

A Sound Church

A sound church is not merely a church that sounds good, but rather one that is firmly anchored in truth!

“That they may be sound”
Titus 1:13

- Sound in **DOCTRINE** • Titus 2:1
- Sound in **FAITH** • Titus 1:13
- Sound in **UNITY** • John 17
- Sound in **ORGANIZATION** • Ephesians 4:11
- Sound in **WORK** • Titus 3:1
- Sound in **WORSHIP** • John 4:24
- Sound in **TEACHING** • 2 Timothy 4:1-4
- Sound in **GIVING** • 2 Corinthians 9:7-8
- Sound in **ZEAL** • 2 Corinthians 9:2
- Sound in **LEADERSHIP** • Acts 2:38



“But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine.” Titus 2:1

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Evidences of Christians

By Dan Jenkins

Words obviously have definitions and it is important to use words with a full understanding of what each word means. One of the problems which has led to religious division is a failure to define words of the New Testament as they were used in the first century. One would never come to the conclusion that sprinkling is baptism if we understood that the word “baptism” in the first century always meant “to dip, to submerge.”

I recall years ago when knocking doors in New Zealand that we asked the man who came to the door what he was religiously. He knew he was something but had no idea what he was. So he shouted out to his wife and asked her what he was. In the broadest sense, he might have said he was a Christian, but had no idea beyond that.

New Zealand was an amazing place in so many ways. They viewed themselves as being a Christian nation, but only 3% of the people regularly went to worship. Obviously almost no one in there sang praises to God. Few of them had Bibles and even fewer read the Bible regularly. Their absence from assemblies meant they rarely gave anything to God. The Lord’s Supper was rarely observed. There was little evidence in their lives of Christ, yet they saw themselves as a Christian nation.

If a doctor has no office, has no patients, prescribes no medicine, diagnoses no illness, does no medical exams, and receives no pay, is he a doctor? Whenever he has stopped doing those things which doctors do, he is no longer a doctor.

If a farmer plows no land, buys no seed, plants no crops, feeds no animals, never harvests anything, is he a farmer? Whenever he has stopped doing those things which farmers do, he is no longer a farmer.

Now make the spiritual application of this principle. If a Christian stops attending worship, sings no hymns of praise, never bows his head to pray with others, never gives, never reads the Bible, never sits in Bible classes or hears sermons, is he a Christian? Whenever he has stopped doing those things which Christians do, he is no longer a Christian.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: he is fighting cancer, please be praying that his cancer will be defeated

Bobby Sanderson: continues to improve, please pray he has no further problems

Gunner Pendley: recovering from severe brain injury, please keep him and family in your prayers

Janet Spann: has severe COPD and other health problems, please keep her and her family in your prayers

Tommy Housh: diagnosed with bladder cancer, please pray that they will be able to successfully defeat this cancer

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Tammy Dodd: recovering from recent stroke, please pray she makes a full recovery

Jeff Upton (Donna Martin’s Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please pray that she will improve

Ren Garrison (Donna Martin’s Nephew): is still dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that this issue will be dealt with successfully

Tyler Upton: is now home recovering, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Winfred York: doctor said he was able to remove all the cancer from his bladder, please continue to pray for him and Mrs. Vertie

Larry Eads: (member at Carbon Hill) diagnosed with stage 4 esophagus cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Jack Willis (Meg Rutledge’s Father) is fighting cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Celia Grace Hamlett (3 year old): biopsies came back cancer they are doing blood studies to confirm; let us pray that the results are negative and that she is cancer free

Nelle Fraizer (Lellie’s Sister); she has some ongoing health problems

Let me make this same point in another way. Suppose our government were overthrown and all Christians were put on trial. Those found guilty were immediately slain. If this were to happen, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Think about this, what evidence is there to those around you that you are a Christian? If Christianity were outlawed, would you be alive or dead.

Remember the words of Jesus: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father.” Do others know that you are a Christian?

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Easter Sunday You Can’t Do That Just Then

By Kevin Cauley

Easter Sunday is a fine time to remember the resurrection of Jesus, as is every day of the year. Those who seek to remember Jesus only on Easter Sunday do not really remember Him, because Jesus wants us to remember Him every day. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:15, “and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.” You can’t do that just on Easter Sunday.

There are many other things that Jesus wants us to do that can’t be done just on Easter Sunday. Jesus wants us to remember his death, burial, and resurrection in the Lord’s Supper every first day of the week (1 Corinthians 11:25, Acts 20:7). You can’t do that just on Easter Sunday. Jesus wants us to take up our cross daily and follow Him (Luke 9:23). You can’t do that just on Easter Sunday. Jesus wants us to pray every day (Matthew 6:11). You can’t do that just on Easter Sunday. Jesus wants us to teach others about Him every day (Acts 5:42). You can’t do that just on Easter Sunday. Jesus wants us to be a living sacrifice (Romans 12:2). You can’t do that just on Easter Sunday.

You may be starting to get the impression that Easter Sunday doesn’t mean very much at all to Jesus. You are right; it doesn’t. Jesus does not care about your formal observance of Easter Sunday if your heart is not given to Him. Jesus said, “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me” (Matthew 15:8). Jesus knows where your heart truly is. Do you?

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The Resurrection Of Our Lord

By Winfred Clark

When we speak of the resurrection, it must be understood that such points to the resurrection of Christ (Acts 1:22). It also means we are talking of the bodily resurrection (John 1:19, 21). There are a number of passages which address this very thing.

I. THERE ARE AND HAVE BEEN ENEMIES OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Did not some people attempt to prevent His resurrection? You have only to read Matthew 27:62-66. There were the religious leaders who wanted to be sure that His body stayed in the tomb.

There were others who would seek to pervert the fact of the resurrection even after it occurred. You will find those same leaders giving large sums of money to the soldiers to say, “the disciples came and stole the body away” (Matt. 28:11-15). So that which they could not prevent, they would now seek to pervert.

There were others who denied it (Matt. 22:23). Some who mocked (Acts 17:32). Some who said it was not so (I Cor. 15:12). So we can see the resurrection had and still has its enemies.

II. THE RESURRECTION IS ESSENTIAL

One must accept the fact that the resurrection is tied to a number of things that stand or fall with this fact.

For one thing, the claim of the Savior is tied to this fact. You will find again and again where Jesus claimed that He would be raised from the dead (John 2:19; Matt. 12:40; 16:21).

One could also say the credibility of the Scripture is tied to the resurrection (I Cor. 15:4). Paul said it was according to the Scriptures.

We must admit the comfort of the saint is tied to such (I Thess. 4:13-14).

III. THE RESURRECTION IS HOWEVER AN ESTABLISHED FACT

The evidence is overwhelming in support of this great truth. It has reliable support that cannot be gainsaid.

Take a look at the tomb of Jesus. We know the body was laid in the tomb (Matt. 27:57-66). We know the tomb was later empty (Matt. 28:1-10). Even the soldiers said it was empty. The religious leaders accepted the fact that it was empty. The disciples knew it was empty.

So that empty tomb has to be accounted for.

Listen to the testimony of witnesses. Among other things, you have 13 sermons recorded in Acts, and the majority deal with the resurrection. There is ample proof that those who preached this fact had God’s endorsement (Acts 4:1-33).

One has to take into account the transformation of men like Peter, Paul and others. There is no way one could account for Paul’s life and labors without the resurrection.

There can be no doubt about Christianity being true. The resurrection of our Lord cries from the housetops, “He Is Risen!” For that we can say, Thank God!

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