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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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Bible Classes\* 10:00 AM  
AM Worship 10:45 AM  
PM Worship 6:30 PM

## WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes\* 7:00 PM  
(\* Bible Classes for All Ages)

## Today's Sermon:

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## Jesus Christ Is Not Our Lord If ...

Gary Henry  
*via Diligently Seeking God—10-23-2010*

*"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,'  
and do not do the things which I say?"  
—Luke 6:46*

The words "Christ is Lord" are easier to say with our lips than to demonstrate with our deeds. But Christ calls us to do more than talk about His lordship. It is not His purpose to attract a host of talkers or even admirers; He desires a people who will love Him with an active, responsive, and obedient love. "Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,'" He asked, "and do not do the things which I say?" Contrary to widespread opinion, there is more to Christianity than simply listing that as our religious preference. Whatever we may say, Jesus Christ is not really our Lord if we don't do the things that He says.

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Even if we're among those who take the will of Christ most seriously, it's a common occurrence for us to overrate the level of our own obedience. We very likely make the same mistake with Christ that we make with our friends: we expect to be judged solely on the basis of our ABILITY and our INTENTIONS. We have high principles, we know what we should do, and we really do intend to get around to it; we just haven't done it yet. So despite the relatively low level of our actual performance, we still wish to be seen as superior persons; we just happen to be running a little behind on our "To Do" list. Christ, however, does not see us in terms of what we "plan" to do (and the truth is, our friends probably don't either). He sees us in terms of our REAL OBEDIENCE. *"Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?"*

Complete candor might compel us to admit that we really think some parts of the Lord's will are "insignificant." We may take Him seriously in the areas that seem to be important, but we feel free to dissent from His opinion on other matters. Truly to have Jesus Christ as our Lord, however, means that we honor the significance of all of His will. We may know less than we'd like to know about our Lord's rationale in some cases, but we certainly know enough to trust that He never issues commands carelessly. The real test of whether we've actually accepted His lordship is whether we yield to His will when it comes into conflict with our own. The person whose will we obey, that person is our real lord.

*"Never think that Jesus commanded a trifle, nor dare to trifle with anything he has commanded"*  
—Dwight Lyman Moody

## *To Live Is Christ, To Die Is Gain*

*Gary Henry*

*via Reaching Forward—10-20-2010*

***"For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" — Philippians 1:21***

**This world is not all there is.** In addition to the world that we can see, there is also an unseen realm of spiritual reality (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). This spiritual "world" is no less real than the one we live in; if anything, it is more real. The Christian expects that the end of his or her life in this world will be the beginning of life in that other one. Paul, for example, wrote of these two separate worlds, or lives, when he said, *"For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come"* (1 Timothy 4:8).

The Scriptures describe the "life which is to come" in a number of different ways. It is *"the world to come"* (Hebrews 2:5), *"the age to come"* (Mark 10:30), the *"everlasting kingdom"* (2 Peter 1:11), etc. Often it is simply called *"heaven"* (Philippians 3:20).

That world exists even now, but we do not have direct contact with it. We live in this world for the time being, but at death, we will move from this one into that one. The death of our physical bodies, which is a consequence of sin having entered the world, will terminate our sojourn in this world, but it will not terminate our existence. Death will be a transition from one life to another.

Now here is the point: if we are faithful Christians, we ought not to be RELUCTANT to move out of this life and into the next one. Yes, there are some very delightful things about life in this world, and these enjoyments will be hard to say goodbye to. But that which awaits us, in Christ, is so much greater in its

joy that we would be fools not to look forward to it eagerly. Here, we have the good and the better. But at that time, we will have the very best.

For the Christian, then, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. In Christ, the conclusion of a faithful, joyous earthly life is not to be regretted, because it ushers us into the very presence of our Father. What this means is that the Christian has the best of both worlds. By keeping this world in proper perspective, he gets the most out of it that can be gotten. And when the goodness of this temporal world has been experienced and used to the Father's glory, the Father Himself waits for us in eternity with His arms open wide.

*"Death is but a sharp corner  
near the beginning of life's  
procession down eternity"*

—John Ayscough

*Blessed Are Those  
Who Mourn*

*Gary Henry  
via-Diligently Seeking God—10-18-2010*

*"Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted"*

—Matthew 5:4

We all mourn from time to time, but the blessing of Jesus upon "those who mourn" has to do with a special kind of mourning. In this text, those who mourn are the penitent, those who grieve for their SINS. And the grief of the penitent is not just over what their sins have cost them personally; it is a sorrowful recognition that they have selfishly insulted God's love and also His honor. God is seeking those whose inward character

moves them to tears when they become aware that they've sinned. His blessing is upon those who are still responsive to their conscience in this way — and not upon those who deny the painful ugliness of their sins in order to eat, drink, and be merry.

This "beatitude" is a hard saying to accept for those of us living in an age when most individuals have no higher objective in life than to "feel good." We don't like to hear our preachers dwell on the issue of sin for more than a respectable moment; we'd rather hear something cheery. Like the people of Isaiah's day who said to the prophets, "*Do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us smooth things*" (Isaiah 30:10), we shift uncomfortably in our seats when the subject of the sermon is godly sorrow.

But the "glad tidings" that Jesus came to bring can never be seen as truly good news until we have first digested the painful truth about ourselves. Even after we come into a right relationship with God and our past sins have been forgiven, our love for God will never be what it ought to be unless we remember the seriousness of the sins we've been forgiven. Years after becoming a Christian, Paul could write, "[I] am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God" (1 Corinthians 15:9). If it is honest, the remembrance of our sins can never be anything but sorrowful, but it is a necessary part of our humility and our gratitude. And strange though it seems, it is also a part of our joy. "The deeper that sorrow carves into your being, the more joy you can contain. Joy and sorrow are inseparable" (Kahlil Gibran).

*"The difference between true  
and false repentance lies in  
this: the man who truly repents  
cries out against his heart; but  
the other, as Eve, against the  
serpent, or something else"*

—John Bunyan

# Those Serving This Week

## Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Matt Ferrell
<b>Announcements</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Song Leader</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 27:1-25
<b>Reader</b>	Wayne Campbell
<b>Prayer</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Harold Marshall
Fruit of the Vine	Ed Roberts
Serve	Chaz Schaffer
Serve	CJ Isinghood
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Earl Miller

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

## Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 27:26-50
<b>Reader</b>	Earl Miller
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Wayne Campbell
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Communion</b>	Matt Ferrell
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Chuck Isinghood

## Wednesday

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Dave Harless
<b>Announcements</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Song Leader</b>	Singing/Praying
<b>Invitation</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Sr.

# *News N Notes*

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

### **Sick/ Poor Health:**

- **Zeda Goddard** is in the hospital at Weirton
- **Blake Headen**, Alberta's husband
- **Robert Schwerferger**, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law was diagnosed with brain cancer.
- **Ronald Lancaster**, as he continues dialysis and recover.
- **Virginia Malick**, Peggy Miller's mother
- **Harold Marshall**, diagnosed with colon cancer, he will be going next week to schedule for surgery.
- **Kitty Morgan**, is at Carriage Inn in Steubenville.
- **Jimmy Roberts**, Ed & Marie's son
- **Jim Roberts**, Ed Roberts' father
- **Marie Roberts**
- **Kris Shane**
- **Terry Smith**
- **Gabriel Taylor**, 4 year old great grandson of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.

### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

#### **Ann's Retreat:**

- Josephine Clow

#### **Brightwood Center:**

- Shirley Campbell

#### **Valley Haven:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

#### **At Home:**

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

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:  
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