

Those to Serve

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Three Courts

There are three courts before which we stand for judgment as we pass through this life. They are found in 1 Corinthians 4:3,4.

First, there is the "Court of Public Opinion." This is what others think of us (v.3).

Second, there is the "Court of Conscience." This is what we think of ourselves (v.3).

Third, there is the "Court of the Lord." This is what the Lord thinks of us and what we really are (v.4). His judgment, and His alone, will determine whether we are saved or lost.

Since His verdict is the only one that matters, isn't it foolish to try to please others and not try to please Him.

Prayer List:

Tammy Parker
Sue Skelton
Mike Mallett
Mark Kirby
Virginia Lovell
Janell Houts Hall
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

February 27th

Noon Fellowship

March 6th

Mission Sunday

March 13th

*Men's Business Meeting &
Daylight Savings Time Begins*

March 17th

St. Patrick's Day

March 20th

Spring Begins

March 27

Noon Fellowship

Happy Birthday

Eloisa Garza March 2nd

Doug Pruett April 1st

Steve Sugg April 6th

Connie Mallett April 30th

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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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"One Body...."

Ephesians 4:4

"There is one body...."

Introduction

Our Lord's spiritual body (kingdom) is the church (Mt. 16:18-19; Col. 1:18, 24). **"And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all"** (Eph. 1:22-23). Therefore, there is one church or **"body"** (Eph. 4:4). This comes as a shock to many people, but it is true according to the scriptures.

Are There "Many" Churches To Choose From?

False teachers have long told us there are **"many"** churches from which we may **"choose"**. They have told us to pick one that best suits **"our"** tastes. The problem is, all the various denominations are products of men, not of God (cf. Mt. 21:25). This means they do not please God and will one day be destroyed by Him (Mt. 15:1-14).

What Does The Bible Teach?

Contrary to the doctrines of men, the Bible teaches that we must choose God's will above our own (Jn. 7:17; cf. Lk. 22:42). That is, we are to choose the **"church of God's choice,"** the body of Christ (Eph. 4:12; 1 Cor. 12:27). It was purchased by His **blood** and therefore belongs to Him (Acts 20:28). This also means that it is valuable, precious and loved by the Lord (Eph. 5:25-33). Christ has the "authority" to direct its affairs (Mt. 28:18; Eph. 1:21). The church does not have the right to dictate to the Lord what it wants, nor does it have the right to offer anything it pleases to God (Eph. 5:22-24). Rather, the body **follows** the directions of the **head** (Mt. 28:18; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18).

Where Is Salvation To Be Found?

Further, we must carefully consider and accept the fact that salvation **cannot** be found outside of that one body (Eph. 5:23). The Spirit revealed, **"and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity"** (Eph. 2:16). We can no more remove Christ or the cross, than we can remove the "one body" in God's plan of reconciliation.

Conclusion

Just as surely as there is one Spirit, one Lord and one God the Father, there is **one** body (Eph. 4:4-6). Reconciliation to God is found in that **one** body to which the Lord will add you when you are baptized **for the remission of sins** (Acts 2:38, 47; 5:14; 1 Cor. 12:13).

-- Article by Steven F. Deaton

I've Learned...

1. That you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.
2. That it's taking me a long time to become the person God wants me to be.
3. That you should always leave loved ones with loving words - it may be the last time you see them.
4. That you can keep on going long after you think you can't.
5. That either you control your attitude or it controls you.
6. That heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.
7. That my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and still have the best time.
8. That sometimes I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.
9. That maturity doesn't have as much to do with how many birthdays you've had as much as what you've learned from your life experiences.
10. That no matter how bad your heart is broken, the world doesn't stop for your grief.
11. That credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.
12. That the people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon.
13. That even when you **"think"** you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you, you find the strength to help.
14. That I didn't bring anything into this world and I shall take nothing out with the exception of my **character** and my **relationship to God** (Job 1:21).
15. That the two most important goals in this life are to, **"Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man"** (Ecclesiastes 12:13).