

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Eddy Dickinson

Opening Prayer: Joshua Berryhill

On the Table: Head - Ralph Burleson  
Servers - Bradley Box  
David Key  
Greg Lowery

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

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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Billy Box / Eddy Dickinson

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# Different (Not The Same)



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**Paul Committed to the Lord**

By Dan Jenkins

When Paul wrote his second letter to Timothy, he knew the end was near. He looked back over his life and used two illustrations from the Grecian games to describe it. He mentioned fighting (wrestling or boxing) and racing. “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (4:6). It is at times like this that a man reflects on how his life has been spent. It is a time for self-evaluation.

**Committed Paul**

The Apostle Paul was committed to God.

Look at his words in chapter one. He urged Timothy to never be ashamed of the gospel nor of Paul. “Share with me in the sufferings for the gospel” (1:8). Four verses later he mentions his suffering again. “For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed...” Throughout much of his life he had been despised, mocked, blasphemed, beaten and imprisoned. The world looks at such men with contempt, yet Paul was not ashamed.

How could this be? Read the rest of this verse. “For I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.” Just what had he committed to the Lord? Take time to consider the following thoughts as if you knew your life was about to end and then reflect back on it. What have you committed to the safekeeping of God until the day of judgment?

\* He had committed to the Lord his choice to suffer shame at the hands of men for Him to recompense on the final day.

\* He had committed his soul to the Lord. That eternal spirit was about to depart from his body, and he had loved the Lord with all of his heart and soul. He believed the Lord knew this and would keep it until the end.

\* He had committed his body as a living sacrifice and it was offered on the altar of service. Now the time had come for his life to be sealed with his own blood. With absolute confidence he knew he would be vindicated someday.

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

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

Gunner Pendley: recovering from severe brain injury and is in Shepherd’s in Atlanta, please keep him and family in your prayers

Randy Pickard, Sr.: received injuries from a tractor accident and the doctors found a spot on his thyroid, please pray that he will have no major complications from the accident and that the spot will not be found to be cancerous

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

Pam Davis (Adrian’s daughter) latest checkup showed no cancer, let us thank God for answering our prayers

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

Kye Jackson: (Lindsey’s son) diagnosed with arthritis he is 2 years old, pray that he will receive successful treatment for this arthritis

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

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

Mary Box: recovering from cracked ribs and some other health problems, please pray that she will get better

Winfred York: is home and is recovering from injuries obtained in an automobile accident, please keep him and Mrs. Vertie in your prayers

Ren Garrison (Donna Martian’s Nephew): will have an operation October 17<sup>th</sup> dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that surgery will be successful in dealing with this problem.

Tyler Upton: obtained severe injuries from a recent automobile accident and is showing signs of improvement, please keep him and his family in your prayers

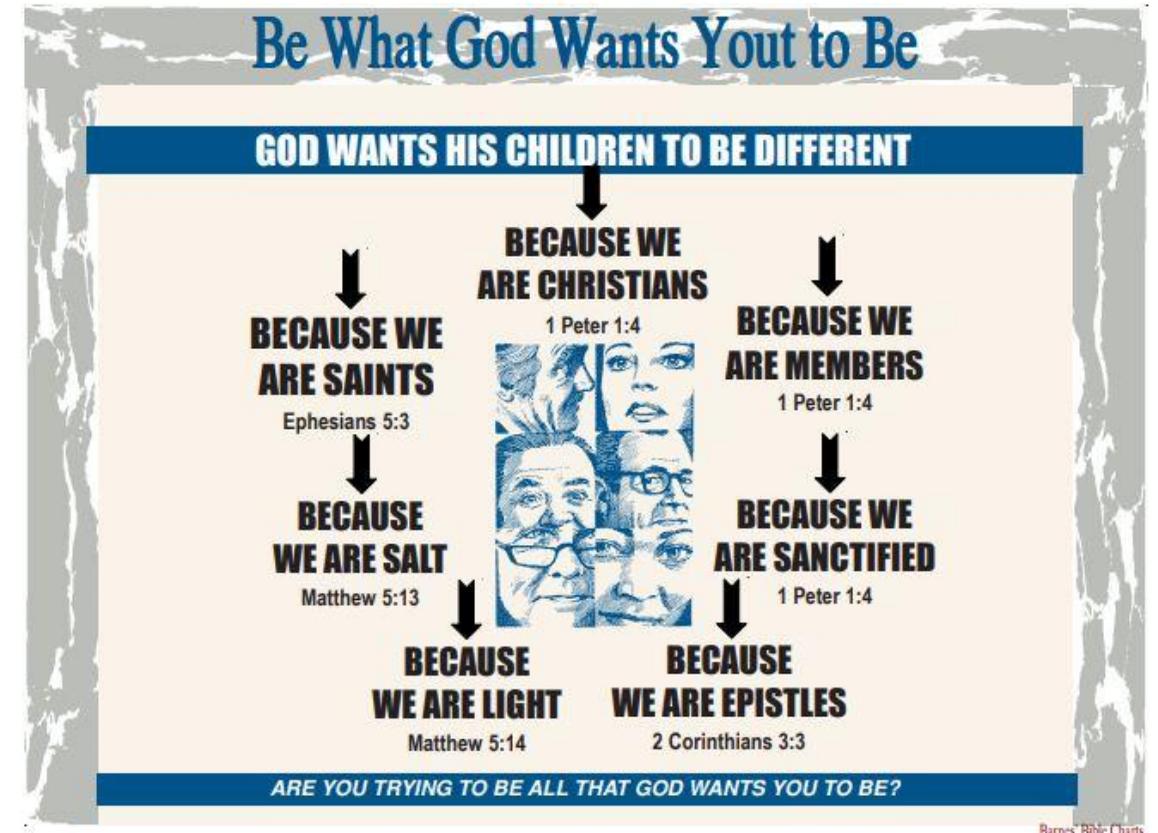
Danielle Key: liver and kidney failure, please keep her and her family in your prayers

