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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Sounds from the Blood of Christ
(**Heb 12:22-24**)

PM Sermon

Babylon is Fallen (Revelation 18)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Outline of the Bible - Praschnik

Wednesday Bible Class:

Summer Series – Joey Barrett

In SEARCH of the Lord’s Way

On Channel 6-2 Sundays @ 7:30 am

The Truth in Love

on Channel 19 Sundays @ 8am

The Gospel of Christ TV Program

on Saturday @ 7:30am on Channel 53

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Thoughts from the Preacher

“An Impossibility”

It is an impossibility to be united and divided at the same time.

We must be united in doctrinal truth. Christ prayed for this (John 17:20-21) and David loved and embraced this same teaching. We must do the same today. “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1)

Weekly Article

Paul, the Master Preacher

Part 1 of 2

By Wendall Winkler

Next to the Lord, the greatest and most effective preacher who ever lived was the apostle Paul. He evangelized three continents and penned two-thirds of the New Testament’s epistles—sacred documents which have revolutionized the world.

First Thessalonians 2:1-12 gives us one of the clearest, most helpful and inspirational insights to Paul, the peerless preacher, to be found anywhere in his inspired writings. In this brief, but most enlightening text, we may observe:

The Preacher’s Manner

“But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children ... As you know how we exhorted and comforted and charged everyone of you, as a father doth his children.” (vs. 7 & 11).

Hence, we can see that Paul’s manner was that of an **affectionate mother** and a **caring father**. Such must be the manner of all gospel preachers today. Such obtaining, what devotion, care, interest, gentleness, tenderness and real commitment will follow.

The Preacher’s Motives

“For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile ... For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ. (vs. 3,5,6).

Paul’s desire was to please Christ, not man. On Monday morning, the Lord’s preacher, as he reminisces back over the previous day’s activities, is not so concerned with, “Wonder how that lesson went over with the brethren,” or “Wonder what they thought of that,” or “Wonder how they’ll react to that lesson,” or “Wonder if that gave satisfaction.” Rather, his chief concern is, “Did that sermon please the Lord? Can I confidently look up and see assuredly the smiling approval of the Father?” Brethren, it is the **Master** and not **men** that we are to please.

Now, if in pleasing God first, men are also made happy, well and good. But never, oh never, at the sacrifice of truth or the compromise of principle are we to gain the flighty favor of man to the forfeiting of divine approbation. Remember, too, that Paul said, "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." (Gal. 1:10).

The Preacher's Message

"We were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention ... but as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God." (vs. 2,4,9).

Yes, **the gospel of God** was the exclusive message of the apostle Paul. He said in 1 Cor. 9:16, "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" The curse of heaven rested upon Paul (1) if he failed to preach, and (2) if he preached anything other than the gospel. He said in Gal. 1:9, "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." And, why would he want to preach anything else other than the gospel since it, and it alone, is **the** (single and exclusive) power of God to save (Rom. 1: 16). With the gospel of God being the preacher's singular message, let us henceforth have no more book reviews, personal testimonies and philosophical speculations. Brethren, the world is filled with those who are regurgitating upon having been fed this type of diet by denominational preachers. They are wanting the gospel. Let us give it to them.

Part 2 next week