



Lifeline

CHURCH of CHRIST
at Galena



Two Women Were Married to Non-Christians

The first woman remembered that she was to love the Lord, even above her own husband (Luke 14:26), and determined in her heart that she would be faithful to the Lord. She never missed a service of the church just to be with her husband. She never compromised her principles to engage in some questionable activity with him. At the same time she never gave her husband reason to question her love; in fact, he could see that her faithfulness to the Lord led her to be in subjection to him, to love him, to satisfy his physical needs, to be the best wife and mother she could possibly be. She was always loyal to her husband until conflicts arose between her loyalty to him and her loyalty for Christ. She prayed constantly for him, and expressed to him her concern for his soul, but determined not to constantly nag him about obeying the gospel.

The second woman's concept was completely different. She had often heard those scriptures about loving the Lord above everything else, but she didn't want to offend her husband. "After all," she thought, "if I go to every service, and am constantly leaving my husband at home alone, he will soon hate the church, and will never become a Christian." She carefully shielded him from the preacher or anyone who might want to talk with him, and even sometimes went with him to places where Christians should never go. She thought that if she did some things that he wanted to do, then possibly, he might do some things that she wanted to do, like go to services.

The husband of the first woman observed the true value of serving the Lord. He could see the joy, the peace, the strength which were hers through Christ. He appreciated the good people with whom she worshiped. He began to read some of the tracts and Bible material which were brought home from the services and eventually began attending some of the services with his wife. He resisted for a while, but gradually the power of the gospel broke down that resistance until on a Sunday evening, as the congregation sang "Oh! Why Not Tonight?" he stepped into the aisle, prepared to render obedience to the gospel.

The husband of the second woman was never very impressed with the church. He knew that it meant very little to his wife. And it never occurred to him that she might want him to be a Christian. The wife herself grew weaker and weaker, and although she never completely quit attending, she found little joy in the Lord.

We would not imply that every faithful woman will be successful in converting her husband. But the following instructions from the Lord should be considered, for they contain the Lord's teaching to women whose husbands are not Christians: "Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear" (1 Peter 3:1-2). ❖

-Bill Hall

Words—What Do They Mean?

Preachers have an unusual opportunity to listen to people. In the courser of their many conversations, many promises are given, statements made, offered. Perhaps it is easy to see, then, that some people do not 'say what they mean.'

"They say" – usually means 'I heard it from at least (but perhaps not more than) one source but every body believes it!'

"It needs to be done" – means 'I'm not going to do anything about it, but the church ought to!'

"I've heard some criticism" – usually means 'I'm against it but I don't have the nerve to state my beliefs!'

"The whole church is upset" – usually means 'Two or three loud mouths have turned their venom loose!'

"It might bring criticism" – means 'I know it should be done but it takes too much effort for me to do it!'

"If memory serves me correctly" – really means 'I'm going to say something I'm not sure of, whether true or

false, but if somebody discovers I'm wrong, I can always blame my memory!'

"Preacher, I'll be there if I am not providentially hindered" – nearly always means 'If I'm not there you can blame God for it!'

"I'll come every time I can" – usually means 'If I don't have something better to do I'll be there!'

"I'm still studying the question" – usually means 'I want to stay in a position to agree with both sides!'



You can take it from there! Christians should be far more careful to mean what they say and say what they mean than people of the world. Jesus says a plain 'yes' or 'no' is suitable for a Christian's word (Matthew 5:36-37).

"And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned" (Matt. 12:36-37).

—Roy H. Lanier

Don't Be Discouraged By Bad Brethren

"As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother" (2 Thess. 3:13-15).

Nothing is much more discouraging than seeing brethren who disregard the Word of the Lord, especially if their lives don't seem to be falling apart. I mean, sure, it's one thing if they are being disobedient but everything is a mess for them. Then we can say, "See, God's way works and yours doesn't." But when they seem to be living the good life, have a good job, looks like a decent family, making lots of money but not putting God first, then we start to get a little discouraged. We begin to wonder, "Does God's way really work? Their way seems to be working okay."

Paul says not to be discouraged. Don't grow weary in doing good even when others around you are not doing good. Instead of letting hypocritical brethren bring you down, take note of them and avoid them. However, don't be arrogant over them. Don't treat them like enemies. Rather, warn them like brothers.

