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Search
of ...*

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“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.” Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.

TIMES OF SERVICES SUNDAY

Bible Classes*

10:00 AM

AM Worship

10:45 AM

PM Worship

6:30 PM

Today's Sermon:

*The Christian
Woman
As a Wife*

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what we teach and practice, please
feel free to ask.*

A Cross Moving on Wheels

Bobby Graham

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A few days ago as my wife and I were traveling to a nearby town, we noticed a man rather easily and briskly moving a wooden cross, which was attached to wheels. From his dress I judged him to be a modern imitation of Jesus, just as I took his cross to be an imitation of the cross on which our Savior died. As he wheeled it along rather quickly, without any visible sign of groaning or sigh from his burden, I also concluded that he had no real conception of what Jesus had done in his act of bearing his own cross.



How similar that cross was to the attempts of people today to “serve the Lord.” People frequently carve out their own way and style of serving God, thinking their efforts will enjoy divine favor. It is truly amazing how humans somehow rationalize that if their efforts please them, they also please God. Why do we have such difficulty with pleasing God first in what we do and adjusting our attitude so

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that it then pleases us? Think of some important observations from this incident:

1. Man tends to project his own will on God in an unending display of will worship/self-made religion (Colossians 2:18-23). Both the worship of angels and neglecting of the physical body (asceticism) illustrate such attempts on man's part in the Colossians passage. *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death"* (Proverbs 14:12). Subjective feelings are too often used as the measure of what is right, but God never elevated them to that level, did He? How could such sincere efforts be rejected by God? It might be wise to consult Nadab and Abihu, Cain, or David and Uzzah about that matter (Leviticus 10; Genesis 4; 2 Samuel 6). God has clearly demonstrated his displeasure with such human efforts.

2. Man sometimes makes his demands on himself much easier than those of God are. The cross of Jesus was an instrument of physical torture and death, not a convenience easily handled. When He demanded our taking up the cross daily, He referred to our spiritual crucifixion of self to serve Him (Luke 9:23), not to some physical imitation made comfortable by the addition of modern machinery, such as wheels. There is no way to lessen the impact of that demand or ease its burden and yet please God; there is no short-cut to dying to sin and self!

3. Human substitutes are utter failures in divine service. They show nothing of devotion to the will of the Master, but much to our own spirit of contrivance or innovation. How is that spirit able to serve the Lord? In the Bible the Lord had made known how He desires all to serve Him. Why can we not content ourselves with offering to God that which He has asked or mandated? Those willing to offer the God-appointed service please God; those who contrive their own "service/worship" serve themselves (Romans 16:18; Philippians 3:19).

When Our Questions Are Not Answered

Gary Henry

*"The secret things belong
to the Lord our God, but
those things which are re-
vealed belong to us and
to our children forever,
that we may do all the
words of this law"*
Deuteronomy 29:29

Not every question we might ask or wish an answer to is going to be answered. It is presumptuous to think that God must grant information on every question we might think to ask, and we need to be very cautious about issuing subpoenas to the Ruler of the Universe. In particular, questions about *why things are as they are* and questions about *what is going to happen* are often queries that, from His perspective, we'd be better off not knowing about. We may think we need to know and may even become demanding in our prayers, but the questions are still met with silence. About many things, God's word says simply . . . nothing.

Do you remember the freedom with which you asked questions as a child, and the firmness with which your parents often had to say that certain questions were not ones they felt it wise to answer? The eagerness with which children ask questions is not a fault. Indeed, it is refreshing, and God must surely look with paternal love on this aspect of our childishness. But we must be careful not to push past childish inquisitiveness into the realm of irreverent insistence and demandingness. We

must be willing for Him to correct our notions of what is important for us to know.

Moses said to Israel, *"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."* It takes *trust* to accept God's decision about the "secret things," and it also takes *courage*, for it's often frightening to be left without information that we think is essential to our survival. Yet if we trust Him, we will do this. When we don't have all the information we want, we must be content to have Him. He is all we have to have.

What God says is important. But what He does *not* say is also important, and if we respect His statements, we should also respect His silences. In fact, it's probably true that our foolish fascination with certain unanswered questions is the result of our failure to be nourished by the truths that have been revealed. *If we'll digest it, what God has already said will more than meet our needs.*

*"He who hath
heard the Word
of God can bear
his silences"*
Ignatius of Loyola

*We would like you to join us as we
spread the Good News during our ...*

Gospel Meeting

May 3-8

with speaker:

Bill Feist

of Altamonte Springs, FL



Sunday

10:00 AM

10:45 AM

- ♦ *Plain Bible Preaching*
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Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.
Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Harold Marshall
Scripture	Daniel 2:1-13
Reader	Dan Marton
Prayer	Matt Ferrell
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Chuck Isinghood
Fruit of the Vine	Ken Prager
Serve	Blake Headen
Serve	Terry Smith
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Ken Prager
Scripture	Daniel 2:14-23
Reader	Blake Headen
1st Prayer	Matt Ferrell
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Tim Henderson
Closing Prayer	Harold Marshall

Wednesday

Announcements	Ed Roberts
Class Prayer	Tim Henderson
Song Leader	Harold Marshall
Invitation	Chuck Isinghood
Closing Prayer	Matt Ferrell

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Out of Town:

- Lucille Way

Recovering:

- Joyce Coen
- Marie Roberts
- Ann Rudolph

Prayer Requests:

- Bud and Merl Frey
- Zeda Goddard
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Cary and Grace Lancaster
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother is back in Weirton Medical Center
- Rick Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's nephew
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please call 304-914-2262