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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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your presence here
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 Speakers:

**DAN
MARTON
&**

**DAVE
HARLESS**

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charge in the foyer.*

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

Two Men Disagree With the Preacher

by Bill Hall

Two men disagree with the preacher. They have both been taught that they are not just to "swallow" everything the preacher says; that they are to think for themselves. They are to be commended, therefore, for their careful evaluation of what is taught.

The key words with the first man, however, are, "It seems to me." All teaching is judged according to his own thinking, as to whether or not it makes sense to him.

The key words with the second man are, "What does God say about it?" He desires truth and knows that truth can only be found in God's word (**John 17:17**). If he disagrees with the preacher, he does so because he is convinced the preacher has misused a passage of scripture or has failed to consider a scripture that might affect his conclusion. He comes with an open Bible and an open mind, prepared to defend his position or to yield if he sees that it is indefensible.

The first man exalts self. He places too much confidence in his own thinking. He may do so unconsciously, but in reality he makes his own intellect and experience his god. His thinking is reflected in the words of Naaman, "Behold, I thought," words that would have taken Naaman to a leper's grave had it not been for the admonition of his servants (**2 Kings 5:1-14**).

The second man exalts God. His confidence is in what God says in the scriptures. He recognizes that his own intellect and experience fade into nothingness when placed in the brightness of the light of truth. A "thus saith the Lord" ends all controversy with him. His thinking is reflected in that of the Bereans who "were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they... searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (**Acts 17:11**).

Unless the first man changes his attitude he is hopeless. He is susceptible to all manner of false ideas. He cannot come to know God and His truth through his own wisdom (**1 Corinthians 1:21**). He must throw his own wisdom, intellect, and experience aside; he must become poor in spirit, meek before God, mourning, hungering and thirsting for righteousness; he must bow in submission to the Lord and to His word. He must say with Paul, "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" (**Romans 11:33-34**).

The second man is a blessed and fortunate man indeed, for he will learn the truth that will make him free (**John 8:32**). Unfortunately, he is a rare man in the twentieth century. But he does exist—and he can exist even in the man who is presently reading this article. What a challenge to each of us! After all, it is one thing to disagree with a preacher, but quite another thing to disagree with Almighty God!

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Bryan Legg
Announcements	Don Coen Jr
Prayer	Dan Marton
Song Leader	Harold Marshall
Scripture	John 16: 1-15
Reader	CJ Isinghood
Prayer	Ken Prager
Speaker	Dan Marton
Lord's Supper	
Bread	John Lemal
Fruit of the Vine	Earl Miller
Serve	Raymond Dick
Serve	Nathan Marshall
Closing Prayer	Chuck Isinghood

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

Sunday PM

Announcements	Don Coen Jr
Opening Prayer	Wayne Campbell
Song Leader	Ed Roberts
Scripture	John 16:16-33
Reader	Earl Miller
Sermon Prayer	Harold Marshall
Speaker	Dave Harless
Communion	Ken Prager
Closing Prayer	Nathan Marshall

Wednesday

Class Prayer	Raymond Dick
Song Leader	Harold Marshall
Invitation	Bryan Legg
Announcements	Don Coen Jr
Closing Prayer	Nathan Marshall

News N Notes

Sick/ Poor Health:

- Don Coen, Sr.
- Grace Lancaster
- Ronald Lancaster
- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers
- Jim Moore, Nancy Morris' nephew, dealing with prostate cancer
- Eddie & Jimmy Roberts, continue to recover from the car wreck.
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father who suffered a stroke Friday
- Marie Roberts

Bro. Jarred Currence will begin his work here with us on March 1st, 2012. Please all help get the house ready from him and make him feel welcome as he begins the work here.

Our Shut-ins

Ann's Retreat:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming

Brightwood Center:

- Shirley Campbell, Wayne Campbell's mother

The Laurels:

- Virginia Mallick, Peggy Miller's mother

Valley Haven:

- Pauline Sellers

Weirton Geriatric:

- Kitty Morgan

At Home:

- Zeda Goddard
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph
- Trudell Tennant

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 contact the elders