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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S PEOPLE"

PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

GOSPEL MEETING AT BLACKWATER MACEDONIA APR 21-24

GOSPEL MEETING AT TIDWELL CHAPEL MAY 5-9

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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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CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(1 Peter 2:9-10)

I. We are to be people of _____.

A. _____ told us long ago what our purpose in life is (Ecclesiastes

12:13).

1. We are to _____ God - hold Him in great awe and respect.

2. We are to _____ His commandments.

B. The New Testament _____ us the same thing.

1. We are here to _____ God, not self (1 Thessalonians 4:1).

2. We are to _____ with the Judgment Day on our minds (2 Corinthians 5:9-10).

C. The things we do are to be done to God's _____ (Matthew 5:16).

II. We are to be a people of _____.

A. 1 _____ 5:22.

B. Only the pure in _____ are going to see God (Matthew 5:8).

C. Without _____, another word for purity, we won't see God (Hebrews 12:14).

D. Paul gives a list of sins in Galatians 5 and 1 Corinthians 6 and in both we are told that those that do such will not _____ the kingdom of heaven.

E. The only way to be pure is by _____ the word of God (1 Peter 1:22).

III. We are to be people of _____.

A. In prayer, we do several things:

1. We _____ God;

2. We make our _____ known to Him (Philippians 4:6);

3. We give _____ (Galatians 5:20);

4. We _____ our sins (1 John 1:9; Acts 8:22; Luke 18:13).

B. Each of these are _____ to our spiritual lives.

C. It is for this _____ that Paul simply told the Thessalonians to pray without ceasing.

IV. We are to be people of power.

A. God has given us the means to be _____ (2 Timothy 1:7).

B. You and I are to be _____ in Christ (Ephesians 6:10-11).

C. We have the greatest _____ of strength in this world at our disposal (Hebrews 4:12).

D. Not only that, we have a great _____ of fellow Christians who respond whenever we need them.

E. We have been commanded to not grow _____ (2 Thessalonians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 4:16).

F. The only way that this will happen is if we _____ on the power God has given us, His word and His people, to make it through to the end.

DOES ABSOLUTE TRUTH EXIST?

By Mark Lindley

I remember years ago watching an old game show on television called, "To Tell the Truth." I suppose the name of that show would be distasteful to our culture because many have

little appreciation for the term “truth.” In fact, many deny that there is such a thing as absolute truth.

The idea that absolute truth does not exist is associated with the philosophy of relativism. Relativism is defined as “the doctrine that knowledge, truth, and morality exist in relation to culture, society, or historical context, and are not absolute.” According to this philosophy, what was true fifty years ago concerning morals, ethics, marriage, rearing children and other things may not be true today. This is because truth is “relative.” It changes with time, culture, and historical context.

This doctrine is dangerous because it leaves the younger generation with no solid foundation for morality and ethics, and when there is no absolute standard to guide our lives, moral chaos is the result. The Bible teaches that in the days of the judges, there was no king in Israel and “every man did that which was right in his own eyes” (Judges 21:25). This is precisely what is happening in our culture: many people have embraced the doctrine of relativism and they are doing what is right “in their own eyes.”

The problem with this situation is that relativism is a false doctrine. Truth does not originate with man, but with God. I do not have the right to develop my own standard of morality and do what is right in my own eyes; no one does. Rather, we are to submit to God’s standards. Is there really a universal standard to which all are to submit? Does absolute truth really exist? Consider the words of Jesus: “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). Did you notice that twice in that one verse Jesus affirmed that there is a body of knowledge identified as “truth”? Not only did Jesus teach that truth exist, but He also taught that we can “know” the truth, and that the truth “makes us free.”

The truth of God’s Word is unchanging. By following it, we can have rich, fulfilling lives here and in the hereafter. “For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD” (Psalm 117:2).