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SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Gary Colley

We always enjoy hearing the comments that often come concerning our bulletin, and in particular from those who have been helped by the articles that are written. It is our sincere intention that this bulletin should be a teaching tool. It has been mentioned to us recently, that it seems that many have changed their course on bulletins from the Lord's church containing Bible teaching. There are no observations, opinions, or worldly endeavors that are equal to the teaching of the Bible. We urge others to take a close look, as we must do ourselves, at the work of such mailings from the church of Christ (Matt. 28:18-20).

Gifts are always enjoyed and appreciated, unless they are given to an ingrate! These do not have to be expensive, or even unusual, to be meaningful and will be received with joy. One bulletin received recently suggested some very inexpensive gifts that can be given anytime during the year and which will be received gladly. We do not know the author, and we have added some Bible verses for consideration: The Gift of Listening (Jas. 1:19); The Gift of Affection (Matt. 22:37-39); The Gift of Laughter (Prov. 17:22); The Gift of a Written Note of Thanks (Lk. 17:17); The Gift of a Compliment (Matt. 11:11); The Gift of a Favor (Gal. 6:10; Mk. 9:41); The Gift of Solitude (Matt. 14:23); The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition (Esther 5:14); The Gift of Salvation (Eph. 2:8-10).

Can we be depended on to offer these lovely gifts to our fellowman? This should remind us of our Lord's words, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again (Lk. 6:38).

Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

Gary Colley

Teaching About Premillennialism (I)

"Premillennialism" is a large word, which one friend correctly defined as: "Pre" means before; "Millennial" means 1,000 years; and "ism" simply means it is not so! It seems he correctly defined the world and the erroneous teaching. Premillennialism is a doctrine accepted by many denominational churches today. But it is a false doctrine that tries to establish the Lord coming back to earth to establish a literal earthly kingdom and to reign on a literal throne in the city of Jerusalem. After adding more unfounded teachings, such as "rapture," "tribulation," a literal Armageddon battle, supposedly taking place in a valley which is too small to possibly hold (according to their theory) "all the armies of the world," and then Jesus is to begin reigning and set up a kingdom "where all Jews and Gentiles will ultimately be saved." It is hard to understand how so many could allow their superstition to carry them away with this doctrine! Not only are the words "Premillennialism" and "rapture" not found in the Bible but neither are the many other facets of this teaching. Thus without Scriptural proof, we must conclude that this teaching results from the theories, suppositions, and the assertions of men. Since these teach that the kingdom has not come yet, this doctrine of premillennialism would have to restructure the whole Bible to be true. But we are warned not to attempt that (Gal. 1:8-9; Rev. 22:18-19)! Are we ready for the consequences of this false doctrine? The theory, if true, would make liars out of John the Immerser, Jesus, the twelve, and the seventy! They all said the kingdom was "at hand," meaning it was to be established very soon (Matt 3:1-2; Mk. 1:14-15; Mk. 9:1). Here are 84 witnesses that say Premillennialism is not true! To this number add the name of Luke, who said on Pentecost when the church or the kingdom began, that Jesus was THEN REIGNING on His throne (Matt. 16:18-19; Acts 2:32-33). And further, Paul told the Colossians that they had been translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son (Col. 1:13-14). This could not have been true if the kingdom was not yet established!

The entire Bible would have to be overworked to have in any way such teaching as premillennialism! A lack of Bible knowledge is evident in those who allow some to set dates for the second coming of Christ, and also follow without question the premillennial theory. Since souls were added to the kingdom in the first century (Acts 2:41,47), we know that if we obey the same Gospel today we too will be added to the same kingdom today (Col. 1:13-14). Either Paul is wrong about the Colossians being in the kingdom in this first century, or there is wrong in the theory of premillennialism. The latter is true! Remember also that God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit all said the kingdom was and is spiritual in nature, and not physical as premillennialism says On. 18:36). We urge all to trust the Bible, not men's theories. Further, we will now show that if premillennialism is a Bible based doctrine, there can be NO REDEMPTION IN CHRIST! Why? Because there would be NO NEW BIRTH, since Jesus said the new birth precedes our entrance into Christ's Kingdom and redemption On. 3:3-5). Again, if premillennialism is true, Jesus is NOT ON THE THRONE NOW AS OUR HIGH PRIEST, if He is NOT THE KING OF KINGS now as prophesied (Zech. 6:13; I Tim. 6:14-15). But, if there is no High Priest now, then there is no redemption! And, if Jesus is not High Priest, now making sacrifice for our sins, then He must of necessity also not be our King! There should be NO LORD'S SUPPER now, because Jesus said He would not eat or drink of it until He did it new with them IN THE KINGDOM (Matt. 26:29; I Cor. 11:26). If this theory is true, IT REPLACES OUR HEAVENLY HOPE with a false "rapture" hope! This theory even REPLACES SPIRITUAL HOPE with a physical one and makes Heaven an afterthought! Surely, thinking people will agree that the consequences of this false doctrine are too much to swallow!

