

The Oologah Informer

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“One Church Is As Good As Another”

Randy L. Mabe

Of course no New Testament Christian would say this directly. But sometimes New Testament Christians that lose their moral compass say this very thing by the things they do. Remember that it has been said many times, “Your life is the only Bible some people will ever read...” and, “As a sermon your actions are louder than the spoken word...” Teddy Roosevelt gave the following sentiment - that a man is not worth much that does not stay true to his beliefs by his actions. Consider that a Bible class teacher or preacher is known for teaching the Biblical doctrine of the “One, true church” (Ephesians 4:4). On Sunday mornings they are present consistently. But when time arrives for Sunday evening services this same person is in attendance at the Roman Catholic Mass. Then at the appointed time for Wednesday evening Bible Study arrives this same person is at the Baptist Church just a few blocks away! Good brethren would accurately see this as being hypocritical. The words would just be empty, hollow ‘sermonizing’ as their actions betrayed their content. “Extreme!”, you may say. What would be the difference if a New Testament Christian went to various buildings marked by the words “Church of Christ” in the same routine as above but one was sound in doctrine and practice; one was teaching and practicing any and all opinions on ‘Marriage - Divorce - Remarriage’; and one was a ‘ Non- Institutional’ that believed in helping ‘Saints only’? James 2:10 teaches there is no difference. Erroneous doctrine is damnable whether in whole or in part. We all ‘know’ that there are different churches because they have different doctrines. Whether it be Baptist doctrine or Non-Institutionalism really makes no difference. It is “will worship” and God is not glorified by it (Colossians 2:13-23)...

Paying the Price

The mark of a great leader is the demands he makes upon his followers. The Italian freedom fighter Garibaldi offered his men only hunger and death to free Italy. Winston Churchill told the English people that he had nothing to offer them but "blood, sweat, toil, and tears" in their fight against the enemies of England. Jesus demanded that His followers carry a cross - a sign of death.

According to secular history...
Andrew died on a cross
Simon was crucified
Bartholomew was flayed alive
James (son of Zebedee) was beheaded
The other James (son of Alphaeus) was beaten to death
Thomas was run through with a lance
Matthias was stoned and then beheaded

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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:

The Steadfast Word....guards my heart (Psalm 119:9-11)

PM Sermon:

Den of Faith (Daniel 6)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Job – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

The Christian Do's - Swearingen

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

Matthew was slain by the sword
Peter was crucified upside down
Thaddeus was shot to death with arrows
Philip was hanged

The demands that Jesus makes upon those who would follow Him can be difficult. Christianity is not a Sunday morning religion. It is a hungering after God to the point of death if need be. It shakes our foundations, topples our priorities, pits us against friend and family, and makes us strangers in this world.

One day, as Jesus was being followed by a large crowd, He turned to them, sensing that the demands of discipleship were not getting through, He told two parables (Lk. 14:25-33). In these parables we learn the three great requirements of Christianity. To follow Jesus: 1) We must establish our priorities, 2) We must count the cost, and 3) We must pay the price.

Taken from "The Preachers PC", by Tom Moore

Announcements

Thank You

Thanks to all those who helped setup and take down items every night during our meeting. Thanks to all those who prayed for, attended and invited others to our meeting.

DVDs & CDs

DVDs from our tent meeting and summer series are being prepared. If you'd like a DVD or CD please let Russ know.

Food Pantry

Our food pantry this month will be Saturday the 21st. Please pray for this work.

Recent Prayer Requests

Joyce Cash – is having problems recovering from her knee surgery.

Barbara Coats – is recovering from surgery on her arm.

Kenny (Patty Payne's husband) – is waiting to hear about the results from his biopsy on Thursday.

Darla's sister Ruth is recovering from surgery on her legs.

Steve Lay's mother - fell last week and is in the hospital recovering.

Please keep all of these in your prayers.

Please keep the following in the prayers.

Ed & Barbara Coats

Allen & Joyce Cash

Mary Ann Haugh

Emma and Ruth (Darla Smith's sisters)

John Babb

Kennedy Cox

Larry Brown

Daphne Miller

Roy Daniel