

University Heights Church of Christ

BULLETIN

July 13, 2008

WHAT IS TRUE IS LIGHT WHAT IS NOT TRUE IS DARKNESS

Proverbs 20: 19 He that goes about [as] a talebearer reveals secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flatters with his lips.

1John 1: 5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 if we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.

John 3: 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Acts 26: 18 To open their eyes, [and] to turn [them] from darkness to light, and [from] the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Ephesians 4: 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

John 8: 44 You are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell [you] the truth, you believe me not.

Revelation 2: 2 I know your works, and your labor, and your patience, and how you can not bear them, which are evil: and you have tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and have found them liars:

Revelation 21: 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake, which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

John 1: 47 Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him, and said of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

1Peter 2:1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

1Peter 2: 21 For even hereto were you called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

1Peter 3: 10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

1Thessalonians 2: 3 For our exhortation [was] not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

Revelation 14: 5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

1Thessalonians 5: 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

1Peter 4: 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, happy [are you]; for the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or [as] a thief, or [as] an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. 16 Yet if [any man suffers] as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. 17 For the time [is come] that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if [it] first [begin] at us, what shall the end [be] of them that obey not the gospel of God? 18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Why is God so hard on lies, and even on “spin” for which the Bible uses the word “guile”?

God's attitude toward untruth is a commentary on the enormity of the harm done to God's creation by things that are said, insinuated, intimated, inferred, implied, encouraged to be believed or at least allowed to be believed that are not true. We live in a world of darkness and confusion because people hide behind lies and guile. God's attitude toward all that is not true is based on the hurt done to this world through the darkness created by things that are not true.

It has been said that in business honesty is the best policy and that is true because it is also true that honesty is the only policy for all of those who expect for God to save them in heaven. We may grow in Christ only by speaking the truth.

Ephesians 4:15 But speaking the truth in love may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, [even] Christ:

Remember to Pray For

The Hall and Handshoe families in the death of Yvonne Hall's sister-in-law Karen Handshoe – Karen was a nice person and is greatly missed by all that were associated with her. Freddie Ward a friend of Sharon Nations - Freddie has suffered a reoccurrence of cancer David and Chessie Harwell Donna Caldwell Mabel Greene Tony Tyree in Johnson City, TN Ruth Brundige Richard's mother Cindy Miller, Rob's mother Marlene Wood Glen Seabolt Christie Ellis Janie Smith Shirley Lewis Brady Gibbons Gail Hunter Larry Flannery Donnie Joseph Alexa Ann Harper Cheryl Spear Lanny Hiller Charity and Abdiel Pallafox Helen Stephens Chris Handshoe Chris and Jen Dooley Jeffrey Howerton Addison Pervine Carl Stripplehoff Tom Kemp Freda Blakey

*God speaks with
All of the knowledge of all
things of all time
Nothing happens
That God did not know*

*"The word of the Lord endures
forever."
1Peter 1:25*

**SOME CRUCIFIED JESUS
AND SOME LET IT HAPPEN**

*To not do right is to do wrong
Because not doing right is doing
wrong*

*"To him that knows to do good,
and does [it] not, to him it is
sin."*

James 4:17

*"I didn't do anything"
Is in the Kingdom of God
An admission of guilt
Not a defense*

Ask the one talent man
Matthew 25:24-26

Thoughts PARTIALITY

"Since you are my friend I am going to overlook your sin and not tell you that you need to repent.

God has said he will punish it if you do not repent and if you were not my friend I would tell you that God will punish it if you do not repent. And if you made me mad at you I would tell you in clear speech that I was certain you understood that you are sinning and must repent.

But since you are my friend and special to me and I do not want you to stop coming around and associating with me I am going to overlook your sin and not tell you that you are wrong and need to repent.

To show my love for my friends I will reserve correction only for people who are not my friends.

Isn't that what friends are for, to support, conceal, justify and defend each other's unrepentant misbehavior?

That way the local church of which we are a part will be filled with unrepentant sinners. And we will all know it and will all come to accept it as the way a local "loving" church should be and make no effort to do anything but encourage that condition to continue and get worse."

That was the condition of the local church at Corinth at the time Paul wrote his first letter to that church. The result of partiality in correcting sin in a local church is that the church breaks up into groups of people who are partial and indulgent toward the sins of each other but not toward the rest of the local church.

The result is that every attempt to correct sin or false teaching in that local church is viewed by supporters of sinners in that church as a personality conflict not as a sincere effort to purify that local church. Because after all, "if you loved me you would overlook my misbehavior, not attempt to get me to stop it."

1Timothy 5: 21 "I charge [you] before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that you observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality."

James 3: 17 "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, [and] easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

James 2:1 "My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, [the Lord] of glory, with respect of persons."

The Lord will not make an exception to his revealed will for the benefit of those that I choose to shield from facing the truth of God's revealed will.

Colossians 3: 25 "But he that does wrong shall receive for the wrong, which he has done: and there is no respect of persons."

The only way we sinners are going to escape punishment by God for sin is to stop sinning and obey God's revealed will.

To please God a local church must be a body of repentant, baptized believers. It must never become a body of unrepentant, baptized unbelievers who waste their time pretending that because they defend their friend's sins God is going to ignore the sins they refuse to repent of.

Notes

**MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING
TODAY, JULY 13, 4:00PM**

If I were charged with being a Christian how many of the things in my life today so far could be used as evidence to convict me?

**HOW HAS MY KNOWLEDGE OF
GOD'S WORD CHANGED MY LIFE
THIS WEEK?**

**WHAT DO I KNOW FROM GOD'S
WORD TODAY THAT I DID NOT
KNOW A WEEK AGO?**

**HOW HAS THAT KNOWLEDGE
CHANGED ME THIS WEEK?**

While on earth I am always serving
either God
Or the devil
The choice is mine
But I cannot serve both together
All at the same time

1Peter 3:15 "Be ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you"

Am I ready to do that now, right now?
If I am not ready now will I be ready
by supertime tonight?
What if my opportunity comes to me
before supertime?

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Classes 9:45am
Worship Service 10:45am

Sunday Evening

Worship Service 6:00pm

Wednesday Evening

Bible Studies for all ages
7:30pm

Monthly Song Service

First Friday 7:30pm

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AND WORSHIP WITH US**