

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEC 18, 2016

HOSPITAL: Tabitha Rushing (Princeton, ICU)

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Henry McDonald, Lucille Finn, Rick Pope, Hoyt Sims, Gene McDonald, Carl & Ann Myers, Bruce & Shelia Windham, Averie & Charlie Richardson

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM"

PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

DEC 25TH AFTERNOON SERVICE TIMES ARE CHANGED: THERE WILL BE A 30 MINUTE BREAK AFTER MORNING WORSHIP AND THEN WE WILL MEET FOR OUR AFTERNOON SERVICE WITH CONNOR RODEN SPEAKING FOR US

REMEMBER OUR HOLIDAY MEAL AT THE BULLPEN TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING AT ADAMSVILLE STARTS AT 8 PM

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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

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THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM (2 Timothy 4:9-18)

I. The _____ of loneliness.

- A. Loneliness is not being _____.
- B. "Loneliness is that feeling of being unnoticed, unloved, uncared for, unneeded, and even _____."
- C. The truth is that loneliness is very _____.
 - 1. There are _____ consequences.
 - 2. There are _____ consequences.
 - 3. There are _____ consequences.
- D. _____ experienced it (1 Kings 19:10).
- E. _____ experienced it before that (Psalm 102:4-7; 142:4).
- F. _____ had to feel lonely when he said all had forsaken him (2 Timothy 4:16).

II. _____ for loneliness.

- A. Loneliness can be caused by _____.
 - 1. We live in an alarmingly _____ society.
 - 2. The great thing about God is that He is _____.
- B. Loneliness can be caused by _____.
 - 1. _____ experienced this (Numbers 11:10-15).
 - 2. Service to God's people and others is not easy, but _____.
- C. Loneliness can be caused by _____.
 - 1. _____ probably suffered more than any other person besides our Lord.
 - 2. _____ can relate to the feeling of "no one cares for me" (John 1:12).

III. _____ for battling loneliness.

- A. Remember the _____ of God in front of you.
 - 1. The lonely brother or sister in Christ needs to remember God needs you _____ in His kingdom.
 - 2. Get back in the book because that will allow you to get back with its _____.
- B. Remember the _____ of God around you.
 - 1. When loneliness happens we are tempted to draw away and turn _____ even though we desire people in our lives.
 - 2. Don't wait to be _____, go and _____ someone else.
- C. Remember the _____ of God with you.
 - 1. God _____ Elijah that He was with him (1 Kings 19:11-12).
 - 2. Paul felt left alone by others but knew _____ was with him (2 Timothy 4:16-17).

The Separated Ones

Mike Bonner

Special tasks are designed for special people. As a matter of fact, it is well-known to many that only dedicated and trained individuals can excel during times of need. For this cause it is essential to have the proper training in order to fulfill the mission at hand. So who are we speaking of, concerning this dedication, training and fulfillment of mission? The "separated ones," better known as the Apostles of Christ. What powerful and mighty examples of allegiance, aptitude and adhesiveness to the cause of Christ.

In Acts thirteen and verse two, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." The term separated literally means to appoint for a special mission or purpose. The Holy Spirit commissions these men to go and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Jewish world in order that men may be saved and come to the knowledge of the Christ (1 Timothy 2:4). Saul, one born out of due time was determined to carry out the will of God to the best of his ability (1 Corinthians 15:8). It was because of the ardor of these men that they were able to stand against sorcerers like Elymas, false teachers like Bar-Jesus, and counterfeit brethren like Hymenaeus and Philetus (Acts 13:2ff; 2 Timothy 2:17ff). What courage and strength to post up strong for the Lord when the odds seem to be against you.

After the baptism of Jesus, He swiftly begins to choose the men God gave Him to take the glad tidings to the world (John 17:12). As the Lord performed miracles and taught people, including the twelve, the disciples began to catch on to the mission of Christ. In John six, it was Peter who stated after the multitude left because of the commitment Jesus placed upon them, "to whom shall we go..., You have the words of eternal life!" (6:68). The apostles were then making progress and Jesus was now ready to take them to the next level. He now commissions the twelve by stating, "go not in the way of the Gentiles or into any city of the Samaritans, but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach the kingdom of Heaven is at hand and heal..." (Matthew 10:58). His disciples/Apostles were sufficiently trained to begin their ministry to the world, thus fulfilling the commands of God. These men were not only separated but equipped for this special purpose which was before them.

Just as the apostles were separated for this cause, even children of God have been set apart for the cause of offering spiritual sacrifices to God (1 Peter 2:5). There is a great difference, however, between the Apostles of Christ and us today; notice in the first chapter of Acts, and verses twenty-one through twenty-six, the qualifications of an Apostle of Christ. No one today can meet those standards because we're not old enough to! An apostle had to be there at the baptism of Jesus and witness His resurrection; many in the religious world today, such as Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses hold fast to the notion of modern-day Apostles but this is false. God wants His children to be separated from sin and thus take the gospel to the world with the power of the Word to back us up. The apostles of Christ were trained men with a trying mission, attempting to change a terrible world. Let us forever be mindful of the task at hand and remember that God want us to be separated as well. Let's detach ourselves from the world's way of thinking and get those in it to see how they need to be transformed by the God of Heaven through the gospel (Romans 12:1-2). If you're a faithful member of the church of Christ, then you're a SEPARATED ONE!