

The Demands Go with the Bible (Part 2)

Another demand the Bible makes is that it is to be obeyed!! If a student does not believe the geometry book he probably will fail the course. A failure to obey the geometry book's instructions will not help his GPA, but it will not cost him his soul. A failure to obey the Bible will doom one to eternal torment. However, the Bible is of no value to one who chooses to disobey its teaching.

Multitudes claim to love the Lord while adamantly refusing to obey the teaching of the Bible. Such actions caused Jesus to say, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven" (Mt. 7:21). Peter makes it clear that we purify our souls in "obeying the truth" (I Pet. 1:22). The admonition from James is to "be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22).

So many today feel they do not have to obey the teaching of the Bible if it contradicts their man-made creeds. Millions become members of and attend the 'church of their choice' while refusing to obey the Bible command to "worship in spirit and in truth" (Jn. 4:24). The truth of the matter is that the Bible teaches that the Lord promised to build His church (Mt. 16:18) and thus there is but one body (Eph. 4:4). The Bible does not teach that one joins a church of his own choosing, but the Bible does declare that the Lord adds those who obey the Gospel to His church (Acts 2:47).

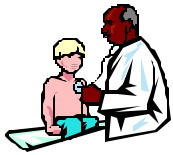
Faith without obedient action is dead (Jam. 2:1-26). To sing "*Give Me the Bible*" while refusing the demands of the Bible is hypocrisy.

Friends and brethren, the demands come with the Bible. Please consider this truth as you read from the Holy Book. If you truly love the Lord and respect the Bible, you will gladly submit to the demands contained in the inspired Scriptures.

Marvin L. Weir

Sick

Continue to remember in prayer:



Marguerite Charles,
Margaret Kratz, Betty Jenkins, Lynn &
Mary Anderson, Crawford &
Martha Keith, Mariam Majors.

Charlie Puckett will be having cataract surgery this week.

Mickie Janney is home recovering from slight complications after her surgery.

Cheryl Harris, Lana Smith's mother, is in the hospital in Texas.

Keeley Finan, **Josh Whitlow's** niece, has meningitis. Her parents' address is: Removed per privacy policy

Happy Birthday this week to:



Jackie Dixon—9/7
Susan Duff—9/7
Kyle, Brianna & Caitlin Simms—9/7
Bonnie Mellon—9/11
WJ Wood—9/14

Happy Anniversary this week to:

Lyn & Annette Shrader—9/8
Lynn & Mary Anderson—9/10
Eric & Michelle Earnhart—9/13



SEPTEMBER ITEMS FOR THE

STAFFORDS: Dryel (at home dry cleaning) & tea bags (mandarin orange or mango). Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



MILITARY

Kyle Nester— in Iraq

Erich Felps—in Iraq

Church Football

Quarterback Sneak—church members quietly leave during the invitation

Halftime—the period between Sunday School and worship when many choose to leave

Bench Warmer—those who do not sing, pray, work or apparently do anything but sit

Backfield in Motion—making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) during the service

Staying in the Pocket—what happens to a lot of money that should be given to do the Lord's work



Two Minute Warning—the point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings

Instant Replay—the preacher loses his notes and falls back on last weeks' illustrations

Trap—you're called on to pray and are asleep

End Run—getting out of church quick, without speaking to any guest or fellow member

Flex Defense—the ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the sermon affect your life

Halfback Option—the decision of 50% of the congregation not to return for the evening service

Blitz—the rush for the restaurants following the closing prayer

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For Your Information

PRIMARY TEACHERS MEETING

There will be a primary teachers meeting today at 4:30 in the fellowship hall. Second & Third Grade teachers are in charge of snacks!

TURN, TURN, TURN

T3 flyers and registrations are located in the foyer. Return to the office by Sept. 20. Also there will be a **T3 Planners meeting** on Sept. 14 at 4:30.

AREA WIDE PREACHERS MEETING

The monthly preachers meetings will be starting up again on September 15 at 10:30 here at West Side. Special guest speaker: Tom Hodge. All are invited!

MENS BREAKFAST

The monthly men's breakfast will be a week later due to Olde Salem Days. Meet at Famous Anthony's on Sept. 20, at 8:00 AM.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Our monthly Ladies Night Out will be on Tuesday, September 16, in the fellowship hall. Hosted by Amanda Brown and Rebecca Durham. There are still months available for hosting—see the board!!

WEST SIDE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 15th Annual WS Golf Tournament will be held on Sept. 27 at 11:00 AM at the Blue Hills Golf Club. Sign up sheet on the board!

Petition to Boycott McDonald's- McDonald's restaurant has voiced its support for and thrown its financial resources behind the homosexual agenda, including homosexual marriage. There is a petition on the table in the foyer. Please sign it to show your support of the effort to boycott McDonald's and let your voice again be heard in this moral battle.

Teens



September Dates

September 7—Teen Bible Study 7:00
September 12-14—EJFU Rush Weekend

October Dates

October 12—Teen Bible Study—7:00

WOW

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video Autobiographies being done by Richard Simms.

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 10:30.