RON'S REMINDERS



WILL THE LORD FIND YOU FAITHFUL – ON SUNDAY NIGHT?

Have you ever wondered why people do the things they do? For instance, why would a person sit for three hours in -6 degree weather to watch their football team do battle? Why indeed! I'm told that thousands do it because they are fans (shortened for fanatics!), right? Yes, they are committed, dedicated, and "All in!" Well, in contradistinction to football fans, I want to talk about the Lord's Team, the New Testament Church. You see, I have been wondering why an alarming number of Christians seem to do everything within their power to avoid the Sunday evening Assembly. Yes, this is food for thought and should demand our attention and consideration.

The sobering question that emerges from the lips of Jesus in Luke 18:1-8 should serve as the impetus to examine our love, persistence, drive, and walk with God. It is sobering to think that countless numbers of Christians will find something better to do than re-assemble to worship God in spirit and truth on this coming Sunday night! Please let me know of the congregation that has 85 or more of her members returning for the Sunday night Assembly so that we can celebrate with them! And even then, shouldn't the number be higher than that? As a matter of fact, an unknown author penned the following words that seem to capture the sentiment of those who place no value on the Sunday Evening Assembly:

I love the church that Jesus bought,
And know that it is right;
I go there on Sunday morning,
But not on Sunday night.

I love to sing the songs of God,
Such worship must be right,
This I do on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

God bless the preacher too,
And give him power and might,
But put the sinner in his place,
I won't be there Sunday night.

I love to hear the Gospel too,
It gives me pure delight;
I hear it on Sunday morning,
But not on Sunday night.

I know I need more strength
To keep me in the fight;
For help I come on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

Yes, we all must die,
I hope I will be right,
So may I die on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

Why has this behavior become so pervasive within the body of

Christ? I have the answer for you—it's called **appetite**, or lack thereof! The Apostle Paul, through inspiration of the Holy Spirit, hit the "nail right on the head" in Philippians 3:17-19:

¹⁷Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. ¹⁸For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, ¹⁹whose end is destruction, whose god is their **appetite**, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things (*NASB emp. added*).

Paul stated that these carnal-minded Christians had become enemies of the cross of Christ first of all, because their **appetite had become their god**. Wow, what a sobering thought! So let's get real about this:

Question #1. What in the world could be more important than loving the LORD with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength?

Answer: **Nothing & no one.**

Question #2. What is it that can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, Romans 8:31 ff?

Answer: **You & me.**

And that takes us right back to appetite. So, let me ask you, what will you be hungry and thirsty for this coming Sunday evening? Will it be Jesus and His Word or zero calories from the world?

We should make it a point to attend every Assembly of the Lord's church. Here are some meaningful reasons why:

- Because Jesus is there, Matthew 18:20
- The Lord Expects us to be there, Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 10:24-27
- We Love the Lord and Want to be There, John 14:15; 1 John 5:3; 2 John 1:6
- The Assembly Makes us Stronger Christians, Hebrews 10:24
- We Want to set a Good Example, Matthew 5:16; 18:6; 1 Corinthians 10:32
- We Want the Lord to find us Faithful, Revelation 2:10; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Matthew 25:21

We all need to work on "Truth Decay" and should make it a priority to be in every Assembly of the Lord's church. Can you think of a better place to be than when the saints meet? I want to close with this thought: "The empty tomb proves Christianity, the empty pew denies it!" May our Heavenly Father give us the strength to love and serve Him now and to the day of eternity.

Bon Appetit!

—Billy R. Davis, Ph.D., USAF Ret.
via THINK, January