

Those to Serve

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

Happy Birthday

Vernon Houts Sept. 24th
Judy Grant Sept. 28th
Autumn Vann Sept. 29th
Judd Wall October 10th
Mike Mallett Oct. 21st
Haley Day Oct 21st
Ruby Jones Oct. 24th

Do You Understand? Will You Obey?

Mark Twain, an unbeliever, said about the Bible; "It's not what I don't understand about it that bothers me - it's what I do understand that is the problem!" Although he apparently never did anything about those fears, his observation was absolutely accurate.

Someone else observed: "You may not understand all you read in the Bible, but you can obey what you do understand." That statement is true, too.

What we're saying here is that the Bible, while difficult to understand in a few places, really has a very simple story to tell. It teaches us about God in a down-to-earth, easy to digest sort of way. Its commands are explained so that a person with little or no formal education can still comprehend and comply. Simply put, you can know and obey the will of God. The only remaining question is: Will you do it?
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Prayer List:

Lynn Parker
Tammy Parker
Kadence Payne
Anita Adams
Virginia Lovell
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

September 10th

Men's Business Meeting

Grandparent Day

September 23rd

Autumn Begins

September 24th

Noon Fellowship

October 1st

Mission Sunday

October 9th

Columbus Day

Edifier

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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

This May Shock You

This may shock you, but there are a number of things that the Bible does not teach that a multitude of people are not aware of.

1. The Bible does not teach that one church is as good as another. Rather, the Bible says, "There is one body" (**Ephesians 4:4**). Christ only built one church. Are the ones He didn't build just as good as the one He did build? That would make man's works as good as God's. Jesus said, "Every plant, which My heavenly Father has not planted, shall be rooted up" (**Matthew 15:13**). You see, Jesus didn't seem to think that one church is as good as another.
2. The Bible does not teach that Christ will return to earth to reign on a literal throne for 1,000 years. That would be a shocking fact for more than 80% of religious people. However, the verse that so teaches is yet to be found. I read, that when Christ comes again, that will be the end (**1 Corinthians 15:23-24**).
3. The Bible doesn't teach that Christ was born on December 25th. Neither does the Bible teach that there were three wise men.
4. The Bible doesn't teach that terms such as "Reverend," "Pastor," and "Father" should be applied to a preacher. The term "Reverend" is only used one time in the Bible, and that time it applies to God (**Psalms 111:9, KJV**). "Pastor" simply means one that is a shepherd over a flock. It is descriptive of an elder in the church that meets certain qualifications (**1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9**). Jesus condemned the use of such terms as "Father" in **Matthew 23:1-12**.
5. The Bible teaches that only those who are the members of the body of Christ will be saved. I read that Christ is "the Savior of the body" (**Ephesians 5:23**). Thus, He only promises to save those in the body. His body and church are one and the same (**Colossians 1:18**). Thus, only those in His church, the church of Christ, will be saved (**Romans 16:16**).
6. If number five is a shocker, this will shock you more. The Bible teaches that not all of those in the body of Christ will be eternally saved. I read how the faithful will receive a crown of life (**Revelations 2:10**). Some of those that were once sanctified by the blood of Christ will turn aside and be lost (**Hebrews 10:26-29**).
7. The Bible teaches us that "rejoice" and "forgive one another," are commands of God (**Philippians 4:4; Ephesians 4:32**). These are not just suggestions that will make us better people. Neither is there an option to choose or not to choose. These are commands! Violating them is sin (**1 John 3:4**). To sin is to separate oneself from God (**Isaiah 59:1-2**).
8. The Bible teaches that "faith" is a work (**John 6:29**). If we are saved by faith only, we are saved by a work. If works do not save us at all, then we are not saved by faith.

- by Donnie V. Rader

The Proof is in the Doing

In **Matthew 21:28-32** Jesus tells a parable about a man who had two sons. He came to the first one and said, "Son, go, work today in my vineyard." The son told his father he would not go, but afterwards he regretted saying that and went to work. The father went to the second son and also told him to go work in the vineyard. This son said, "I go, sir," but he did not go. Jesus then asked His audience, "Which of the two did the will of his father?"

This seems like such a simple question that it doesn't even need to be asked, but with this question Jesus is teaching an important lesson that we often fail to apply to our own lives. Jesus is reminding us that the proof of our love, faith, and reverence for God is in the doing, not the saying. How many times is this lesson taught throughout the pages of the New Testament?

- ◆ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles?" (**Mt 7:15,16**).
- ◆ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (**Mt 7:21**).
- ◆ - "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (**James 1:22**).
- ◆ - "What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?" (**James 2:14**).
- ◆ - "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (**1 John 3:18**).

Every one of these verses is well known to us, but do they express a principle by which we live?

Do we claim to love Jesus, but yet fail to keep His commandments? Do we profess to love one another while refusing to actually do good to one another? Do we just give lip service to Paul's command to give preference to one another (**Romans 12:10**)? When we examine ourselves do we do more than just acknowledge our weakness, or do we set about to affect change in our lives?

The point is this; make up your mind, today, to stop talking about what you need to do and get busying doing it! Pick just one thing you know you need to be doing and just do it. Maybe you need to be more hospitable; invite someone over. Maybe you need to be a better father; sit down and talk to your children. Maybe you need to study more; open your Bible and study.

They say the road to hell is paved with good intentions. The reason this statement is true is because God doesn't accept lip service; He only accepts true service from the heart. Don't allow the guilt of past failures to keep you on the road of good intentions. Simply decide today that you're going to travel the road of good works, for it is the road that leads to forgiveness, mercy, and eternal life.

- by Simon Harris