

The Powerful Instruction of God

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Mankind is lost in sin. A truth we must not forget (Rom. 3:23). The history of man reveals a history of sin. Even those who have given their life to Christ are guilty of sin. For John said, "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 Jn. 1:10). Therefore, men need a savior and we need an instruction manual which is why Paul penned, "for the grace that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us" (Tit. 2:11-12).

The law of the Lord is perfect and converts the soul (Psa. 19:7). It is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). It is sharper than swords and divides the soul and spirit of a man (Heb. 4:12). And so, since His word lives and abides forever (1 Pet. 1:23), there is no area of man's activities that God's word does not direct.

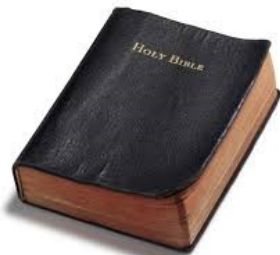
The Word of God does so much for us. We should be as the psalmist who loves God's law and meditates on it (Psa. 119:97-104). But, when was the last time you meditated on God's Word? Or, have you ever? You must know that only the pure word of God is powerful enough for man and God's use. And, it cannot be changed (2 Jn. 9). One who does not live up to this word cannot expect to be pleasing to God. But, perhaps you do not know what the word of God does for us?

Consider the following:

- (1) It gives life (Jn. 6:63).
- (2) It converts the soul (Acts 11:13-14).
- (3) It saves. James tells us that the engrafted word is able to save the soul (Jam. 1:21). How is that? Because faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17).
- (4) It procreates the new life in Christ (Jam. 1:18). Paul gives further information on this by saying that we are born through the gospel (1 Cor. 4:15).
- (5) The word cleanses us (Jn. 15:3).
- (6) We are sanctified through the word (Jn. 17:17).
- (7) The word of God enables the Christian to make spiritual growth (1 Pet. 2:2).

Each of us is responsible for how we hear for we are to be doers of the word (Jam. 1:22) and not dull of hearing (Heb. 5:11). Therefore, we must grow from babes to eating strong meat (Heb. 5:12). We are expected to grow spiritually strong (1 Pet. 3:18) and not be like those in Heb. 5:12 who were rebuked because of their lack of growth. May we put the truth in our hearts. May we live by and teach it without adding or subtracting from it (Rev. 22:18-19) and may we declare the whole council of God (Acts 20:27).

We must give heed to the power of God's Word. We must have receptive ears and hearts because we are hearing as we look at the horizon of eternity. May we ever teach the powerful, everlasting word of God and may we ever hold on to it.



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NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Class	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
* Sunday PM Worship	6:00 PM
Wednesday PM Bible Class	7:00 PM

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** There is no PM service on the 5th Sunday of the month.*

Ladie's Bible Class
Tuesday - 10 AM at the building.



We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.

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Friendly Reminder

When the “blue light” is lit at the front of the auditorium it means “Quiet Please”.

Prayer List *In our prayers let’s praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Those that attend: Joe Pitts, Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Red & Goldie Crow, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Willow, Darlene Reed, Leo & Jeanne Johns, Butts & Edie Sumner, Rick & Fran Fees, Jodie Kelly, Chris Highway, Keith & Glory Marten, Bev McArthur, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Ron & Jean Cameron, Joyce Cameron, Carol Jones, Tahlia Willis, and Brenda Nelson.

People in other places: Jennifer Walters, Renee Kinney, Diane Fritton, Tim Mellott and family, Billy Stine, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Congressman Ted Poe, Doreen Woods, Betty Leistner, James Proctor, Stephanie, Carol’s sister Holly, Frank’s niece, Sheila Donkley, Laval Baptiste, Mary Lou, Mila Roche, Tony & Eglá Grana, Patrick, Susan Barrett & family, Lula Hall, Jack Openshaw, Sue Garner, Liz Holton, George Kohlbacher, Karen Anstee, Bob, Patrick, Randy Marten, Jeff Elder, Bobby Granton, Sherry Allen, Remi Perini, Isabella Rick, Pat Ferrio, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, and Sandy Kriesel.

Updates:

Leo Johns hasn't been doing well health wise lately. Let’s pray for him and also Jeanne.

Carol Jones saw the doctor this past Monday and is hoping to have shoulder surgery soon.

Denise Garlitz came forward recently with a heavy heart regarding her grandchildren and the health of their other grandmother, Betty Leistner.

Lula Hall, Bev McArthur’s mom.... Prayers are requested for her concerning her deteriorating health. Pray also for Bev and her sisters as they take care of their mom.

Liz Holton, TJ’s mom, needs cancer treatment and prayers.

- Jan. 27

Ladies Devotional at the building - 6:30 PM

Jan. 29

Area-wide Singing Hosted by Linwood church of Christ at 4 PM

Jan. 30

Preparing the mailout of House to House / Heart to Heart 10 AM here at the building.

Feb. 05

Potluck (Groups 1, 2, & 3 to setup & cleanup)

Feb. 14

Valentine’s Day

Feb. 18

Men’s Breakfast 8:30 AM

Feb. 19

Men’s Business Meeting

Feb. 20

Presidents Day

Attention Ladies

Ladies needed for visitation ministry. If you would like to participate please see Sharron Gantt or Audrey Dailey for details.

Ladies Get-together

Ladies mark your calendars for the first ladies devotional of 2017. It will be on ***Friday, January 27th.*** Carol Jones is planning a fun and encouraging night for us. We hope to see you there. 6:30 PM

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Rodney Jones will conduct the Adult Bible Class.

Wayne Carter will preach for us.

Sermon Topic Today: *Calming The Storms of Life*

Scripture Reading: *Mark 4:35-41*

Tonight will be a song service.

Trays Today: *Diane Mellott*



It’s time for another mailing of House to House/Heart to Heart to go out. We will be getting together on Monday, January 30th at 10 AM here at the church building to prepare the new issue for mailing. We hope to see you there!

Secrets Revealed Glen Elliot church of Christ Greenbrier, AR

Without judgment, the scales of justice could hardly be balanced. While negative consequences often follow sinful behavior, it is also the case that wicked people sometimes appear to prosper while the righteous suffer hardship. But, keep in mind that not all accounts are settled immediately.

David compared the wicked man to a “luxuriant tree in its native soil” (Psalm 37:35). In another place, the psalmist confessed that he had come close to losing his spiritual balance when he observed “the prosperity of the wicked” (Psalm 73:3). But, in both instances, confusion and doubt were swept away when perspective was broadened to include the future (Psalm 37:36; 73:17).

The Bible speaks of future judgment (Hebrews 9:27). Life would make no sense without it. Judgment is about rewarding what is good and punishing what is evil (John 5:28-29; 2 Cor. 5:10). Without judgment, what difference would it make in the end if we follow after what is good or follow after what is evil?

The judgment of God will be universal and comprehensive. Solomon tells us to “fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether good or evil” (Eccl. 12:13-14).

We are tempted to believe that everyone has their secrets and that we can keep our words and actions from those around us. While it may appear to be working for a while, more and more, we are coming to realize that privacy is soon becoming a thing of the past. The secrets we suppress today become public knowledge tomorrow. How much better to live openly before others so that they might see Jesus living within us! This is how light shines in the midst of darkness (Mt. 5:16). There are many who prefer darkness and the false sense of security it provides (Jn. 3:19-21). However, there is coming a day when “God will judge the secrets of men” through the gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 2:16). On that day, there is “no creature hidden from His sight, but all things will be open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do” (Hebrews 4:13).