Here is the point. Doing good is right no matter the outcome. Doing bad is wrong no matter the outcome. Don't let what others are doing bring you down. Serve the Lord and avoid those who discourage you with their impenitent sins. Yet, don't shut the door on them. Rather, shine the light for them to a better way. Above all, stay encouraged that doing the right thing is the right thing. Don't get tired of that. Just do the next right thing.

Keep the faith and keep reading. ☪

—Edwin Crozier



LORD'S SUPPER MEDITATION

**Why Did Jesus
Come to Die?
...So That We Might
Belong to Him**

**"Likewise, my
brothers, you also
have died to the
law through the
body of Christ, so
that you may be-
long to another, to
him who has been
raised from the
dead, in order that
we may bear fruit
for God."
(Romans 7:4)**

Our Confidence in Christ (Hebrews 10:32-39)

Introduction: When we speak of being confident in Christ we mean being assured and bold in Him. A study of God's word reveals that our assurance and boldness is well founded. Regarding our confidence in Christ we shall note three points: we need to explain it, we need to obtain it and we need to maintain it.

I. Explain It!

- A) We have confidence in the _____ of Christ (John 1:1, 14).
- B) We have great confidence in the _____ of Christ (Matt. 28:18).
- C) We have confidence in the _____ of Christ (Matt. 28:18-20).
- D) We have confidence in the _____ of Christ (Mark 16:15-16;
Colossians 1:23)
- E) We have confidence in the _____ of Christ (Matt. 28:20b;
John 17:3).

II. Obtain It!

- A) A strong faith produces confidence in Christ (Matt. 14:30-31).
- B) A strong faith involves _____ and _____ Christ
(Acts 2:44; cf. Acts 16:34; 19:1-7; Eph. 1:12-13).
- C) Too many people build their confidence on a faulty foundation.
 1. _____ (Ps. 118:8).
 2. Fleshly attainments (Phil. 3)
 3. False _____ (Acts 28:4-6).
 4. Rejecting Christ (Jn. 10:24-39).

III. Maintain It! (Hebrews 10:35-39)

- 35 Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.
- 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.
- 37 FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE,
HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY.
- 38 BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH;
AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.
- 39 But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

Conclusion: Near the end of Paul's first missionary journey, he and Barnabas returned to encourage their brethren as noted in Acts 14:22 "strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, 'Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.'"



Jesus Is Coming Back (Matthew 18:1-4)

Introduction: He came in the flesh and dwelt among us. He has gone away into the heavens having promised to return. It may be sooner than you and no doubt there is a clear purpose for Jesus coming back. Are you prepared for His return?

I. Jesus' Return Has Been Promised

- A) He Will Come Back From _____
(Acts 1:11, Revelation 1:7)
- B) We Can _____ Await His Return
(Hebrews 9:28)
- C) But the _____ Is Unknown:
 - 1. Only The Father Knows (Matthew 24:36)
 - 2. We Won't Expect It (Luke 12:40)

II. Jesus Return Will Be Sooner Than We May Think

- A) "The Lord is at hand" (Philippians 4:5)
- B) He "will not tarry" (Hebrews 10:37)
- C) "We shall all be changed in a moment..." (1 Corinthians 15:51-53)
- D) "Surely, I am coming quickly" (Revelation 22:20)

III. Jesus Will Return With A Clear Purpose

- A) Co _____ According To Our Works (Matthew 16:27)
- B) To _____ the Sheep & Goats (Matthew 25:32; 13:27-30)
- C) To Judge The Living & The Dead (2 Timothy 4:1)
- D) To Destroy The World & Its Works (2 Peter 3:10)

IV. How We Prepare Today...

- A) Be _____
(Matthew 24:44, Acts 8:36-39)
- B) Be _____
(1 Timothy 6:14, 2 Thessalonians 1:8)
- C) Be _____
(Luke 19:13)
- D) Be _____
(James 5:7-8)
- E) Be of Sound Judgment & Sober Spirit
(1 Peter 4:7-11)
- F) Be _____
(Titus 2:13)

Conclusion: May God bless us all with the will and determination to be prepared for the return of His glorious Son at the time He so determines.

JESUS IS
Coming Back!

