

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Billy Box

On the Table: Head - Josh Berryhill
Servers - Bradley Box
Ralph Burleson
Greg Lowery

Closing Prayer: Eddy Dickinson

Preparing the Lord's Supper Donna York

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Elders: Deacons: Al Corkren / Josh Berryhill

Leonard Key / David Key

Billy Box / Eddy Dickinson

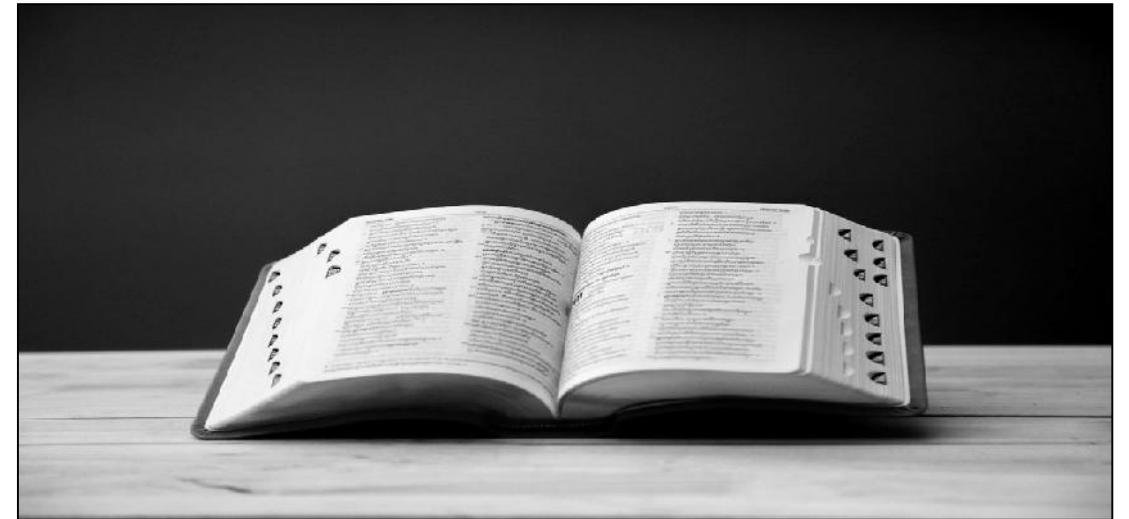
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What Is Our Attitude Toward Correction?

By Brian R. Kenyon

Apollos was a great preacher who “spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord,” yet he “knew only the baptism of John” (Acts 18:24-25). Within the scope of his knowledge, Apollos effectively taught the truths of Jesus, but his understanding was limited to the teachings of John the Baptist. The “baptism of John” can represent the entire ministry of John the Baptist (Matthew 21:23-27). Apparently, Apollos had not learned the Gospel as a reality (Acts 2:22-24). We can probably assume that Apollos did not yet know of the Pentecost events or the significance of the connection between the Holy Spirit and “Great Commission” baptism (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 12:13). He may have accepted Jesus as the Messiah without knowing the full extent of His Messianic achievement. He apparently did not know about the resurrection of Christ (Acts 19:4). Apollos stood in need of correction and further education.

Aquila and Priscilla’s Attitude

As Apollos spoke boldly in the synagogue, Aquila and Priscilla knew he had not been grounded in certain matters of the faith, such as “Great Commission” baptism (Acts 18:26). They took Apollos aside and taught him the way of God “more accurately [perfectly KJV].” The term “took...aside” reflects a concern, not to publicly call out Apollos as a false teacher but a genuine concern for Apollos to learn the truth. This incident in Acts 18:24-28 says much about Aquila and Priscilla. First, they, unlike some in the church today, knew that there was a difference between scriptural baptism and everything else that is called “baptism,” and they knew that the difference mattered (Hebrews 6:1-2).

Denominationalists often discount baptism by saying, “It’s only an external rite” or “It doesn’t matter, for God looks on the heart anyway.” Yet, Jesus said to “make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). Second, this incident shows they loved Apollos enough to take the powerful preacher aside to teach him the truth more accurately. Though one can be eloquent, well-learned and enthusiastic, he still may need some correcting or further teaching.

