

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Billy Box

Opening Prayer: Josh Berryhill

On the Table: Head - Greg Lowery
Servers - Eddie Dickinson
Bradley Box
David Key

Closing Prayer: Charles Berryhill

Preparing the Lord's Supper: Katie Berryhill

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: Leonard Key / David Key
Billy Box / Eddie Dickinson

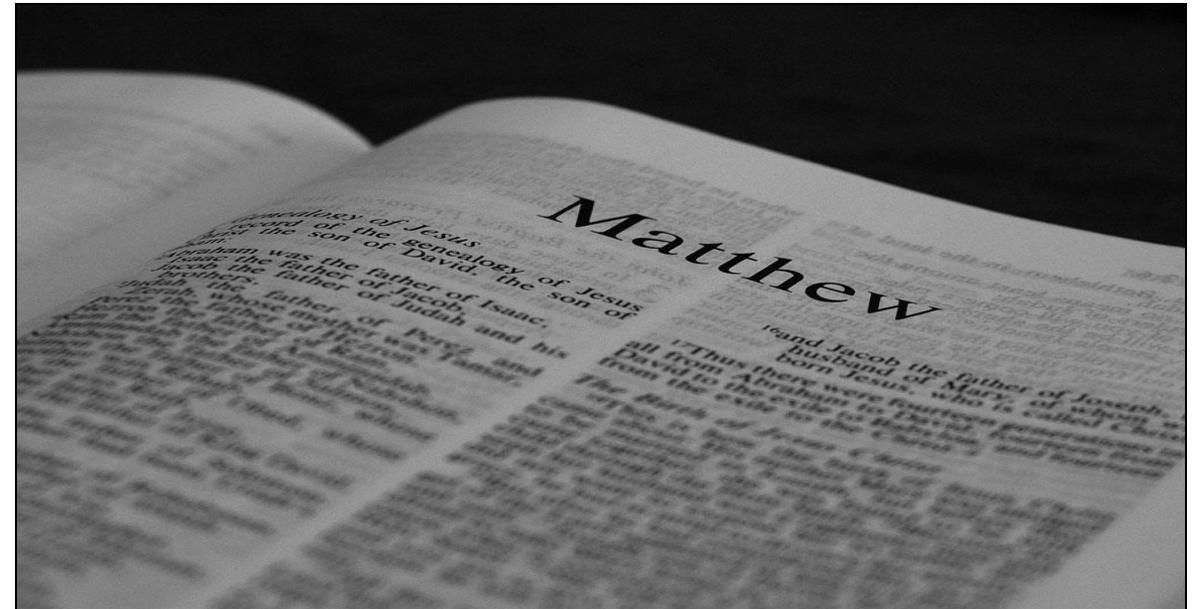
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Why Do People Reject Jesus?



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What Kind Of “Christ” Would He Have Been...

By Bill Jackson

. . . If he had been weak and wavering, unsure, uncertain and unsold concerning the truth, and the doing of the Father’s will? What if he had been a stand-for-nothing and stand-against-nothing leader? We are thankful that, at the end of the great Sermon on the Mount, men were astonished at His doctrine for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes (Matt. 7:28, 29).

. . . If he had run after the attention of the religious leaders of the day, and catered to their whims and fancies because He wanted, above all else their good-will? One time the disciples noted His teaching, and made known to Him that the Pharisees were offended at this teaching (Matt. 15:12). What kind of “Christ” would He have been if He then ran after the Pharisees, apologizing for earlier plainness, and confessing never to be so plain again? In this instance, we note that he made it even plainer for them: “Every plant, that my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up” (v. 13).

. . . If He had been possessed of the view that He dare not be critical of any religious establishment, but approve of all, fellowship all, endorse all? What kind of “Christ” would He have been if He had “gone along to get along” and had thrown the arm of fellowship around everything in religion? He warned the disciples about the leaven of both the Pharisees and Sadducees (Matt. 16:6), and they knew that He was speaking about the doctrine / teaching of these groups (v. 12).

...If He had filled His lessons with syrupy and sugar-coated expressions, oozing an expressed love that never got around to pointing out any error or wrongdoing? What kind of “Christ” would He have been to have been that weak? Do we want to hear the Son of God speak with plainness, and remembering that He always did the will of the Father? Then hear Him, seven times, in Matthew 23: “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!”

What kind of “Christ” would He have been if He had been characterized by the points of weakness just noted? That’s right! He wouldn’t have been the CHRIST at all!

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THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Lannie & Glenda Key: be praying for both of them during this difficult time

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

Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Sister} is in the nursing home in Guin, pray for her she has some ongoing health issues

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

Angie Ganey Gardner: fighting against breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

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

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Glynda Long: she is fighting stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Celia Grace Hamlett, daughter of Gary and Kassie Hamlett, was diagnosed with MLD(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy); planning on gene replacement treatment; please pray that these treatments will be successful.

