

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APR 17, 2016

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Ruby Harrison

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Henry McDonald, Piper Tucker, Gene McDonald, Wilma Brown, Bettye Henderson

PRAYER LIST: April Lazenby, Sue Hinds, Joshua Jackson, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Patsy Tucker, Debbie Odom, Robert Turner, Bobby Holloway, Ricky McDonald, David Brown, Kim Elliott, J.D. Dailey, James Horsley, Donna Laratta, Kathy Windham, Arthur Mason, John Pruitt, Madison Banks, Charles Crump, Martha Ann, Elesia Wright, Margie Thomasson, Micah Earnest, Vonciel Phillips, Wanda Self, Katie Griffies, Bruce Windham, Raymond Johnson, Joyce Jacobs, Patrick Parker, Gene McDonald, Sabrina Handley, Mike Miles, Terry Galloway, Jon Sanford, Patrick Atkins, Marvin White, Jimmy Harrison, Otto Tolbert, Elisa Wright

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "REASONS TO STUDY GOD'S WORD"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "A MAN SUBJECT TO LIKE PASSIONS AS US"

PLEASE STAY AND EAT WITH US AFTER MORNING SERVICES!

OUR AFTERNOON SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 1 PM

GOSPEL MEETING AT DOVERTOWN APR 17-20

BIRTHDAYS:

Apr 18: Jincy Wright

19: Mason Chambers

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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:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
Carlton Myers 221-0637
Neil Myers 924-9289
Bruce Windham 221-2348

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Danny Busby 387-0213
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REASONS TO STUDY GOD'S WORD (2 Timothy 2:15)

I. To know _____.

A. One of the greatest sermons on the _____ of God was preached nearly 2,000 years ago on the Aeropagus in Athens, Greece.

1. Paul was addressing an extremely cultured and _____ audience.

2. Yet Paul told them they were _____ on the subject of God.

B. You and I, and anyone else, will _____ be able to know God using this world's wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:21).

C. Man, without a revelation from God, which the Bible is, when left strictly with nature, falls to _____ nature.

D. One might ask, "Is it really _____ to know God?"

1. The answer to that question is found in _____

2. Those that don't know God will have God's _____ taken out on them at the return of the Christ.

II. To know _____.

A. The Jews condemned and _____ Jesus simply because they did not know who and what He was.

1. Why did they not know who Jesus was?

2. The reason is they did not know the Scriptures as they thought they did (John 5:39).

B. It is only through a _____ of God's word, both Old and New Testaments, that we can know Jesus.

III. To know God's plan of _____.

A. Thankfully, God has _____ to us His gracious plan.

1. Through the offering of the _____ of Jesus, you and I can be saved.

2. This comes through the _____ of God (Ephesians 2:8-9).

B. It is our _____ that grants us access to this grace (Romans 5:1-2).

C. It is not enough to be _____ in what one does in matters of salvation.

D. They were to preach and teach "He that _____ and is _____ shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).

E. It does not matter how sincere we are if we are sincerely _____.

IV. It will be the standard of _____.

A. One day, you will stand before the judgment seat of _____ (Romans 14:10).

B. We can all be prepared for that day because we have been _____ the standard of judgment (John 12:48).

C. We must _____ Jesus in order to have eternal life (John 17:3).

1. It is _____ to know whether or not we truly know Jesus.

2.1 John 2:3-4.

Six Things About the Bible Clay Bond

Psalm 19:7-9 gives the Scriptures six very significant titles: Law, Testimony, Precept, Commandment, Fear, and Judgments. We find these same terms used to describe Scripture throughout Psalm 119. Let me suggest that the reason the Holy Spirit uses so many descriptive terms for the Bible is because God is helping us to understand both the nature and sufficiency of His Word. In three short verses we learn so much about the awesome power and authority of the Scriptures.

Law: As you open your Bible you will notice that it is divided into two major sections, the Old Testament (or Law) and the New Testament (or Law). Both of these laws are perfect and complete in that each accomplishes its intended purpose, which is to convert or restore the soul. The Old Law and its system of worship have been fulfilled and done away with by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Col. 2:14 & Heb. 8:1-13). Since the death and resurrection of Christ mankind has lived under the New Covenant, also known as the "perfect law of liberty" (Jam. 1:25). This law is perfect in that it furnishes us with all things pertaining to both life and Godliness (2 Pe. 1:3). This law liberates us, setting us free from the law of sin and death (Jn 8:32).

Testimony: In the Scriptures we see God bearing witness about Himself both in terms of His nature and His will. In this age of over inflated expectations built on deception and false advertisements, it is refreshing that all we know of God traces back to His Word and is completely true. Paul wrote, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Rom. 1:20). God's creation cries out to each and every person that He does indeed exist (Ps. 19:1-6).

Precept: God's precepts are those rules that He gives us to guide us through life. Just as we lovingly guide our children, establishing rules and boundaries to keep them safe, God has given us precepts by which we must live. As Christians, we cannot do anything we want, we must operate within the boundaries of God's statutes (Gal. 5:17). By looking to God's precepts we know that He desires for us to come out from among this world and live soberly, righteously and godly (Rom. 12:1-2; Tit. 2:12). David said, "I will meditate in thy precepts and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word" (Ps. 119:15-16).

Commandment: The God of Heaven and Earth has spoken! His commands ought never to be seen or treated as mere suggestions. He has revealed the basis of our fellowship with Him and established commandments designed to maintain that fellowship (1 Jn. 2:3-4). In Jude 1:21 Christians are encouraged to keep themselves in the love of God and Jesus told us precisely how to do this when He said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (Jn. 14:15). If we want to enter that beautiful city, whose builder and maker is God, we better not wander away from God's commandments (Heb. 11:10; Rev. 22:14; Ps. 119:10).

Fear: In our society this word has only a negative connotation, however, Biblically it can mean either terror or reverence depending on the context. Psalm 19 speaks of the reverence we should have for God when we worship Him (Ps. 89:7). This type of fear motivates us to worship in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:23-24). It is clean and keeps our worship pure by helping us to avoid religion that is tainted with the doctrines and commandments of men (Mt. 15:7-8). This sober reverence does not change over time or alter to fit society. The fear of the Lord endures forever.

Judgments: We say it to our kids all the time, "Make good choices." That's exactly what God's Word, His judgments help us do! It trains our consciences so that we can discern what is good and what is evil (Heb. 5:11-14). Through God's judgments we are able to test all things and hold on to the things that are good and acceptable (1 Th. 5:21-22). This last term reminds us that Christianity is a learned lifestyle, "I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments" (Ps. 119:7).

The very purpose of God's Word is to help us through this life so we will be prepared to live with Him in eternity. If we want to experience the abundant life we must allow God's Law, Testimony, Precepts, Commandments, Fear, and Judgments to work in our lives.