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

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

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

Don Lawrence: dealing with some health issues, please continue to keep him your prayers

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

Al Corkren: is continuing to improve, please be praying that his recovery will be successful

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: has been diagnosed with cancer, please pray that it will be treatable

Upcoming Events

Today	Country Place	2:00 pm
July 14 th	Nursing Home	2:00 pm

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Wyatt Spann: is currently fighting a brain tumor, please pray that with medical help he can win this fight

Bobby Sanderson: received a good report from the doctors Thursday, please pray he has no further problems

Pam Davis {Adrian’s daughter} has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that it can be defeated with treatment

Indee Kois {student at BHS}: she is still dealing with some health issues , please pray that the doctors will be able to help her

Frank Farris: is recovering from a stroke, please keep him in your prayers

Terri Avery {Bill’s daughter-in-law}: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that this cancer is treatable and can be defeated

Faye Jordan (Vertie’s sister): she is improving and is in rehab in Fulton for 21 days, please pray that she will have no further problems

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

Jeff York (Vetrie’s son): is back home and continues to improve, please pray that he has no further problems

Judy Shirley: had part of her lung removed because of cancer and is waiting to hear from the doctors, please pray that she will receive good news

It is interesting that Priscilla was also involved. In fact, her name appears first in many Greek manuscripts. This tells us that women can have a part in teaching others, even powerful preachers, and still remain in subjection to men (1 Timothy 2:8-15). Some things they may have taught Apollos were that Jesus had already died for sin, that He had been raised from the dead and that His kingdom was established and open to all who will obey (Acts 2:41, 47). Aquila and Priscilla definitely had the right attitude toward correcting their brother in the Lord!

Apollos’ Attitude

This incident also says much about Apollos. First, even though he was eloquent, well-learned, and enthusiastic, he did not think too highly of himself to be beyond just criticism (Matthew 5:3-10). Often, men of his caliber do not take correction easily! Second, when taught the truth, Apollos readily accepted it. Following this incident, Apollos moved on to Achaia, where “he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ” (Acts 18:27-28). Third, many today (even preachers and elders) get upset when shown their knowledge is not as accurate as it should be, but Apollos seemed content to be corrected, realizing that he was a better Christian and preacher for it. Apollos definitely had the right attitude toward being corrected by his brothers and sisters!

Our Attitude

Christians today, even preachers, are not always correct in what they teach. What is our attitude toward that? Do we have the genuine concern of Aquila and Priscilla to reach out and take such people aside to teach them more accurately? If our teaching were untrue, would we have the humility of Apollos to examine evidence and change our view? Only with the right attitude can the truth makes us free (John 8:32)!

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Jesus Was Different

By Gary C. Hampton

Numerous religious groups look to a dynamic personality to set their beliefs in motion. None, however, has a leader like Jesus.

Jesus was “God with us.” The angel told Joseph that the child Mary was expecting was a fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14 (Matthew 1:18-25). John added to our understanding when he told about the Word that was with God at the beginning and was God. He was the one who walked among men, displaying the Glory of the “only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:1-2, 14).

Our Leader controlled the elements. He actually was the Creator. “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made” (John 1:3). The apostles awakened our Lord in the midst of a terrible storm on the Sea of Galilee. “Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace, be still!’ And the wind ceased and there was a great calm” (Mark 4:36-41).

Our Lord offered love to His enemies by coming to die for them (Romans 5:6-11). He also commanded His followers to do the same (Matthew 5:44). The mocking mob before the cross heard Him pray, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do” (Luke 23:34).

Judas, the Lord’s betrayer, recognized that our Master was sinless (Matthew 27:4). Pilate agreed with him (Luke 23:14b-15a). One of the thieves hanging with him referred to the unjust nature of the tortuous death the Lord endured (Luke 23:39-41).

The greatest distinction between our King and other religious leaders is His ability to save. The Revelation describes Jesus Christ as the One “who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood” (Revelation 1:5). We become sons of God by putting Jesus on in baptism (Galatians 3:26-27). He delivered the promise of eternal life (1 John 2:24-25).

Never doubt Jesus is different from all others who claim to be leading people on a great, spiritual journey. That difference should inspire us to follow Him!

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Vacation Bible School @ Brilliant

July 21st – 25th
Times: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Classes For all Ages

Guest Speakers:
Teens: Kaleb Hall

Adult Class:
Sunday: David Barker
Monday: Russ Vickers
Tuesday: Kyle Gilpin
Wednesday: Derek Porter
Thursday: Byron Longcrier

