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Living for the Moment or Living with Eternity in Mind

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“Everyone who comes to Me, and hears My words, and acts upon them, I will show you whom he is like...”
Luke 6:47

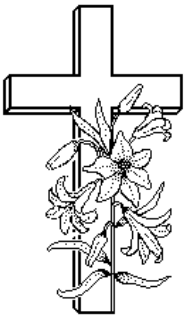
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The message of Jesus here was being offered to those who began to follow Him. People came from both near and far to see Jesus and to hear His teaching. On one occasion, while He was teaching, the people exhibited absolute amazement because of the words He spoke. **Matthew 7:28 – 29** says, “...*When Jesus had finished these words, the multitude were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.*” My sense is that the people were interested in Jesus because of His teaching, and in addition because of the compassion He had for them. Luke, unlike the other gospel writers expressed that Jesus gave tremendous attention to those who were in need. Jesus was dedicated to explaining heaven’s message and confirming it with action. This made Jesus radically different from all the teachers of that day.

If we who are seeking truth are going to have an acceptable relationship with God, then we, like Jesus must be willing to be different from those who are worldly (in their thinking and actions). I want to suggest that if our understanding of truth does not inspire or move us to live as Jesus lived (with heaven’s message in mind), we will indeed miss His point, and therefore the promise of His message. *Essentially, He wants us to live daily with eternal life in mind.* To achieve this end, we must be willing to counter the ways of the world by applying His teaching in the situations and circumstances we face. What must remain clear to us is that we live in a fallen (sin driven) world. As a result, those who do not seek God’s truth focus on satisfying their own self-centered desires, desires that do not acknowledge God’s Will, or display obedience to Him.

Jesus describes a self-centered life as building a future on sand (**Luke 6:49**). Individuals, according to Jesus, who build their lives on sand refuse to toil (work) for the true meaning of life. People like this are always looking for the easiest way to satisfy their interests. They appear uninterested in God’s purposes and plans to overturn sin and injustice. Moreover, they do not feel the need to labor for the wisdom of God that offers eternal life. Thus, their ambition is only to live for the moment. The world is short-sighted and therefore unable to establish an agenda compared to the expectations of God. Noticeably, the world is becoming increasingly immoral, mean-spirited, and untrustworthy. Since the fall of man into sin, these manifestations have been evident and increasingly people seem to accept these mentalities as normal responses while coping with this life.

The alternative to building a life on sand is offered by Jesus Christ. **Luke 6:20-45**, reveals God’s purposes and plans that enables people to build on a solid foundation. He indicates there, if we choose to build on Christ, the rock, we will build a life that pleases God. The emphasis is to think in the likeness of God our creator and to manifest His nature that informs the world of His truth. Will this be difficult? Yes! But “...*with God all things are possible.*” For me, the most challenging part of living with eternal life in mind is not surrendering to the moment (sin) and maintaining God’s Will in my mind.

Schedule of Weekly Services:

Sunday

Bible Study 10:30 am
Worship 11:30 am

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

With much Christian love,
C. K. Stewart I, Minister

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✝ **2nd Annual Toy Give Away** – thank you to all who donated and helped with the toy give away for the children in the community, on yesterday.
- ✝ **Ladies' Prayer Class** –all ladies are encouraged to join us immediately after worship service for a time of prayer, **today** and every 3rd Sunday of the month.
- ✝ **New Year's Eve Celebration** – Please join us for an end of the year celebration and fellowship, here at the church building, **starting at 6pm**. Please see food sign-up sheet in foyer.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements	C.K. Stewart, I	<u>Usher</u>
Songs	C. Taylor	C. Wilkins
Scripture Reading	D. Bigelow	
Opening Prayer	C.K. Stewart, I	<u>Assistants</u>
Sermon	C.K. Stewart, I	D. Clark & C. Wilkins
Invitation Prayer		
Communion & Collection	D. Bigelow Sr.	
Welcome Visitors	C.K. Stewart, I	<u>Greeter</u>
Benediction	N. Mathis	L. Woods
Cup Collection	Marcus & Timothy	
Mission Collection	Caleb	

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. Hear the Gospel.....Rom. 10:13-14 & 17
2. Have Faith in Christ.....Eph. 1:13; Heb. 11:6
3. Repent of Past Sins.....Luke 13:3, 24:47, Acts 17:30
4. Confess Jesus Christ.....Rom. 10:9; Acts 8:35-39
5. Be Buried in Baptism.....Acts 2:38; Rom 6:1-6
6. Be Faithful Until Death.....Rev. 2:10

Thank you for visiting the Capital City Church of Christ, where we are striving to worship as the Bible commands. The Church of Christ is God-oriented, Christ-centered, soul-conscious, color blind, and heaven bound. We are ever moving, ever trusting, ever loving and ever serving the interest of our King.

Come **worship** with us willingly as we **evangelize** everyone by making **disciples** who will mature through **ministry** and **fellowship** fraternally. Our minister is available for Bible study and counseling by appointment.

SERMON NOTES