

April 28, 2019

Obeying God with Urgency

By Michael Hickox

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Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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Elders: Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

Deacons: John Frost, Dave Goff,
Roger Sholders

Visitors are welcome

We offer Bible classes for all ages

We also offer in-home Bible studies

We have Bible lessons on the radio
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Acts 22:16: *And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*

Ananias was sent by Jesus to tell Saul of Tarsus what needed to be done to make his life right. In part of his plea to Saul, Ananias used the phrase “**now why tarriest thou?**” This phrase implies a sense of urgency.

Such a sense of urgency is appropriate when we consider that we have no guarantee of tomorrow. Our time on earth is relatively fleeting. Notice **James 4:14:** ***Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.***

Furthermore, Christ’s return could be at any time. **2 Peter 3:10** says, “***the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.***”

For this and other reasons, we must **urgently** pursue whatever is necessary to be right with God.

If you are not right with God, do not delay. Won’t you make your life right with Him **now?**

Humble Like the Lord

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Philippians 2:3-8: *Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

Jesus' humility is remarkable. God the Son has always existed as deity (**John 1:1**). Yet, His humility led Him to take on the form of a man.

While Jesus was on earth, He allowed Himself to often live in unpleasant circumstances (**Luke 9:58**). He suffered continuous persecution (cf. **Matt. 12:14; Luke 4:28-29; John 11:53**) from people who constantly rejected Him (**John 6:66**) and made false accusations against Him (**Mark 3:22; John 10:31-33**).

He endured excruciating physical pain at the time of His crucifixion. If that were

not enough, He was spat upon and mocked (**Matt. 27:29-31**). The fact that Jesus did not retaliate or seek revenge against those who mistreated Him took remarkable humility (**1 Pet. 2:23**).

The inspired apostle said "***Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus***" (**Phil. 2:5**). Following Jesus requires one to be full of humility.

One area we must have humility that did *not* apply to Jesus is in acknowledging that we have done wrong and are therefore doomed to Hell without God's grace (**Rom. 3:23; 6:23**).

It also takes humility to realize that God knows what is best for our lives, and to allow Him to direct us (**Jer. 10:23**).

It takes humility to choose to serve rather than seeking to be served.

This humility is what true greatness is about (**Matt. 23:11-12**). The call to be a Christian is not a call to be esteemed highly in the eyes of men. It is a call to be esteemed highly in the eyes of God.

The only begotten Son of God showed humility. If the Savior of the world was able to humble Himself to accomplish the will of the Father and help others, we can do likewise.

A question for each of us to ask ourselves is: am I humble like the Lord?

Area Gospel Meetings

Elm Grove Church of Christ:

April 28 - May 3 (with L.A. Stauffer)

Sun: 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 3:30 PM; M-F: 7:00 PM

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God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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Words to Consider

"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

– 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Prayer List

Holly G
 Barb A
 Sandy S (Foot Injury)
 Betty P
 Mabel H
 Norma's Grandson, Ryan (Head Injury)
 Cheryl S (Breast Cancer)
 Norma C (Injuries from fall)
 Mattie B (Leukemia)
 Linda & Family
 Dody G
 Joe B (Lung Cancer)
 Allen S (Cancer)
 Jeanette & Family
 Raymond & Maxine
 Mike D (Broken Neck)
 Everly G

Daily Bible Reading

April 28 – 2 Sam. 16-18; Luke 17:20-37
 April 29 – 2 Sam. 19-20; Luke 18:1-23
 April 30 – 2 Sam. 21-22; Luke 18:24-43
 May 1 – 2 Sam. 23-24; Luke 19:1-27
 May 2 – 1 Kings 1-2; Luke 19:28-48
 May 3 – 1 Kings 3-5; Luke 20:1-26
 May 4 – 1 Kings 6-7; Luke 20:27-47

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Bible Study: Dan D

Worship: Travis

Evening: Jim

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

John

Assignments

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Reading: Dan D

Announcements: Harold

Table: Larry

Serve: Carlyle

Darrell

Mark

Dave

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Invitation: Mike

Cleaning Building

Jeanette (April) / Julzy (May)

Prepare Communion

Jeanette (April) / Julzy/June (May)

Upcoming Reminders

May 25: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.

June 15: Vacation Bible School

Anniversaries

Birthdays

April 29 - Jerry

May 4 - Lovetta

May 10 - John