

University Heights Church of Christ

BULLETIN

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What the Gospel of Jesus Christ Has Done to the World

•Brought salvation to a world in which there was none-

Acts 16: 30 “And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved, and your house. 32 And they spoke to him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. 33 and he took them the same hour of the night, and washed [their] stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.”

Hebrews 2: 2 “For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those that heard [him]; 4 God also bearing [them] witness, both with signs and wonders, and with many miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will?”

Acts 4: 10 “Be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, [even] by him does this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone, which was set at nought of you builders, which is, become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

Romans 1: 16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

If there was salvation from sin before Jesus died then Jesus died in vain. But Jesus did not die in vain because before Jesus died there was no salvation from sin. It was the innocent death of sinless Jesus that made salvation available to us.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

•Turned the world upside down-

Acts 17: 5 “But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. 6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren to the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come here also; 7 Whom Jason has received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, [one] Jesus. 8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.”

The world was filled with lies, dishonesty and murder, and needed to be turned upside down.

•Brought riot and confusion where once had been peaceful, harmonious idolatry and superstition-

Acts 19: 23 “And the same time there arose no small stir about that way. 24 For a certain [man] named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain to the craftsmen; 25 Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, you know that by this craft we have our wealth. 26 Moreover you see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: 27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worships. 28 And when they heard [these sayings], they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great [is] Diana of the Ephesians. 29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.”

Those who refused to give up their idolatry and superstition and accept the truth and obey the will of God caused the riot and confusion.

•Brought division in families-

Matthew 10:34 “Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 36 And a man's foes [shall be] they of his own household. 37 He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And he that takes not his cross, and follows after me, is not worthy of me. 39 He that finds his life shall lose it: and he that loses his life for my sake shall find it.”

The division is between those who do right and those who do wrong.

•Gave the world a sure pattern of conduct to make life better for all everywhere-

Matthew 5:44 “But I say to you, Love your enemies, bless those that curse you, do good to those that hate you, and pray for those which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

Matthew 22:37 “Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second [is] like unto it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Luke 7:31 “And as you would that men should do to you, do you also to them likewise.”

NOTHING ELSE HAS DONE FOR THIS WORLD WHAT THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST HAS DONE FOR THIS WORLD.

Remember to Pray For

Dallis and Alma Isaacs, the parents of Sharon Nations
Lorene Pagan
Freddie Ward
David and Chessie Harwell
Donna Caldwell
Mabel Greene
Tony Tyree
Ruth Brundige
Cindy Miller
Marlene Wood
Glen Seabolt
Christie Ellis
Janie Smith
Shirley Lewis
Brady Gibbons
Gail Hunter
Larry Flannery
Donnie Joseph
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

Surrounded by a world of religious people who were elsewhere the longsuffering apostle Paul once said, "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all [men] forsook me: [I pray God] that it may not be laid to their charge." **2Timothy 4:16**

In such a dark and lonely hour this sustained him.

"Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and [that] all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion 18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve [me] unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom [be] glory for ever and ever. Amen." **2Timothy 4:17,18**

One thing that sustains Christians in dark and lonely hours is the realization that "If I am doing God's will, I am not alone." Realizing the closeness of God to those who steadfastly persist in obeying God is an unassailable fortress to those who make use of it.

THANK GOD FOR THE COMFORT OF HIS PRESENCE

Thoughts

When Jesus and His inspired apostles in the New Testament discussed lawful marriage it is always assumed in every case that it is a relationship between one man and one woman.

"And he answered and said to them, Have you not read, that he which made [them] at the beginning made them male and female 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they two shall be one flesh? 6 Wherefore they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." (Matthew 19:4-6)

Jesus demanded that a marriage be a relationship between one male and one female as was the demonstrated design of God from the beginning. For those who desire to walk with God there is no other possibility.

So called "churches" that place their seal of approval on sexual relationships other than those between one male and one female, who are by the New Testament definition, lawfully married to each other, make it clear for all to see that they are not churches "OF" Christ.

A church that justifies what Jesus and His, Holy Spirit guided, apostles condemned cannot possibly be of Christ. Those people who are doing what Jesus and His Holy Spirit guided apostles condemned are not walking with God. They are walking in sin.

No human or body of humans on earth has by God, been given the authority to change or ignore the teachings of the New Testament on any point. It is our human responsibility on earth to simply properly understand and obey the teachings of the New Testament as the Holy Spirit has given them on the pages of the New Testament.

Our responsibility to obey the words of the apostles is no different today from the responsibility of the first people to whom the inspired books were originally written in the first century AD. Our faith, if it is true faith, cannot be different from the faith of those first recipients of the inspired writings of the apostles of the first century AD. The reason that is true is because both their faith and our faith have come from the same source, the inspired writings of the apostles of Jesus Christ.

From the time the last apostle of Jesus Christ died their inspired writings that are preserved in the New Testament, are the only sources of true faith available on earth.

What the writings of the inspired apostles condemned in the first century will remain condemned in the eyes of God until the end of time. Each of us individually will face judgement before God. That judgement will be a judgement according to the teaching of Jesus and His Holy Spirit guided apostles who recorded the teachings of Jesus.

John 12: 48 *"He that rejects me, and receives not my words, has one that judges him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."*

Notes

Men's business meeting August 10 at 4:00PM

GOSPEL MEETING HERE NOVEMBER 2-7

WITH FRANK WALTON

2Timothy 3: 16 *"All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished to all good works."*

One of the good works that the word of God completely equips us to do is to use the word of God to teach others that God is, that the Bible is His Book and that the Bible tells us the only way God has promised to save us.

"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;"

Romans 12:11

I must ask, "*Is that me?*"

The New Testament tells us where God is
Where are we?

How did the devil make Eve feel whatever the devil made her feel in order to get Eve to disobey God?

What could have kept Eve from disobeying God?

HOW MAY WE RESIST THE DEVIL?

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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