**Do All the
Pieces of
Your Life Fit?**

Have you ever worked a jigsaw puzzle to near completion only to discover there were some pieces missing? Frustrating, isn't it?

Life is a lot like a puzzle—sometimes there are pieces missing.

Do you feel like you just don't have all the pieces to complete the puzzle of life? Sometimes the pieces we have just don't seem to fit.

One thing is guaranteed. If the Lord is not in the picture the pieces will not fit right. If that one piece is left out, life is frustrated and the picture you expect to see at the end will be distorted. The hole you see in your puzzled life must be filled with God to make it all come together.

Life is a puzzle—but it can be worked. The folks of the Lord's church meeting in Galena would like to help you. Start with the Lord as the corner piece and watch the picture come together.

We're glad you're here today!
This is a place "Where You're
Always Welcome!"

Prayer List

Shut In Members:

Marjorie Dodge &
Grace Singleton

Galena Family:

Helen Bailey
Shannon Michell

Friends & Family Members:

Beatrice Buchanan
Brent Buchanan
Ronnie Dillo
Stewart Dodge

New Information:

Allison Unruh was released from rehab yesterday!

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Leonido
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Edwin de Pedro
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OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO...

...the family and friends of sister Deanna Judy. Her memorial service will be on Saturday, May 27th at the Lakeview church of Christ in Columbus, IN. Visitation will be from noon to 2:30 PM with the memorial service beginning at 2:30 PM.

Yesterday would have been her 52nd birthday.



Daughters of Encouragment

THURSDAY @ 7 PM



ZECHARIAH

VISION OF COMING KINGDOM

PROPHETABLE

LIFE

MAJOR LESSONS | from the MINOR PROPHETS

READ ZECHARIAH FOR WEDNESDAY!

THIS WEEK

Barker May 21 st	Dowling May 28 th	Loughmiller June 4 th	Mitchell April 30 th	Scott May 7 th	Stout May 14 th
Farmer Keehn Loughmiller, B. Woolbright, Randol	Barker, Ashlyn Keehn Michell Sieg, Don	Dooley Schoenbaechler Shaffer Woolbright, Ryan	Buchanan Hudson Sieg-Swank	Bailey Miller Sieg, Donny Culver	Loughmiller, N. Maudlin McKinney Woolbright, D.

MAY SERVANTS

Building Cleaning & Communion:
Dowling & Miller

Benevolence Organizers:
McKinney & Stout



MAY

13 - Don Sieg B'day
17 - Randol Woolbright B'day
20 - Jenny Stout B'day
22 - Carmen S. B'day
24 - Colton Sieg B'day
26 - Daryn & Laura ANN
30 - Laura Barker B'day

BIRTHDAYS
ANNIVERSARIES

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

NEXT WEEK

Sunday Morning (05/21)

Announcements: Bill Buchanan

1st Prayer: Shanon Miller

Song Leader: Dylan Culver

Lord's Table: Kyle Dowling (Lead)

J. Maudlin, L. Dooley, K. Keehn

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Ryan Woolbright

Sunday PM (05/21)

Announcements: Bill Buchanan

1st Prayer: Jim Hudson

Song Leader: Seth Shaffer

Lord's Table: Kyle Dowling (Lead)

J. Maudlin

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Benny Loughmiller

Wednesday (05/24)

Announcements: Tim Maudlin

1st Prayer: Randy Scott

Song Leader: Don Sieg

Invitation: Jeff Farmer

Closing Prayer: Michael Stout

NEXT WEEK

Sunday Morning (05/28)

Announcements: Dale Woolbright

1st Prayer: Jim Hudson

Song Leader: Jeff Farmer

Lord's Table: Daryn Barker (Lead)

E. Mitchell, Donny Sieg, M. Loughmiller

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Randy Scott

Sunday PM (05/28)

Announcements: Dale Woolbright

1st Prayer: Scott Mitchell

Song Leader: Ryan Woolbright

Lord's Table: Daryn Barker (Lead)

E. Mitchell

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Evan Mitchell

Wednesday (05/31)

Announcements: Keith Keehn

1st Prayer: Benny Loughmiller

Song Leader: Dylan Culver

Invitation: Tim Maudlin

Closing Prayer: Bill Buchanan

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Sunday

Worship: 9:00 AM

Bible Classes: 10:00 AM

Worship: 3:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7:30 PM

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