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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 p.m.

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WELCOME!

We invite you to all of our services.

“...the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16)

DO YOU KNOW MY PERFECT JESUS?

INTRODUCTION: Heb. 5:8-9. Context of Christ's being the perfect High Priest—yet Christ was perfect in everything.

DISCUSSION:

I. JESUS IS A SON.

- A. Of God—Perfect Authority (8a): God re: Jesus as His Son: (Mt. 3:17; 17:5; Jn. 12:28).
 1. Significance of the Father / Son Relationship=Deity.
 - a. “Son of” = “the usual [Jewish] way of expressing likeness or exhibiting the characteristics of the quality described” (Ken Burton 11).
 - b. “As ‘Son of God’ Jesus perfectly represents the Father to the world and demonstrated all the qualities of [Deity] in human form (ibid).
 2. Since Jesus Is the Son, He shares the authority of the Father (Mt. 9:1-6; 28:18; Mk. 1:27).
- B. Of Man—Perfect Compassion (8a, b).
 1. His Identity As Son of Man:
 - a. Prophetic (Dan. 7:13).
 - b. Himself (Mt. 8:20).
 2. Significance = humanity
 - a. The Word became flesh (Jn. 1:14).
 - b. “According to the flesh” (Acts 2:30).
 - c. “The feeling of our infirmities” (Heb. 4:15).

II. JESUS LIVED AMONG MEN—PERFECT PATTERN.

- A. Perfect Pattern of Suffering (1 Pet. 2:21).
- B. Perfect Pattern of Obedience (Phlp. 2:8).
- C. Perfect Pattern for Mankind (1 Cor. 11:1).

III. JESUS DIED FOR ALL MEN— PERFECT HUMILITY.

- A. Forfeited Heaven (2 Cor. 8:9).
- B. Entered Jerusalem on a Donkey (Zec. 9:9; cf. Mt. 21:1f).
- C. Washed Disciple's Feet (Jn. 13:4f).

IV. JESUS ROSE AGAIN—PERFECT ASSURANCE

- A. Prophesied (Psa. 16:10; cf. Acts 2:27; Mt. 16:21).
- B. Proven (1 Cor. 15:3-8).
- C. Promising.
 1. Will be a general resurrection of all (Jn. 5:28-29).
 2. Desire the resurrection of life (Rom. 6:5).
 3. If faithful/obedient, we shall be like Him (1 Jn. 3:2).

CONCLUSION:

1. Christ was/is perfect/complete in everything that He claims.
2. Many assertions are made regarding who is the G.O.A.T. in any number of areas; music, sports, etc., bottom line: Christ is the Greatest who ever lived bar none! He was absolutely perfect.
3. Do you know my perfect Jesus?

HOW SHALL THEY HEAR WITHOUT A PREACHER

“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple” (Psa. 19:7); “Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psa. 119:104-105).

Notice carefully what is here deemed “perfect converting the soul”, “sure”, that which enables understanding, a “light” and a “lamp”; it is nothing but the word of God (“law”, “testimony of the Lord”, “precepts”).

The word of God is perfect, complete, nothing lacking, all sufficient, pertaining to all things concerning life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3). God’s word is truth (Jn. 17:17) and is liberating (Jn. 8:32) in that it is “the power of God unto salvation” (Rom. 1:16).

As with anything that is good and profitable for man, it must be accessed, attained, and applied properly. If a man does not know he is lost how will he know to seek the salvation described in God’s word? While it is true that we are born with a sense that some things ought to be done and other things ought to be avoided, we need guidance in seeking the right direction; the Bible is that which will guide us.

Those who have been blessed to come to a knowledge of the truth have the responsibility to bless others with the same saving truth. Everyone in the fellowship of Christ should be a missionary of sorts, but some men are devoted to the furtherance of the Gospel, hence, we have “the preacher”—the herald of God’s word. Paul Revere was a herald as he blazed a trail with the message, “The British are coming! The British are coming!” The message of the preacher, however, comes from the authority of God and the consequences of ignoring the true message are far greater.

It seems to me a shame that today in answer to the question, “How shall they hear without a preacher?”, many have decided that simply preaching the old Jerusalem Gospel is “old hat”, tired, boring, and simply an ineffective means of reaching folks with the saving message. Instead of sound Gospel preaching, we are giving in to an entertainment-minded society and so instead of acquiring heralds of the Word, we are employing harbingers of the world; stand-up comedians, actors, dramatists (as if there is not enough drama already). Paul said, “For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ” (Gal. 1:10).

I’ll admit that there are some humorous narratives in Scripture (remember Samson and the three-hundred foxes in Judges 15?), but when we read the sermons preached (heralded) by Jesus, Peter, Paul, etc., we don’t even get a hint that there was anything in mind but saving the souls of men’s with the pure and undiluted Gospel preached with the gravity and integrity it so rightly deserves.

I do not say that “humor is never appropriate in the pulpit”, but when it is superimposed as the drawing power of God—we have a problem! Jesus stated emphatically; “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me” (John 12:32). Also; “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me” (John 6:44-45). Christ draws us through the Gospel. Preachers need to be heralds of the Gospel; not entertainers—*JK*.

Welcome! We are thankful for your presence. To our visitors, please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one of the collection plates.

AM Bible Study: Romans 2:1f
AM: Do You Know My Perfect Jesus (Heb. 5:8-9)?
PM: Seeking the Lost (Luke 19:1-10).
Wednesday Bible Study: Revelation 16:17f.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Evelyn Barton's** daughter-in-law, **Samantha Barton**, is in OSU maternity ward in early labor. They are trying to delay the birth until the 28th.
- **Katelynngayle Jamiel** remains in *Grant Hospital* as they try to keep her blood pressure at safe levels. **Diann Bachmann** and **Ellen Stottsberry** are accepting donations to help off-set **Jared's** travel expenses.
- **Hazel Leap** is still feeling weak.
- **Heather Lucas** fell Friday afternoon and broke her left radius (small arm bone) and wrist.
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast** 9 a.m. on August 5th at *Denny's*. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- There is an update from **Denny Landon** on the *Missions Board*.
- God willing, I will be at *West Virginia Christian Youth Camp* from July 30th through August 5th. **Alan Wells** is scheduled to be here next Lord's Day—*JK*.

REMINDERS:

❖ **Oct. 7—Men's Encouragement Day** here with **Roger Rush**.

<u>IN OUR PRAYERS:</u> Kevin Adkins, Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Cathy Jackson, Katelynngayle Jamiel, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Hazel Leap, Jody Main, Carol Mitchell, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, Jean Whitley, and Randy Yost.				<u>SHUT-INS:</u> Debbie Jones, Nancy Love,
<u>FAMILY AND FRIENDS:</u> Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Betty Cox (Diann Bachmann's sister), T.J. Hart , Trudy Kerby , Linda Potts (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), Addy Reed , Rodney Reeves (Erica Cunningham's father), John Rockhold , John Shipley (New Concord), Conrad Schultz , the U.S.A., Ukraine and remember to pray for one another.				
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