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THAT'S A SIMPLE ANSWER

God wants us to be able to read and understand His word, 2 Corinthians 1:13. Even so, many do not understand it and want someone else to teach them. There are many who can't wait to tell you what they think the Bible teaches. The problem is that no one seems to agree on what the Bible is teaching. In this mass frenzy of opinions there is only one opinion that matters. Our task needs to be to learn from God. With Him as our teacher we can have the same answer.

In a recent Bible study I was reviewing our previous study. After a bunch of questions one of them said, "I am just going to start answering Jesus to every question." It amazes me how many questions He is the answer to. If we realize that Jesus is the answer then we can truly understand the Bible the way God intended for us to understand it. Think about the answer to the following questions:

Who does God want us to listen to today? Jesus, Matthew 17:1-5; Hebrews 1:1-2.

Who does Jesus want us to listen to today? Jesus, Matthew 7:24.

Whose words are we going to be judged by? Jesus', John 12:48.

Who built the church? Jesus, Matthew 16:18.

Who owns the church? Jesus, Matthew 16:18.

Who purchased the church? Jesus, Acts 20:28.

Who gave us His will/testament/covenant? Jesus, Hebrews 9:14-17.

Who died to put His will into effect? Jesus, Hebrews 9:14-17.

Who is the Head of the church? Jesus, Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:17-18.

Who has all of the authority? Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20.

Who tells the church what to do? Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20.

Who is the source of all the teachings of His church? Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20.

Who told the church to baptize people? Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20.

Who told people to believe and be baptized to be saved? Jesus, Mark 16:16.

Whose teaching did the apostles teach? Jesus', John 14:26.

EVANGELISM - MINISTRY ACTIVITIES OF "THE UNVEILED GOSPEL"

Upcoming Events:

April 2016

19-22 – Door Knocking Campaign for the La Junta church of Christ, La Junta, CO.

23 – Weekend Seminar for the La Junta church of Christ, La Junta, CO.

May 2016

22-25 – Gospel Meeting/Door Knocking Campaign for the Rawlins church of Christ, Rawlins, WY.

Come and Discover How to Build Loving Relationships

Saturday, April 23, 2016
Starting at 10:00 A.M. with Lunch Provided

Topics

With Christ
With Brethren
With Family
With World

Speaker

Danny Aragon
Tom Wright
Richard Merrill
Spencer Newburn

At the Tenth and Cimarron Church of Christ
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But there is just one problem.

The church of Christ is not a restaurant.....We are a delivery service.

Matthew 28:18, “Go.....”

“Go” he says. Go where Jesus? Everywhere. “Go into all the world...” And it is by going that we become delivery men and not restaurant wait staff. The world is craving the word of God. It really is. And we do the world a disservice when we make our religion all about bringing people into the church. Instead we should be taking God love out to them.

Obviously there is nothing wrong with any of the things mentioned above. There is nothing wrong with having programs or trying to make your congregation attractive to the needs of your community. But too often these things absorb all of the focus. And a huge part of the focus should be on that word “Go.”

When I was in college I delivered pizza for Dominos. I didn’t make the pizza, I didn’t cut the pizza, and I didn’t take orders over the phone. My entire function was to take the pizza out to someone...and if pizza joints relied on people to come to them they would probably lose 90% of their business. And that is precisely what happens to congregations when we stop delivering the gospel and start expecting the lost and hungry to come to us.

The church is not a restaurant that we should expect people to come to.

The church is a delivery service and the world should expect us to go to them.

~Spencer Newburn, church of Christ, Burlington CO

Who is not the head of a church that follows the teachings of men? Jesus, Romans 16:17.

The list could go on and on. Jesus is the answer to so many questions. God wants us to understand. When Paul is giving instructions for the Lord’s Supper, he says that Jesus gave him the instructions, 1 Corinthians 11:23. The apostles and prophets all point to Jesus, even in the Old Testament.

This simplifies things. How do we know what to do or teach? Ask one question: Did Jesus tell us to do this or did it come from a different head? Should we sacrifice animals today? That’s from Moses not Jesus. Should we use mechanical instruments in worship? That’s from the Old Testament prophets, not Jesus. Should we pray for our president even if we don’t agree with him? Jesus said to, 1 Timothy 2:1-2. Following God is not complicated to understand. All we have to do is follow Jesus.

