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SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
 Worship.....10:20 a.m.
 Worship.....5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

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ON THE HOME FRONT

We are nearing the end of both of our auditorium Bible class studies on Sunday and Wednesday night. Pending approval from the elders, we will be moving into a new study that I am very excited about. I will let all of you know what that plan is if it is approved. I think that it is something that we can all benefit greatly from.

It was great to have some visitors with us again yesterday! There were some familiar faces at Getwell. I know that everyone was glad to see them again and "catch up" after being moved away for several years.

We are now only about five months away from the start of the 46th Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship, which will run from October 17-21. We are working on editing manuscripts to get them sent to Paul Sain. We are thankful for the great work which he has done and the help that he has given us over the years. We are also in the process of updating our flash drives of both the quarterlies and the lectureship books. It has been a few years since these have been updated and it will be good to do so.

As we continue to work together, let us always remember the loving attitudes that we should have for one another. We cannot do this alone, we need each other.

Bradley Smith

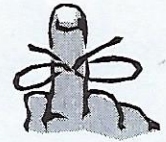
From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

Who's Church is It?

Sometimes we forget that the church belongs to Christ. Sure, we know it from a logical standpoint, but when it comes down to it, we fail to realize that Christ is the One who is the Head of the church. Why is it so important to know that the church belongs to Christ?

1. **He bought it with His blood (Acts 20:28).** If a man bought a car, to whom would the car belong? Of course, it would be that man's car. Since Christ purchased the church with His blood, is it not His church? His kingdom (church) will not be left to others (Dan. 2:44). He will always be the One in control!
2. **He built it (Mat. 16:18).** Since Jesus built the church, He is the one with the "say so." Notice the words of Jesus, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Mat. 16:18)."
3. **He is the Head (Eph. 5:23).** Since there is only one Head, there must only be one body. Since Jesus is the Head of the church, we must all submit to His authority. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him (Col. 3:17)."

RON'S REMINDERS



TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

That Is The Question

This is a famous quote from William Shakespeare's play *Hamlet*. In this play Hamlet finds himself contemplating in his mind the question of life and death. This story turns out to have many tragic flaws. The famous quote in this tragic play, "To be or not to be," reminds me of how sometimes in our lives we have pondered over this same question.

I am very thankful that, unlike this tragic play, our lives in Christ don't have to come to such tragedy. When we live our lives in Jesus we have hope. The love that Jesus has for us and his teachings layout the perfect blueprint to a way of going through life on this Earth. This blueprint shows us how to obtain soul salvation. Matthew 5:1-2 says, "And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them saying" Jesus was to them then, and is still to us today, the Master Teacher. Today we have the same opportunity to come to Him as they did. His teaching instructs us, directs us, and encourages us. It leaves us with a choice of whether to receive His words or to not receive them. The question that lies before us is **are we to be or not to be ... a follower of Christ?**

The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5 brings forth great and beautiful teachings from the Lord. The Beatitudes teach us lessons of the heart along with comfort, hope, and peace. Let's go to the mountain to hear Jesus and ask ourselves the question **To be or not to be.**

What a blessing it is to be poor in spirit and to know that after all we go through on this earth the kingdom of Heaven is promised to us.

What a blessing to be one who mourns knowing that the Lord is ready to provide for us His comfort and care.

What a blessing to be meek knowing that our love and gentleness towards others will give us an inheritance from God Himself.

What a blessing to be among those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. When pursuing the righteousness the Lord will provide good things to you and you will be filled. What a blessing it is to know that the Lord has our backs.

What a blessing it is to be merciful and to know that very mercy that you show will be shown back to you when needed.

What a blessing to be pure in heart knowing that because of the goodness in your heart, you shall see the Lord. Hallelujah!

What a blessing to be a peacemaker knowing that because we pursue peace we shall be called the children of God.

What a blessing to be persecuted for righteousness sake (in this world persecution will most definitely come in some form fashion) knowing that for you awaits the kingdom of Heaven.

Always remember these blessings when you are **to be** reviled, insulted, falsely accused, and all evil manner is used against you. In this you can rejoice and be glad knowing that there is a reward for you in Heaven.

The Lord will always make a way for us out of situations, even when we don't see a way. He is a deliverer. These Beatitudes spoken to the disciples, give hope and joy. We are so happy and blessed to know the Lord and to serve Him every single day. So, the question to be or not to be is an easy question for us to answer. We want to be all that we can be for the Lord, so that we can receive all the blessings that He has to offer! Remain Blessed