

Those to Serve

(B) Jorge Garza
(FV) Doug Pruitt
(O) Jack Wall
(A) Judd Wall
1st prayer Mike Mallett
2nd prayer Calvin Burks
Announcements: Keith Stifflemire
Singing: Kevin Grant

James 4:17 NKJV

¹⁷ Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.

Sentence Sermons

- If you are at a loss for what to say, try the sound of silence.
- Gossip is one thing that gets thicker the more you spread it.
- A religion that costs you nothing is worth nothing.
- The more we grow up the less we blow up.
- Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Prayer List:

David Jones
Virginia Lovell
Janell Houts Hall
Odell Mallett
Dora Martinez
Mona Lancaster
Willis Hughes
Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

April 25th

Noon Fellowship

May 2nd

Mission Sunday

May 9th

Mother's Day

May 30th

Noon Fellowship

May 31st

Memorial Day

Happy Anniversary

June 14th

Will & Autumn Vann

Happy Birthday

Jana Wall May 18th

Cassidy Stapp June 2nd

Jeret Burks June 7th

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Look Again, God is There

Israel had just recently come out of Egypt on their way to the promised land, Canaan. But they were headed for disappointment. All but two of the spies they had sent ahead came back with discouraging reports. "We cannot take this place," they said. "The cities have strong high walls and strong armies. The people are like giants. By comparison to them we are like grass-hoppers! Yes, it is a wonderful land, and it would be wonderful to live there. But we can never hope to have it." Because they doubted His promise God made Israel wait until he had destroyed that generation and raised up a whole new generation, to whom He could renew His promise (Number 13:25-14:35).

Forty years passed. Israel was again preparing to enter the promised land. Again they sent spies. But the report was very different this time. There were the same strong armies, the same high-walled cities, and the same people there. So what was different? This time they learned that the news of God's acts in behalf of Israel had spread through the land and the people were afraid of them. "We can take this place," the spies declared, "because God has said so. The land is ours. Let us go in and take it, with God's help" (Joshua 2:1-24).

What made the difference? One generation failed miserably because it saw only the obstacles. People thought they had to take God with them into the land of Canaan. But of what use is a God who can only go where He is carried by His people? Who needs a God whose only power is the combined strength of His followers? Any people whose God is that small can expect life to be filled with failure, disappointment, and discouragement. The new generation of Israel took a second look, a closer look, and found that God was already there! He was not waiting for them to carry Him into the land. He was out in front, preparing the way and urging His people to follow Him.

In every situation, difficult as it may seem, you will see God if you look for Him. If you haven't seen Him, look again!

God is already there, working among people, working in world conditions, preparing the way and urging us to follow Him. He is ready to help bring about good things for all those who follow Him lovingly and faithfully, who are willing to carry out His stated purposes (Romans 8:28-29). Rather than be waiting for God, we should know that He is already there, ahead of us and waiting for us to come to Him, follow Him.

By Gerald Cowan

The Mind of Christ

Stephen Hawking, a great physicist, died yesterday on the anniversary of the birth of Albert Einstein, another great physicist from the past century. I have always admired those individuals who demonstrate great intellect. Wouldn't it be fascinating to understand the complexities of the cosmos, from the tiniest quark, to the furthest and remotest quasar, in the same manner as Albert Einstein or Stephen Hawking? Or would you not have liked to witness in person Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton as they debated the role the Federal government should have in the lives of the People? Or how intriguing would it have been to sit at the feet of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, giving ear to the philosophical discussions taking place in ancient Athens! As interesting as all these men seem to be, there is One Whose wisdom and intellect puts all others to shame, and that is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Regardless of the circumstances He faced, whether it was from one of the groups seeking to trip Him up such as the Pharisees and the Sadducees, or even when He was being confronted and tempted by the Great Adversary, Satan himself, Jesus was always able to face them all by leaning upon the word of God and saying, "It is written."

We, too, can gain in wisdom as Christians by following the precepts of Christ, even to the point of having the mind of Christ: "For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ." (1 Corinthians 2:16) We have the mind of Christ by engaging in a study of His word. Not only will we have the mind of Christ, we will have eternal life: "Truly, truly, I say unto you, if a man keep My word, he shall never see death" (John 8:51). Paul also wrote to Timothy, saying, "Give diligence to present yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

By spending time in the word of God, and focusing on His Son and "...whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things," (Philippians 4:8), we will be able to then "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God" (Colossians 3:16).

By David R. Ferguson