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David's Devotional PREACH

Paul was zealous for the Gospel of Jesus Christ! It didn't matter if he was rich or poor, free or bound, healthy or wounded, he had one thought in mind ... PREACH! Paul was so passionate about the Gospel being preached he actually said, "*Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel. What then? Notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretense, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.*" (Philippians 1:15-18)

Paul was happy Christ was preached even if the preacher was doing it for the wrong reasons! Wow! Paul did not care if some were preaching to hurt him or preaching in pretense! He was just glad that Christ was preached!

Paul did not care about his heritage, his education, his past religion, or his past religious status! In fact, he said he considered all those things to be manure in order to "win Christ"! (Philippians 3:4-8) Paul told the Corinthians, "*For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!*" (I Corinthians 9:16)

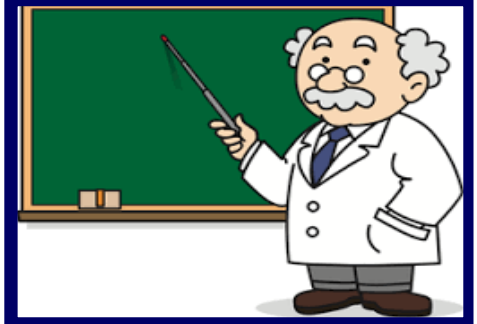
In his "final words" Paul told Timothy to "Preach the word". (II Timothy 4:2)

Paul knew anyone could be influenced by Satan to turn from the truth. He even said, "*But I keep my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*" (I Corinthians 9:27)

Today, let's preach the truth about Jesus, encourage others to preach the truth, and stay faithful even if others are not sincere in their preaching!

Pray that "Christ is preached"!

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An Interesting Quote:

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit."
 Aristotle

"Who is wise and understanding among you? By his **good conduct** let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom."

James 3:13 (ESV)

We often think we can do just one great thing and earn our place in heaven. First of all, there is nothing we can do to earn heaven! Our salvation is God's gift to us. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

The question should not be, "What am I doing?"; the question should really be, "Who am I?". If we look at what we repeatedly do, we will discover who we really are!

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Did You Know? March Madness

Many people who follow college basketball know that the NCAA uses the term "March Madness" to refer to the basketball playoffs in March. It was first used in connection to basketball by a high school coach in Illinois in 1939.

It is possible the term originated from the phrase "Madder than a March Hare" for the odd behavior of rabbits during this time of year.

People thought Paul was "mad" in Acts 26:24 for believing in the resurrection of Jesus. He was not! Believe the truth now and be a part of the "Madness"!



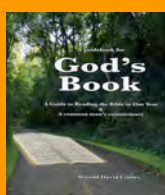
What Happened? Mississippi State Senate

Led the Senators in prayer on the Senate Floor at the State Capitol in Jackson, MS.

If you would like to hear the prayer, go to this link.

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Once Upon A Time ...

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven"
Ecclesiastes 3:1



Mrs. Taylor

Velson Taylor was the principal at New Bethel Elementary School in 1970. His wife taught the 2nd Grade there. She was my teacher!

One day, just like all other days, Mrs. Taylor read from the scriptures - not the Koran or the Book of Mormon - but from the Holy Bible. While she was reading, I noticed my pencil needed to be sharpened. I rose from my desk, picked up my pencil, and began walking toward the pencil sharpener mounted at the back of the room.

Mrs. Taylor suddenly stopped her reading. I could feel her eyes on the back of my head. Soon I realized the entire class was focused on me. As I sharpened my pencil, I was the center of all attention, a position I never wanted to be! I sheepishly made my way back to my desk. "David", Mrs. Taylor calmly, but firmly said, "We do not sharpen our pencils during the reading of the Bible."

It was at home where I learned the Bible existed, it was at church where I learned a few stories from the Bible, but it was at school where I learned to respect the reading of the Bible!

Thank you Mrs. Taylor for teaching me the respect that people have shown for the Bible for thousands of years: **Nehemiah 8:5** "And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:"

I wonder what Mrs. Taylor would think of the respect the Bible is getting in the schools today?

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You Are Invited To

Friends & Family Day & Spring Meeting

at

Liberty Church of Christ

March 26th – 29th, 2023

Schedule of Services:

Sunday Morning:

Bible Classes 9:00 A.M.
Worship 10:00 A.M.

LUNCH Following Morning Worship

Afternoon Worship 1:00 P.M.

Evening Services: (Monday – Wednesday) 7:00 P.M.

Speaker: Steve Smith

We invite everyone to come visit us in person! It would be a great encouragement to us!

If you can't make it, be sure to watch for Steve's Lessons at Liberty Church of Christ online.

A Funny Thing Happened ...



The preacher went camping with one of his students. They pitched a tent and retired for the night. They awoke early the next morning, before daylight. The preacher, wanting to teach his student a lesson, asked him, "What do you see?" The student replied, "I see the stars." The preacher asked, "What does that tell you?" The student replied, "It tells me it will be a clear day."

It upset the student that the preacher would ask him such an easy question. How would he ever learn anything from this simple minded person? Scornfully, he asked the preacher, "What does seeing the stars tell you?" The preacher replied, "That somebody stole our tent!"

The preacher thought of **Proverbs 14:6** "A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth."