 4. _____ (Romans 12:15) and many other things that only children of God can do for one another.

II.

- A _____.
- A. Good fathers are a great _____.
 - B. As Christians, we have the _____ Father one could have.
 - C. A great thing about God is that He desires to be a Father to _____ person.
 - D. When God is your Father, you will have a role model:
 - 1. Of _____ and _____ (1 Peter 5:7).
 - 2. Of _____ (Luke 6:36).
 - 3. Of _____ (John 10:29)..

V.

- _____.
- A. As a Christian, God supplies all that we need for a _____ life.
 - B. God has given us a _____ with a great King.
 - C. God provides His children with the opportunity to be _____ from the dead.
 - D. God provides us His children a place in which to live for all _____.

DOES MEMBERSHIP IN THE LORD,S CHURCH MATTER?

Mark Lindley

Church membership is not considered to be a high priority in our present culture. Though many would declare that their “spirituality” is important to them, they would not regard church membership as being necessary. According to this point of view, being spiritual and being a member of the church are in no way related to one another. Those who hold to this idea often define spirituality in many different ways. To one person, being spiritual might be doing yoga and learning to think more positively about oneself. To another, spirituality might be practicing astrology or trusting in psychic readings.

However, those who respect the Bible as God’s Word should understand the precious privilege and necessity of membership in the church. (Bear in mind that I am not referring to membership in one of the denominations of our day, but rather to membership in “the” church of the New Testament.)

I affirm that membership in the Lord’s church matters because Jesus shed His blood for His church: “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed **the church** of God, **which he hath purchased with his own blood**” (Acts 20:28). Please notice that Jesus shed His blood for the church. Think about it: all of the agony, shame, and torture the Lord endured when he was scourged and crucified He endured for the church. Does this not prove that the church is a necessary part of God’s plan for us? Ask yourself why Jesus would have allowed sinful men to drive nails through His hands and feet, if, after all, one can be “spiritual” or a “Christian” without being a part of the New Testament church.

In addition, membership in the Lord’s church matters because Jesus loves the church: “Husbands, love your wives, even as **Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it**” (Ephesians 5:25). This passage shows that the reason Jesus shed His blood for the church is that He loves it. How could we ever fathom the depth of such wonderful love? The fact that Jesus gave Himself for the church proves beyond any doubt that He loves it, and the love He demonstrated by dying for the church should inspire us to cherish membership in it. When we love the church, we love what Jesus loves! Surely, we all want to love what Jesus loves.

Let us not conform to the culture and fall into the trap of believing that meditating about one’s higher self, doing a few yoga exercises, or practicing astrology can take the place of membership in the church for which God’s Son died.