

Turn It Around

“Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country!” This challenge, made famous during the Kennedy presidency, suggests a like principle which should guide every Christian’s attitude toward the church. We should be less concerned about what is being done for US and more attentive to what we are doing for others.

Ask not, therefore...

...whether this is a good congregation to be a member of, but ask whether I am a good member of the congregation.

...how much I am loved, but how much love have I shown.

...how many get well cards I received, but how many I have sent to others.

...who visited me, but who have I visited.

...how much I get out of classes, but how much I contribute to make the classes interesting and edifying.

...whether I was remembered in prayer, but whether I faithfully prayed for others.

...who did or did not speak to me, but how many others I greeted.

...whether my good work is recognized, but whether I have given honor to whom honor is due.

...how many of my prayer requests God has granted, but how grateful have I been for His innumerable blessings.

...to what extent my deeds have profited me now, but how my life will be remembered when I am gone.

“Look not every man on his own thing, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus” who “came not to be ministered unto, but to minister” (Phil. 2:4-5; Matt. 20:28).

- David Pharr; via the weekly bulletin of the Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY.



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The Bible is Right!

By Bart Warren

The late brother Marshall Keeble (1878-1968) was well known and much loved for many reasons. His influence lives on even today (cf. Heb. 11:4). One phrase he uttered a countless number of times was, “The Bible is right!” It does not matter what some university professor says . . . the Bible is right. It does not matter what some scientist says . . . the Bible is right. It does not matter what some politician says. . .the Bible is right. I think you get the point.

It would serve us well to remember these words from brother Keeble today. With all the amazing discoveries being made . . . with all of the modern scientific and technological advances being revealed . . . let us remember that no discovery shall be made that will compromise, belittle, or change the authority and supremacy of the Word of God—the Bible.

Shall we fear discoveries like the Higg boson (the “God Particle”)? On the contrary! We should embrace it and celebrate! Information such as this only strengthens the case for an Almighty Creator. It is further proof that this amazing world in which we live is intricately designed. And, as we all know, design demands a designer.

Enjoy once again this telling statement from the founding director of NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies, Robert Jastrow: “For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.” (From the book *God and the Astronomers*)

Whatever the discovery. . .whatever the situation. . .the Bible is right.

Trust it. Live it. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

- via The Encourager, the bulletin for the Calvert City Church of Christ, Calvert City, KY.

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Love Demands Everything That God Commands

By Gerald Cowan

A new commandment I give to you: Love each other as I have loved you. John 13:34

Love is not blind. It cannot afford to be. It cannot ignore the truth, whitewash sin, weaken the gospel, or minimize the difference between Christians and non-Christians. Love cannot support peaceful co-existence of the followers of Christ with followers of Satan. The reason is obvious: the goals of love and peace and salvation, the ultimate good for everyone. There is no fellowship, no common ground, no agreement, and no peace between God and the ungodly (2 Cor. 6:14-16). There is no salvation for those who are at odds with God (2 cor. 6:17). It may be difficult for some to understand, but God and His people demand righteousness, exhort to temperance, warn of judgment, and deny fellowship to some without any loss of love and with no contradiction of love.

Keep in mind as we continue here that the love we have for each other is patterned after the love God has for us (1 John 4:8-10, John 13:34). We are not permitted to define love to suit ourselves and then expect God to approve us just because we are true to our own code or creed (see 2 Cor.10:12, 18). Here are a few aspects of the love of God which we are commanded to follow in our relationships with each other.

- This love is not emotional. It is not the syrupy sentiment often called love. For a definition of the kind of love God requires and commands, read 1 Cor. 13:4-13. It is greater than faith, greater than hope because it is of the essence of God (1 John 4:8). We cannot say “God is faith, or God is hope” but we can say “God is love.”

- Love does not hide or overlook the flaws and imperfections of others. Instead it is painfully aware of those things. True love seeks perfect awareness of both strengths and weaknesses in the beloved. Not in order to condemn but in order to be of help in correcting and compensating for flaws and to capitalize and utilize the strengths in the best interests of everyone – to help, not to hinder; to make acceptable, not to find excuses for rejecting. Heb. 4:12-16, 1 Peter 4:8, James 5:20

- Love is critical, both positively and negatively. It seeks truth, not error (1 Cor. 13:6), but it recognizes error and calls attention to it when it is found (Gal. 6:1-2). It sees things as they are and then tries to change them into what they should be.

- Love does not requires indiscriminate acceptance and approval of all person. God himself does not accept those who refuse to obey Him (2 Thess. 1:7-9). God continues to love all people and desire their salvation (2 Peter 3:9 and 1 Tim. 2:4). But He accepts and saves only those who seek Him and do His will. Heb. 5:9 and 11:6, Mt. 7:21-23.

- Love is selective and discriminating. This is not the same thing as prejudice or partiality. Love is devoted first to God and then to others by the will of God (2 Cor. 8:5). It does not require us to accept in fellowship those who are opposed to God or will not abide by the will of God (2 Thess. 3:6, 3:14-15). Love does not require or even allow us to accept what God rejects.

This kind of love allows one to acknowledge the true spiritual condition of every person without any loss of concern or appreciation for the person. This kind of love is truly Christian.

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday May 5th at 6 pm. Sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. Please come join us.

The 2014 Spring Mill Bible camp is scheduled for June and July. Registration forms are available in the foyer. Please see Clint Smith Jr. for details.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the communion trays. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you can serve in this way.

A baby shower for Cassie Tincher will be on Sunday May 18th after the morning worship at the building. Cassie is registered at Target.

Attention Bible Bowl Team: The team practice sessions have been rescheduled. The team will meet weekly on Sundays at 4:30 pm at the building. The practice sessions will last 1 hour.

The Crossroads church of Christ in Marengo, Indiana is conducting a spring meeting with speaker Lee Collins from Paoli. Lessons are scheduled for Thurs. May 8th and Fri. May 9th at 7pm and Sat. May 10th at 11am with a fellowship meal afterwards. See Kevin Blalock for details.

Sermon

2 Peter 1:16-21

"That There Be No Doubt" (am)

"The Last Words of Jesus" (pm)

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