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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:

Preparing for the Future
(**Heb 10:32-39**)

PM Sermon

The Lamb VS the Harlot
(Revelation 17)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Outline of the Bible - Praschnik

Wednesday Bible Class:

Summer Series: Mike Roberts

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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The Oologah Informer **June 3rd, 2018**

Thoughts from the Preacher

“Take it with You”

The Christian Faith is something you carry with you,
You do not simply leave it in the pew for next time.

Weekly Article

“Are Church Choirs & Solo's Scriptural?”

Part 1

From the “Truth for the World” website

Many are using choirs and solos in their attempts to worship God. Are choirs and solos authorized by God as a part of Christian worship? To find the answer to this question, we must turn to the Bible. The Bible is God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16,17; John 12:48; Galatians 1:6-9; 2 Peter 1:3; Jude 3). Man does not have the right to add to, nor to take away from, the teachings of the Word of God (Revelation 22:18,19; Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6). The New Testament portion of God's Word is the standard of authority for what we do in the work and worship of God today (Colossians 2:14; Hebrews 8:6-13).

In His Word, God has authorized five acts of worship for His church. These five acts are: singing (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16), giving (1 Corinthians 9:6, 7), prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Timothy 2:8), eating the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11: 23-29; Acts 20:7), and the preaching of the Word of God (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 2 Timothy 4:1-4). These acts of worship are authorized by direct statements, commands, implications, and approved examples.

Singing in worship is commanded by God. The New Testament contains many examples of Christians singing in worship to God (Acts 16:25; Romans 15:9; 1 Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:18,19; Hebrews 2:12; James 5:13). These passages describe the kind of music God has authorized so that His people can worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). The kind of music God authorized is singing. This singing is congregational singing. It is done by every Christian in the assembly! It must be done with understanding. The purpose of the singing is for Christians to glorify God and to teach and admonish one another.

Does Ephesians 5:19 teach congregational singing? The word in the Greek language in which the New Testament was written, which is translated as “speaking,” means “to utter speech, to convey speech, to use the tongue or faculty of speech, to utter articulate sounds, to talk, to tell, to use words to declare one's mind and thoughts.” The New Testament word translated “yourselves” is a “reflexive” pronoun of the third person. It shows that the person who acts and the person who

receives the action is the same. While one is speaking to others in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, others are also speaking to him in the same way. This is a clear reference to congregational singing where all mutually teach one another as they unite their voices in song. To obey this command, there must be an interchange of action. When one group or person is active (a choir or soloist) and another group is passive (the listening audience) there is no interchange of action. Ephesians 5:19 cannot be obeyed by choirs or solos!

To be continued next week.