~Steven Sprouse, church of Christ, Rocky Ford CO

THIRTY RULES OF BIBLE STUDY – RULE TWO

Rule two of Bible study is that Bible studies are for bringing people to Christ, and not for driving them away from Him. For example, when Christians setup and/or teach Bible studies with/to non-Christians, they must always be careful to never say or do something unnecessarily offensive to them. Unnecessary offensiveness may drive them away from the Bible studies, and ultimately away from Christ. The Bible teaches that the figurative barriers built around fortified structures (Prov. 18:19). Yet, there are times when simply hearing Bible truth cause offended people to erect barriers around them (Matt. 15:1-14).

For that reason, Jesus never gave unnecessary offense to any other persons He hoped His disciples would someday engage in Bible studies that would bring them to Him as Christ (Matt. 17:24-27). Yet, when Christians fail to follow the example of Christ, they can say and do things that are offensive to their non-Christian and even new-convert Bible study partners (Matt. 18:1-6). As such, it can become a salvation issue for the offender as well as the offended (Matt. 18:7). Therefore, God sent Christians to the lost to teach them the gospel in the prayerful hope of bringing as many of them as possible to our Christ (Rom. 10:14-15; Eph. 6:4; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Pet. 3:14-16), but never to drive them away from Him.

~Tom Wright, church of Christ, Limon CO

GOD IS WONDERFUL

Our Lord God Almighty is wonderful for He is indeed an Awesome God. Heaven and Earth cannot contain Him for He is greater than all that we see and know to be. His Majesty is glorious and His power is without measure. Our heavenly Father is holy and His love is everlasting. His wisdom surpasses all human comprehension. Heaven and Earth continuously sing His praises for He is worthy.

There is no one else like the Lord for He is indeed King of kings and Lord of lords. Men will search for peace in a time of turmoil, but they will only find it if they seek the Prince of Peace. True peace only comes from our Lord God Almighty and His peace surpasses all understanding. Seek the Lord with all of your heart and know that He is within your reach. God is for you and He will not forsake you even when you are suffering through trials and tribulations. Fear not for the Lord is with you and He is worthy of your praise.

God became one of us through Jesus, and through his blood we have become worthy of God for He has washed our sins away. Our heavenly Father has redeemed us through the Lamb. We have been sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit of our Lord God Almighty. Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone has intricately placed each of us in a wonderful and holy temple that serves as a dwelling place of God in the Holy Spirit. Our Holy Father is worthy of your time and service in the vineyard of the Lord.

Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and know that He will act. Always know that you are not alone for the Angels of the Lord minister to those who are to obtain salvation. The Lord loves you and He is with you. Who can stand against the Lord of Hosts? No one could and no one ever will. Take heart in knowing that the Great I Am is He who stands in your favor. Praise our Lord God Almighty for He is worthy.

The churches of Christ welcome you to worship the Lord with us. We are here to serve God and to assist you in your walk with the Lord. Visit the church of Christ in your community.

~Silbano Garcia, church of Christ, Burley Idaho

GOOD FOOD

There's something about a good meal. Excellent tastes, smells, and (if the company's good) conversation. Food has to be one of the most awesome parts of being human. Which is probably why God's word is pictured as spiritual food. Consider 1 Timothy 4:6,

*“In pointing these things out to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Jesus Christ, **constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of sound doctrine which you have been following.**”*

Why did Paul say it like that? Why refer to the words of the faith and sounds doctrine as *nourishment*? It's because the word of God is so much more than just information. It is food. If I asked you if you wanted to go to lunch, you would not say, “No thank you I know what a hamburger tastes like.” Lol, yeah, good for you! You probably do know what a hamburger tastes like, **but you still need to eat**. Just having that information doesn't change the fact that you might need to eat that same food again. This is why scripture is food, not just information.

So, let's apply that idea to Evangelism. We have something to offer the world that is so great, so lifesaving, that the food metaphor is just perfect. It's like the world is starving, dying spiritually, and we have the food that can save their lives.

And so we take this spiritual “food” and open up our “local restaurant” (the church building) with the grand intention of feeding those who are hungry. We try to draw people into this spiritual restaurant. We organize our programs and youth activities. We make sure to have a preacher who is able to answer any question that might come up. Week after week we come to the spiritual restaurant, hoping and praying that there will be visitors with whom we can share this delicious food called the Word of God.

Because, if they were hungry, they would be here.....right?