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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "THREE THINGS WE MUST UNDERSTAND"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "TWO MEN: OPPOSITE EFFECTS"

**OUR GOSPEL MEETING WITH MARK LINDLEY IS AUG 4-7. PLEASE BE MAKING PLANS TO ATTEND AND BE INVITING OTHERS.**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Aug 1: Jill Roden

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

### **SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

#### **ELDERS:**

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**THREE THINGS WE MUST UNDERSTAND**  
**(Acts 8:1-4)**

- I. **We have a \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. \_\_\_\_\_ has given us a mission.
    - 1. “\_\_\_\_\_ therefore...”
    - 2. “\_\_\_\_\_ into all the world...”
  - B. You and I, as Christians, are to go to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. If we would better \_\_\_\_\_ our mission, gospel meetings would not be seen as many see them today.
  - D. The early \_\_\_\_\_ understood their mission quite well.
    - 1. Those in Jerusalem would go to the \_\_\_\_\_ to talk to the lost about Jesus.
    - 2. When the pressure became great, as we see in our reading, the \_\_\_\_\_ went other places.

- II. **We have a \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. You and I are to go and preach the \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 16:16).
  - B. You and I have the \_\_\_\_\_ soul-saving message in the world (Romans 1:16).
  - C. This message is that man is \_\_\_\_\_ because of sin and there is a Savior who died for them so that they don't have to die.
  - D. There are \_\_\_\_\_ messages out there.
    - 1. Some are a \_\_\_\_\_ of this message.
    - 2. This is the only \_\_\_\_\_ message that saves.

- III. **We have a \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. The only method given us to do that is \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 1. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 1:18-24.
    - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 16:15.
    - 3. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 4:2.
  - B. God told us to preach the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. The early church understood this method and \_\_\_\_\_ of people were saved.
  - D. We don't \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves preaching to one another.
  - E. We've often said and heard that there are three \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.
    - 1. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 2. I have come to believe that there is one work, \_\_\_\_\_, and that everything else flows out of that.

**WE CANNOT DO WHAT WE WANT TO DO**  
**Mark Lindley**

“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would” (Galatians 5:17). In this passage of Scripture, we see that we have the capacity to lust after things of the flesh. We all have certain passions and desires, which, if not kept in check, can lead us into sin. A few verses later in Galatians chapter 5, Paul lists the “works of the flesh” (verses 19-21). In that list of sins are sexual sins, sins of attitude, the sin of religious division, the sin of drunkenness and others.

However, Paul states in the text cited above, that the “Spirit is against the flesh.” By this he means that the Holy Spirit wants to influence us to avoid the sins of the flesh. The Holy Spirit, by means of God’s Word, the Bible, can exert a strong influence in our lives if we allow Him to do so. This means we must spend time with God’s Word, studying and applying it to our lives that we might have the strength to resist fleshly temptations. Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus: “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:17). In the spiritual battle Christians fight, the Spirit’s sword, God’s Word, will enable one to prevail.

Paul ends Galatians 5:17 with these words: “so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.” In other words, because fleshly desires may lead to sin, we are warned that cannot do as we wish. If we allow ourselves to be ruled by the flesh, with its desires and passions, we will certainly engage in the works of the flesh. There are times when, perhaps, we may “want” to commit these sins and “would” commit these sins if we did not choose to follow the Spirit as He leads by God’s Word.

Therefore, the conclusion is this: “we cannot do what we would.” We cannot live as we wish. While it is true that we all have fleshly desires and passions, these can be and must be controlled. The world says, “Live as you wish. You are your own god. Follow your own heart. Follow the flesh. Fulfill sinful desires.” On the other and, the Bible teaches that we “cannot” do what we want.

Further, the way to lasting happiness and fulfillment in life is not found by doing as we want, but by doing God’s will. God is the Creator; we are the created. Shouldn’t God know best?