

PRAYERS

Butch and Chris – Chris was given a clean bill of health from the DR and Butch is doing good..

Chanice – Her sister passed away last week. Please pray for her family. The services were held July 7th. Chanice has been in the hospital for stomach and Kidney issues.

Zack Opheim – Continued digestion problems. More tests have been run and they will get results this month.

Congregation News:

Potluck is next Sunday. Please bring a dish to share and plan to stay for the Sunday afternoon singing.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: A reckless driver is seldom wreck-less for very long.

Those Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning Service:

	7/8/18	7/15/18
Bible Class	Colby Crawford	Paul Darling
Announcements	Colby Crawford	Tom Bright
Song Leader	Tom Bright	Colby Crawford
Opening Prayer	Colby Crawford	Paul Darling
Lord's Supper	Tom Bright	Colby Crawford
Closing Prayer	Paul Darling	Tom Bright
Sermon	Paul Darling	Tom Bright

Bible Classes	Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
Adult	Colby Crawford	Tom Bright
Children	Colby Crawford	Linda McBrayer
Toddlers	Cindy Bright	
Babies	Anissa Crawford	

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Building Cleanup
McBrayer

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Bulletin Submissions

If you would like anything added to the bulletin such as prayer requests, news, or events, please make submissions by Friday night to: tlbj@sbcglobal.net

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Fake News or Bible Truth

There are a lot of accusations today about the broadcasting of a lot of “fake news”. It is unfortunate that a lack of regard for the truth permeates our world today. However, fake news is not limited to just local broadcasting. Please notice the fake news that is prevalent in the religious denominations as they propagate their doctrines of men. Consider the following:

Fake news about the Bible – “It is a production of the human mind.” The Bible truth – *“For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit”* (II Peter 1:21). *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness”* (II Timothy 3:16).

- **Fake news about salvation** – “One only needs to believe.” The Bible truth – One must hear (Romans 10:17), One must believe (Romans 10:10), One must repent (Luke 13:3), One must confess Christ (Acts 8:37), One must be baptized in order to receive the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38, I Peter 3:21).
- **Fake news about the church** – “One church is as good as another.” The Bible truth – *“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling”* (Eph. 4:4). *“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”* (Ephesians 1:22, 23).
- **Fake news about godly living** – You can still be of the world and a Christian. The Bible truth – *“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon”* (Matthew 6:24).
- **Fake news about salvation** – Once saved, always saved. The Bible truth – *“Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off”* (Romans 11:22). *“You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace”* (Galatians 5:4).

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).
“But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).

God's Firm Foundation

"Howbeit the firm foundation of God standeth, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his: and, Let every one that nameth the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness." (2 Timothy 2:19). Paul told this to Timothy on the heels of having instructed him to give diligence and study to show approval and not shame by rightly dividing the Word (verse 15). This was positive instruction. Paul also included some negative instruction. This is found in verse 16, to shun or avoid profane things which only lead to ungodliness. Thus, our text provides us with the inoculation against the gangrene of verse 17 and will keep our faith from being overthrown, verse 18!

This text teaches us two very important things. First, God knows His people. In reminding the brethren in the churches of Galatia not to attempt justification through the Old Law, Paul told them, "*ye have come to know God, or rather to be known by God*" (Galatians 4:9). What a blessed thought: God knows who each of us is, and is pleased to be called our God. The Hebrews writer reminds us, "*But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city.*" (Heb 11:16). On judgment day, God and Christ will know us because we have come to know them. How did this happen? John tells us: "*And hereby we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;*" (1 John 2:3-4). How awful it would be to hear Jesus say, "*I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity*" (Matthew 7:23).

He knows us because we are His possession. There are at least three texts which so state this relationship we have with God. Perhaps the most pointed dealing with this thought is this: "*who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works.*" (Titus 2:14). We are His because He has cleansed and redeemed us. This took place at our conversion when we followed what the Word taught in order to be saved (Ephesians 5:26).

Second, our text shows us that God's people abstain from unrighteousness. "Unrighteousness" is anything that is not right. We know what is right because the Bible has made such things plain. As we heard recently by Brother Bill Patterson, we must hunger and thirst after righteousness. This necessarily demands that we abstain from the things "contrary to sound doctrine" (1 Timothy 6:3; Titus 2:1). Paul would remind us, "*For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world;*" (Titus 2:11,12). We ought always to thank God

for providing us with the gospel of Christ. He "*who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before times eternal, but hath now been manifested by the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,*" (2 Timothy 1:9-10). Let us study more so that we may be like Timothy, who "*And that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*" (2 Timothy 3:15). In this way we, too, will always be standing upon God's Firm Foundation.

It's Not Whether You Win or Lose

If you were to complete the above phrase, what would you say? Most would end with, "...but how you play the game." It is a common phrase which has been used through the years to teach the value of such characteristics as fair play, concern for others and the like as opposed to the "do whatever it takes to win" attitude.

I remember a commercial I saw on the television and all you could see was a man flipping a coin through his fingers as he was on a plane. Several scenes were like this, then the plane landed the man rose and put on his jacket and the announcer said, "Whoever said 'it's not whether you win or lose' wasn't playing for money." The picture then changed to the name and logo for a gambling casino.

Many times we have been asked, "*What is wrong with gambling?*" While there are several answers that could be given, this commercial really "says it all." The writer of this commercial, the purveyors of gambling, and the participants in this ungodly activity all would agree – "Whoever said 'it's not whether you win or lose' wasn't playing for money." Now how does that attitude compare with the Bible characteristics we try to teach others and display ourselves such as fair play (Matthew 7:12) and loving concern for others (John 13:35)? Do we really believe that those who pay the money for a lottery ticket or roll those dice are wishing the best for others? Do we really believe they are concerned with fair play and honesty? No, it is like the commercial said, "Whoever said 'it's not whether you win or lose' wasn't playing for money."

Who Am I?

He was a Jew

He was hated by Haman

He was honored by King Ahasuerus

Answer last week. Drusilla