

Those to Serve

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



Christmas Party

December 18th
at Lynette Vann's
home at 5:30
Please bring finger foods and
ornament exchange

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Party will be
December 31st at
Calvin & Tammy Burks
home at 5:30
Please bring finger foods

Galatians 1:10 ESV

For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Prayer List:

Kevin & Teresa Payne
Odell Mallett
Mark Kirby
Virginia Lovell
Janell Houts Hall
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

December 21 st

Winter Begins

December 25th

Christmas

January 1st

New Years Day

January 2, 2022

Mission Sunday

Happy Birthday

Lynette Vann Dec. 14th
Virginia Lovell Dec. 19th
Kevin Grant Dec. 24th
Letha Sheldon Dec. 25th
Will Vann Dec. 26th



Doug & Theresa Pruett
January 26th

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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:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

863-899-0987

10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

How to See Eye to Eye Religiously

Why do some people not see religious things the way we see them? Why is there so much difference between what we teach and what the denominations profess? Do we not all have the same Bible? Are we not all trying to serve the same God? Do we not all believe in the same Savior? These are perplexing questions, and they are not easily answered to everyone's satisfaction.

Basically, our understanding of the Scriptures differs from the majority of the religious world because we operate on a different principle of interpretation. To most religious people "truth" is relative, adjusting freely to different times and circumstances. For us, however, truth is truth. It is unalterable, unchangeable, and everlasting. But did "we" just arbitrarily decide this would be our regard for truth? Not at all. God's own word boldly claims "thy word is truth" (John 17:17) and "the word of the Lord is right; and all His works are done in truth." (Psalm 33:4) While there are scoffers at the idea of absolute truth, we accept Bible teaching that such does exist, and we are determined to know it. Pilate's piercing question, "What is truth?" (John 18:38) was prompted by these words from Jesus: "I have come into the world that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

This then, is the basis upon which we may come to see religious matters alike. There must be a commitment to the same standard of truth. No one would ever attempt to use differing standards of measurement if building a house, marking off a football field, or sewing a garment. This would guarantee error and disaster. Twelve inches must equal one foot on all our rulers if we desire uniformity. There must be a healthy regard and respect for the Bible on the part of every religious person in order for understanding to occur. Without this common devotion to God's word, all efforts to see things the same will fail. In order to come to agreement on matters essential to salvation, we must begin where we agree. From this point we must study the Scriptures, resolving differences as we go along. Major problems of difference are solved in small steps, and then we can be united in Christ. But we will never see things the same if we cannot agree on the existence, necessity, and location of the truth.

No Bible discussion is profitable unless every participant is a truth seeker. If everyone concerned really wants the truth, then coming to an agreement and an understanding of truth will be achievable. Believe it or not, it is possible to discuss religious differences without becoming rude or creating hurt feelings. People who love the truth are not concerned with who is right, but with what is right. Every truth seeker is willing to surrender any position if it is false. There is no other honorable course for an honest man. An honest man will seek the truth, and when he finds it he will believe it. "Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding." (Proverbs 23:23). by Mark White

God's Epitaph

Three men were asked, "When you are in your casket and friends and family are mourning you, what would you like to hear them say about you?" The first guy said, "I would like to hear them say that I was a great doctor and a great family man." The second guy said, "I would like to hear them say that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher who made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow." The last guy said, "I would like to hear them say... LOOK! HE'S MOVING!!!!"

What would you want people to say about you? What would you want written on your tombstone? The answer comes from how we define our purpose in life and the extent to which we consider that we have achieved that purpose. We want others to think that our lives made a difference.

Several years ago I selected my epitaph, one which I think could be written by the hand of God. It reads simply, "To Be Continued...." A lady heard me deliver a sermon in Alabama in which I reference my epitaph. She "stole" it and placed it on her husband's headstone. I think my purpose on earth is to prepare to live eternally in the presence of God.

How do you measure success? Is it by titles or degrees, bank ac[1]counts, or the address on your home? Is it by how many people know you by name, your appearances on television, or in magazines? What you think makes a person successful really defines how satisfied or fulfilled you are in life.

Is your idea of success centered in God's idea of success? Is every thought and every action directed toward accomplishing His purpose for you? Or have you gotten side-tracked by lesser causes and goals? Jesus said it clearly, "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things shall be yours as well" (Matthew 6:33).
By Al Behel