

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Julius Cook

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Tyler Christian
Luka Herrera

Sermon: Wayne Peele

Closing P.: Cam Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Devotional: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Kyle Pool

Closing Prayer: Tyler Christian

Pantry Item

Ramen Bowls

Sermon Notes

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Service Times

Sunday:
B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am

Wednesday Night:
B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class:
Tuesdays 10:00am

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“Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.” Isaiah 12:6

Right Thinking

Paul, sets forth a list of qualities by which the Christian's life should be patterned — *“whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report,”* as well as any other attributes of virtue and anything worthy to be praised (Phil. 4:8). Paul concludes this statement with an exhortation — *“Think on these things.”* Paul exhorts the brethren to permeate their lives with all things that are characterized by these moral attributes. He compels them to make these virtues the object of careful attention and study, “so as to put them in practice; to think what they are; think on the obligation to observe them and to think on the influence which they would have on the world” (Barnes' Notes).

The word “think” is translated from the Greek word *legizomai* which means to make a conclusion by logical deduction; to take an inventory of; or to reckon or reason (Strong's). Paul is making an intense proclamation that Christians should and must reason through the things which he taught. He expected them to grasp the meanings of the words he used. He expected them to examine the evidence and make a logical conclusion based on facts.

God has always required man to use his mind, assimilate information, and make proper conclusions based on his findings. God made man in His own image (Gen. 1:26-27). Just as God is Spirit (John 4:24), man has a spiritual nature and the soul of man will live eternally. God made man so that he could communicate and understand abstract concepts. God made man a being with which He, Himself, could communicate. In time past, God used holy prophets, like Isaiah, to convey His message and will to the people. *“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD:”* (Isa. 1:18).

God expected man to be able to “reason.” Israel had turned from God and He used this time to chasten and reprove His people. This process of reasoning together would have been meaningless without man's mental capacity to ingest information and ability to

make a rational conclusion from the information given. The people could use their past experiences to know that they had nothing without God. All their blessings came from Him. They were also able to apprehend the fact that their idol worship was doing them no good; it was only angering the God who would save them. These evidences in hand, they could properly discern to either obey God and “eat of the good of the land” or rebel against God and “be devoured with the sword.” The people had to make a choice. They could not serve two masters (Matt. 6:24). The people had the mind and ability to make that choice and God required it of them.

Many, today, have totally ignored and disregarded rational thought in matters of religion. Some have misdefined faith as merely a “leap in the dark” when God clearly defined faith as obedience based upon, and resulting from, solid facts and evidence (Heb. 11; James 2:17,24). Others have claimed that religious matters are only governed by emotion (i.e. Love). Jesus says, *“If ye love me, keep my commandments”* (John 14:15). Faithful Gospel preachers preach love when they preach obedience to God’s will. Though the sectarians would like to make love and law mutually exclusive; they simply are not. *“God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16). God loved man so much that He sent His Son to die for man’s sins. In return, God only requires that we submit to His will, and man can know God’s will (John 8:31-32). In order for man to know God’s will, which is truth (John 17:17), man must use his God-given faculties to make logical conclusions based upon deductive reasoning. Once man realizes that he is in sin and separated from God (Isa. 59:1-2), he will desire to be reconciled back to God. Reconciliation is only found in the blood of Jesus Christ (Col. 1:18-22) and man can only contact the blood in Jesus’ death. *“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life”* (Rom. 6:3-4).

The logical conclusion, then, is that in order to contact the blood of Jesus, which can reconcile man back to God, man must be baptized. The apostle Peter proclaims *“baptism doth also now save us”* (I Peter 3:21). It is not the water, alone, that saves. It is also not a meritorious act or work that will save. It is, however, acts or works of obedience to God’s word that will save.

God has never required man to act without facts — evidence. God has never left man to his own devices (Jer. 10:23) nor in need to make a “leap in the dark.” God has always communicated His will to man in a clear fashion that can be easily understood IF one will honestly weigh the evidence and draw only such conclusion as is warranted by that evidence.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 6/15	B.C.: 23	Daily Bible Readers: 11
Chapters Read: 302	Worship: 48	Wednesday: 24

Family News and Notes

Jan Keen is still undergoing chemo. Please pray for her family members caring for her as well. **John McDougale, Geraldine Harrington’s** uncle, is not doing well. **Carole Pearson**, Dave Carver’s cousin is still recuperating from a stroke. **Margaret Langston** is in Carolina Inn. **Gwen Jennen** is having health problems. **Carlton Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s** dad, is in hospice care and not doing well. **Barbara Norris** is also struggling with her health, Jeanette is trying to spend as much time with them as possible. **Ally** will go to West Virginia to be with the family as well. **Linda Jenkins’** son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **Kim Perkins’** parents need prayers.

I will be going to Indonesia & the Philippines tomorrow. June 23 - July 8. I solicit your prayers for the trip as well as for Jennifer & Brynn while I am away. Brother Wayne Peele from Rockingham will preach for me while I am away. Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Wade & Sandra Hedgepeth, Barry & Melany Hatcher, Frances Salaz, Linda Hernandez, and the Davis family.**

I am editing and posting the bulletin on the church app and also have it on the church website while I am traveling.

Bible Reading Plan

June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5
1 Chr 21-22	1 Chr 23-24	1 Chr 25-26	1 Chr 27-28	1 Chr 29	2 Chr 1-2	2 Chr 3-4
Heb 11-13	Jam 1-3	Jam 4-5	Heb 3-4	1 Pet 1-3	1 Pet 4-5	2 Peter

Events

No Men’s Lunch or Silver Linings for the month of July.

Men’s Training: Sunday, July 27th. We will eat at the building after morning worship and have our training class after lunch. Please let Byran know you plan to attend.