DeWayne Wilkinson: dealing with a blood clot in his leg, please pray that he will receive the proper help to clear this up

\* He had committed the future into God’s hand and while there was much uncertainty about that future, he knew Who held the future. “I know whom I have believed...” He may not have known the “what,” but he knew the Who!

\* He had committed all that there was to Him who was able. On this earth there were times when Paul was bound and helpless because there were those who were able to do this to him. Yet Paul knew that their power was nothing compared to the power of the Almighty. There is no comparison to be made between the two. Those Roman soldiers thought they were able to control Paul’s future. He knew better.

How deep is your commitment to the Lord? How much of yourself or your life belongs to Him? [Obtained at: [www.churchofchristarticles.com](http://www.churchofchristarticles.com)]



**The Truth About Christ’s Church**

By Dan Jenkins

There may be some things in the Bible which are difficult to understand, but there are others which are so simply stated but often are easily overlooked. Two of these truths are that Jesus established the church and that He never wanted it to be changed.

Read Matthew 16:18 and notice how easy it is to understand the promise Jesus made before He died about what was about to happen. “I will build My church.” Even a child can grasp these words. Continue to read the Bible, and you will see exactly what happened. Just days after He ascended into heaven that church became a reality, and men were added to it (Acts 2:38-47). We must never overlook this truth so plainly stated.

Read the words in Matthew 16 which follow His promise to build the church. He said to Peter, “Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Two chapters later, He expanded this right to reveal God’s message bound upon all men to include others (Matt. 18:18). For the church to exist, there was a new testament which was about to be revealed, but when that truth was bound on this earth it was bound in heaven. We must not overlook this truth so simply stated.

To see how firmly this new way of living was binding on man, read the words of the apostle Paul. “I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ” (Gal. 1:6-7). The truth was so firmly bound on mankind that to change it is described as a perversion.

Then, read the next verse to see that the gospel could not be changed. “But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.” Do you see how easily these words show that the Lord never gave any man, including the apostle Paul, or any angel from heaven to change the truth that was revealed?

Yet, it is so easy to overlook these two truths. God first gave that Old Testament to the Jews and only God Himself could change it (Deut. 4:2; 12:32). When Jesus gave us the New Testament, He gave this same message—do not change it. How tragic it is that since Jesus left the earth men have changed the church and changed the truth bound on us in so many ways.

What would happen if all those who believed in Jesus decided to return to the simple truth given by Jesus and the apostles? What would the church look like if we established that first-century church in our day? Think about it!

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**Upcoming Events**

October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Country Place	2:00 pm
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Turn In Change Can’s For Potter’s Home	
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pumpkin Patch Trip	
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
October 20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Gospel Meeting {Byron Longcrier}	
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meal	
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Bowl	2:00 pm
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tri-County Singing {Here}	2:00 pm