Pam Braden: she is dealing with some ongoing health problems, please continue to keep her in your prayers

Guy Weeks: is undergoing cancer treatments, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Sandy Markham: is having a problem with her ankle, please pray that this will get better

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Maddie Bishop (young girl South Haleyville) diagnosed with stage 4 Ewing sarcoma, please pray for her and her family and that treatments can defeat this cancer

Billy Lee {Carolyn’s Brother} he is in renal failure, is back at the nursing home in Guin, please be praying for him and the staff caring for him

Timmy Weeks: he is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that he will receive treatments that can restore his health

Danny Berryhill: diagnosed with thickness of the heart, please be praying that doctors can successfully help him with this problem

Bill Berryhill: dealing with cancer, please be praying that his battle with cancer can be controlled and won

Mason Estes: he is need of a liver transplant; please be keeping him and his family in your prayers

Becky Jones: she has been diagnosed with renal failure; please be keeping her in your prayers

Frank Farris: is dealing with some health problems, please pray that he gets better

Judy Barker (David Barker’s Mother): she had been diagnosed with bone and lung cancer; please keep her and her family in your prayers

Leonard Key: in the nursing home Winfield recovering from hip surgery, please be praying that he makes a full recovery

Please pray for Ronnie and the rest of the family as they grieve over the loss of Teresa; also continue to pray Ronnie can overcome the serious effects of COVID

Kristi White: diagnosed with cancer effecting her esophagus and stomach taking treatments at MD Anderson, please pray this cancer will be defeated

Some Things The Bible Does Not Teach

By Mac Deaver

Today the Bible is credited with authorizing certain religious ideas which, in fact, it does not. Please consider the following doctrines which the Bible does not teach.

1. The Bible does not teach that one church is as good as another. Now, one denomination may be as good as another denomination, but the Lord established only one church (Mt. 16:18; Eph. 4:4; Col. 1:18). People who are grateful for denominational confusion are ignorant of the Biblical doctrine of the church.
2. The Bible does not teach that it doesn’t matter what you believe religiously as long as you are sincere. While sincerity is essential to salvation, it is not in and of itself sufficient. Some Jews sincerely but ignorantly crucified the Lord and were indicted for that sin (Acts 2:23; Acts 3:17). Saul of Tarsus sincerely persecuted the church thinking he was acting in harmony with the law of Moses (Acts 9:1,2; Acts 23:1), but he was wrong and was told what to do to be right (Acts 22:16).
3. The Bible does not teach that everyone has a right to his own opinion in religious matters, as though religion were simply a matter of opinion. We have no scriptural right to treat matters of faith as if they were matters of personal opinion, and we have no right to treat matters of personal opinion as matters of faith (2nd Jn. 9; Col. 3:17; Mt. 15:7-9). Salvation is not a matter of opinion!
4. The Bible does not teach that the church is unimportant. Because of a false concept of the true church, many today frown on all organized religion. Some think they can be personally saved without any connection with a religious institution, while others feel that after one is “saved” he ought to join some religious organization. The Bible teaches that Jesus died to purchase the church, and that the plan whereby one can become a Christian is the same plan whereby one is added to the church (Acts 20:28; Acts 2:38, 47). If one is not in the Lord’s church, he is not a part of the Lord’s spiritual body (Col. 1:18).

5. The Bible does not teach that no one can really know saving truth anyway. Listening to many and varied doctrines of men can cause confusion to one who does not carefully study his Bible. The Lord taught that saving truth could be known (Jn. 8:31-32). It is wrong for one to throw up his hands in despair thinking that no one can be sure as to the truth or falsity of religious doctrine.

These are five things the Bible does not teach. If we uphold any of these doctrines as true, we are wrong.

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Jesus Is Touched With The Feelings Of Our Infirmities

By Billy Smith

One of the recurring themes from the life of Jesus is, “When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them” (Matt. 9:36). He saw the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual destitution of mankind and came to save the world from itself.

In becoming flesh (John 1:14), Jesus is able to identify with all the human experiences life brings. He knows what it is like to be hungry, thirsty, tired, lonely, angry, ill, hurt, betrayed, accused, berated, misunderstood, denied and deserted. He knows the heart-break that comes with separation from those you love and especially the pain that accompanies the loss of a loved one.

And, in going to the cross, Jesus is able to identify with the reality of death and dying, of relating to both its fears and demonstration of faith. The cross, therefore, accomplished more than our salvation from sin; it also provides proof that we possess a Savior who can identify with our every problem, pain and possibility. He has been there.

When you wonder if God cares that you suffer, remember Jesus on the cross; when you suffer the loss of a parent, a mate, or a child, remember then that Jesus knows. When life presents you with an unexpected turn, remember then that Jesus has experienced each of life’s emotions and activities. Not only is He able to identify with our infirmities, He is also able to strengthen us to endure them.

Well did the Hebrews writer say: “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin” (Heb. 4:15).

POWER Gospel Journal, vol. 1, no. 3, October 1990, p. 22-23.

What Discipleship is



John 12

- Discipleship Is A Matter of DYING For Him 12:24
- Discipleship Is A Matter of DEVOTION To Him 12:25
- Discipleship Is A Matter of DIRECTION To Him 12:26
- Discipleship Is A Matter of DEIFYING To Him 12:27-28
- Discipleship Is A Matter of DEFERRING To Him 12:29-31
- Discipleship Is A Matter of DRAWING To Him 12:3-33
- Discipleship Is A Matter of DWELLING In Him 12:34-37

Barnes' Bible Charts