A Week of Good Thoughts

Suppose we start this very day
To live our lives in a different way;
Suppose we vowed and constantly tried
To help those in trouble on life's wayside;
If we showed by our deeds a hint of His love
Wouldn't earth be a bit more like heaven above?

On Monday: Look for a smile today and return it with one of your own. Give someone faith and hope, it's such a beautiful loan.

On Tuesday: Gather a thought that's kind, one that's sincere and deep. Be sure to pass it along for such are too precious to keep.

On Wednesday: Forget yesterday's sorrows, mistakes, sadness, and pain. Lift your heart with hope as flowers to sun and rain.

On Thursday: Offer a word of comfort and prayer to help someone in need. A little thoughtful gift, some flowers, or a smile makes us all rich indeed.

On Friday: You shall not pass this way again, so do any good you can do. Don't put off till tomorrow or the chance may be lost for you.

On Saturday: Today will soon be a memory so don't let it come to an end, without a smile, without a song, or just a word from a friend.

On Sunday: Don't let worry and care depress you, or brush your joy away. But rise and give thanks to God above, for His love and another "Blest Day"

"...let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" - Phil. 2:3-4

September 2008**“The Whole Package”**

Announcements Squeaky Valentine
Song Leader (AM) Eric Earnhart
Opening Prayer (AM)
 9/7 Charlie Maness
 9/14 Danny Guard
 9/21 Gene Benefield
 9/28 Jerry Anderson

Preside at Communion Tom Rogers
Serve Table Adam House Jeremy White
 Jim Harrington Bob Garby

Closing Prayer
 9/7 Roger Mays
 9/14 Barry White
 9/21 Tom Richardson
 9/28 Greg Edwards

Song Leader (PM) Jeff Durham

Opening Prayer (PM)
 9/7 AC Janney
 9/14 Richard Simms
 9/21 Glenn Hartman
 9/28 George Mellon

Scripture Reader Ethan Rogers

Closing Prayer (PM)
 9/7 Herb Baker
 9/14 Josh Whitlow
 9/21 Mike Durham
 9/28 Don Pettit

Serve Table (PM)
 Sam Valentine Shawn Simms

Song Leader (Wed) Eric Earnhart

Prayer (Wed)
 9/3 Mark Brooks
 9/10 David Brown
 9/17 Garrett Durham
 9/24 Jim Cooke

Open/Close Bldg Richard Simms

Greeters Gilpin Bush
Nursery Attend Sandra Altizer Evelyn Scott
Ushers David McFalls Norris Gearhart
Handouts Mike Durham Garrett Durham
 Bradford Durham Sam Valentine

Alternates Lyn Shrader

Prepare communion
 Jo Hartman Hazel Maness

Cards & Pencils
 Sydney Durham Rebecca Doss

Last weeks attendance 8/31 & 9/3/08

Bible Class—158 Worship Service—188
 Sunday Eve.—152 Wednesday Eve.—149
 Contribution—\$6590

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It is true with many sports, but especially so with football. Commentators and coaches are often heard to say about a player that he is “the whole package.” When they do so they have reference to his size, agility, speed, work ethic and mental aptitude for the game. One thus described

is far above average in all of these areas and is well-equipped physically and mentally to play. With the beginning of another football season it will likely be the case that you will hear of many new players being described in this fashion.

What about Christians in this regard? Can we be said to be “the whole package?” Can it be said of you that you have all the qualities required and desired of a faithful child of God—not that any of us is perfect, but that you possess these qualities and have a willingness to follow God and obey His will? Just what would it take to be “the whole package” as far as Christianity is concerned?

A faithful child of God has obeyed the gospel of Christ (II Thes. 1:8; Heb. 5:9), and has thus been added by the Lord to His church (Acts 2:47; cf. Acts 2:37-41). He is faithful in his attendance for worship (Heb. 10:25) and is not just a “Sunday morning Christian” or otherwise haphazard in his attendance. He studies his Bible regularly (II Tim. 2:15) and teaches others (Mt. 28:19; II Tim. 2:2; Heb. 5:12-14). He worships enthusiastically (Ps. 122:1; Phil. 3:3; Heb. 2:12), gives sacrificially and cheerfully (II Sam. 24:24; II Cor. 9:7), grows constantly (I Pet. 2:2), prays fervently (I Thes. 5:17; I Tim. 2:8) and walks steadily in the light of God’s word (I Jn. 1:7). He has the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5-8), approves of those things that are excellent (Phil. 1:10), is filled with the fruits of righteousness (Gal. 5:22, 23; Phil. 1:11) and avoids evil and its appearance (I Cor. 6:9, 10; Gal. 5:19-21; I Thes. 5:22). He makes sure he is equipped with the armor of God (Eph. 6:13-17). He works toward the unity of true believers (Eph. 4:3; I Cor. 1:10-13) and tirelessly for the Cause of his Master (II Tim. 2:21; Heb. 13:21; Jas. 1:25). He watches out for corrupt speech (Eph. 4:29), evil companions (I Cor. 15:33) and false teachings and teachers (Mt. 7:15). He is an encouragement to those around him (Phil. 1:3) and is always looking for an opportunity to serve (Ezek. 3:17-21; Gal. 5:13; Heb. 12:28). In other words, he is “the whole package.” How do you compare?

-Eddy