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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.
Sonshiners: 4:45pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Being Joshua – part 1
(Joshua 1:16-17)

PM Sermon

Bochim (Judges 2)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Philippians - R. Earl

Wednesday Bible Class:

Things a Christian Should and Should
Not Do – R. Earl

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On Channel 6-2 Sundays @ 7:30 am

The Gospel of Christ TV Program

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The Oologah Informer

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Thoughts from the Preacher

“The Christian is always needed”

The light of the Christian is always needed.

The work of the Christian is always needed.

The faith of the Christian must always be present and faithful.

The Christian is always needed.

The Truly Wise Teacher Is Peaceable.

James 3:13-18

By Chuck Northrop

James, the brother of the Lord, had much to say about teachers and those who aspire to be teachers. The entirety of James 3 concerns such persons. All preachers and all Bible class teachers ought to seek “the wisdom that is from above.” Clearly this wisdom is godly wisdom and is described by eight characteristics. James wrote, “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace” (James 3:17-18). Please consider the second of these attributes: peaceable.

Within the pages of holy writ, there are at least three types of peace. The type of peace most people think about first is the absence of hostilities where no wars and no fighting exist. Is it not the case that a teacher of godly principles should not be given to conflict and should strive to be harmonious? Wisdom that “does not descend from above” is characterized by “envy and self-seeking” (James 3:15-16). In connection with this Paul wrote, “If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men” (Romans 12:18).

A second type of peace is reconciliation. In Ephesians 2, notice how “peace” and “reconcile” are used interchangeably. Gentiles “were far off” but are “brought near” (2:13). Christ is “our peace” and made Jews and Gentiles one (2:14). Christ abolished enmity and created one new man making peace (2:15). He reconciled Jews and Gentiles “to God in one body” (2:16). In so doing, He “preached peace” to Gentiles and Jews (2:17). A teacher with wisdom from above ought to seek to bring about reconciliation between brethren rather than division.

“Peace of mind” is a third type of peace. This kind of peace is contentment, tranquility, and serenity and displays itself by complete trust in God and does not worry or is not anxious. Any person who does not trust in God should repent, but that is especially true with the teacher and preacher of God’s word. How could a teacher/preacher teach others to trust in God when they really do not?

Let us strive to be truly wise teachers by applying the principles taught by James. Let us be pure and peaceable. Lord willing in the next issue of the Exhorter, we will consider the characteristic of being gentle.