

CULTIVATING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT--MEEKNESS

(Galatians 5:22,23)

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Many think of "Meekness" in the light of Harold T. Webster's cartoon character--Casper Milquetoast: The Timid Soul.
- B. This is not Bible meekness--"Gentle, peaceable, easy to get along with, patient, mild."
- C. This does not have to do so much with outward behavior as with the inner man's disposition.
- D. Only two Bible characters ever called meek:
 - 1. Moses.
Num. 12:3 "Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth."
 - 2. Jesus. Matt. 11:28-30
Matt. 21:5 "Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass."
2 Cor. 10:1 "Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you."
 - a) Meek yet, cleansed the temple. Jn. 2:13-17; Matt. 21:12,13
 - b) Meek yet, condemned false teachers. Matt. 23
- E. Evidently Jesus and Moses were not as "meek as a mouse." We must cultivate this attribute!

I. "BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS...MEEKNESS"

- A. Christians must seek meekness. Gal. 5:22,23
Zeph. 2:3 "Seek ye the Lord all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment: seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be that ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."
I Tim. 6:11 "But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness."
- B. We must walk on meekness. Eph. 4:1-3; Gal. 6:1,2
Jam. 3:13 "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom."
Tit. 3:2 "To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men."
- C. We must teach the truth in a spirit of meekness. I Cor. 4:21; 2 Tim. 2:24,25; I Pet. 3:15
- D. Instruction must be accepted in meekness. Jam. 1:21
- E. God extends certain promises to the meek:
 - 1. Knowledge and guidance in the Divine way.
Psa. 25:9 "The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way."
 - 2. Promised food and satisfaction.
Psa. 22:26 "The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever."
 - 3. He promises to lift us up.
Psa. 147:6 "The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground."
 - 4. Promises to beautify with salvation.
Psa. 149:4 "For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation."
 - 5. Promised the gospel would be preached to them.
Isa. 61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."
 - 6. Promises the earth. Matt. 5:5
 - a) This is the new earth.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT--TEMPERANCE

(Gal. 5:22,23)

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The word temperance is found in only three passages. Acts 24:25; Gal. 5:22,23; 2 Pet. 1:5-11
- B. Temperance--"self-control, to control one's will by subjecting it to God's will."
- C. Self-control is the bringing of our appetites, desires and passions into harmony with the will of God as expressed by his Word.
- D. There is a great need for this admonition because of how it is abused.
- E. Note the relationship of self-control to righteousness and knowledge. Acts 24:25; 2 Pet. 1:6
 - 1. What is learned must be practiced.

I. DIVINE REQUIREMENTS OF SELF-CONTROL.

- A. We must control our bodies.
 - 1. The body is to be the servant not master.
 - 2. Hunger must be properly controlled or gluttony.
 - 3. Thirst is natural but must be quenched lawfully.
 - 4. Sexual desires are natural but must be satisfied in marriage and never outside that relationship.
- B. We must control our spirits. Eph. 4:31,32; Rom. 8:9; Pro. 16:32
- C. We must control our thoughts. I Pet. 1:13; Pro. 4:23
Matt. 12:34 "O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." cf. Mark 7:21-23

II. SINS COMMITTED WHEN WE DO NOT EXERCISE SELF-CONTROL.

- A. Covetousness.
 - 1. We should desire money only to the extent that we can provide for our families and help others.
 - 2. Love of money is root of all evil. I Tim. 6:9,10
 - 3. Rich ruler had no self-control. Matt. 19:16-22
 - 4. Reason rich have difficulty entering heaven is trust in uncertain riches. I Tim. 6:17-19
 - 5. Put to death covetousness, idolatry. Col. 3:5
 - 6. Beware of covetousness. Luke 12:15
- B. Drunkenness.
 - 1. Iceboxes filled with beer, cabinets with liquor.
 - 2. Bible is resplendent with passages condemning drinking. Pro. 20:1; Pro. 23:29ff; Gal. 5:19-21
 - 3. What does this do to our influence? Matt. 5:13-16
 - 4. We must be abstainers!!! I Thess. 5:22; I Pet. 2:9-11
 - a) There is no moderation in abstaining!!!
- C. Smoking.
 - 1. When the weed controls you it is definitely sin!!
- D. Adultery and Fornication. I Thess. 4:3; I Cor. 6:18; Heb. 13:4; Matt. 19:9
- E. Thinking evil thoughts. 2 Cor. 10:3,4

III. WHY DON'T WE PRACTICE SELF-CONTROL?

- A. Because it is easier to stimulate us than to restrain
- B. Conformity mania. Rom. 12:1,2; Ex. 23:2; I Sam. 8:5
- C. Changing Attitudes and Standards.
 - 1. No shame in divorce.
 - 2. No shame in premarital sex or extra-marital sex.
 - 3. But God has not changed. Heb. 13:8; Gal. 1:6-9
- D. Role changes in the home. Eph. 5:23-33

NEWS AND NOTES

“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)

Please remember to check the bulletin boards for additional ones on our prayer request list who are sick and confined.

Upcoming Events:

Potluck today after morning services. Everyone is invited to stay for the potluck today. We will also be eating each night Monday through Wednesday nights at the building. We will begin eating at 5:30 pm each night. Please check the lists under the picture board to sign up and see what you might bring those nights.

New Family Bible Study Questions are on the *Missions Table* in the foyer for everyone to pick up and use.

Ukraine Mission Buckets for April are baby bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers, bibs and hand mirrors.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Gospel Meeting -- April 23-26, 2023 with Jared Knoll from Wing, Alabama.

Vacation Bible School -- June 11-14, 2023 Theme for 2023: “Under God’s Construction”

Northeast Arkansas Women’s Bible Study – June 17, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at Greensboro Road.

Ladies Day honoring all the ladies 65 and over -- July 29, 2023

Gospel Meeting – October 22-25, 2023 with Kenny Townsley from Cave City, Arkansas.

Gospel Meeting – April 21-24, 2024 with Micah Robertson from Ronan, Montana.

Those Privileged To Serve

April 23, 2023

SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Scottie Blanchard
Opening Prayer: J. L. May
Closing Prayer: David Loggins
Bible Reading: David Dye
Preacher: Jared Knoll

LORD’S TABLE

Presiding: Mark Wooten

Larry Taylor Scott Pratt
Tristan Pynn Robert Stephens
Mitch Mosley Tom Carner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy Oden

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Ben Johns
Opening Prayer: Hal Baugh
Closing Prayer: Mark Brewer
Preacher: Jared Knoll

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

April 26, 2023

Song Leader: Mark Wooten
Opening Prayer: Mike Felts
Closing Prayer: Craig Nelson

DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

April 26, 2023

Jared Knoll

NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK

Week Of

April 16, 2023

Sunday Bible Study	85
Sunday AM Worship	107
Sunday PM Worship	89
Wednesday Bible Study	85
Contribution	\$6179

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.”

Psalm 122:1

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“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)

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KeeNotes

Our gospel meeting begins today and continues through Wednesday night. Our brother, Jared Knoll, is with us to do the preaching and teaching this week. Jared is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin and graduated from the Northwest School of Biblical Studies in Pensacola, Florida in 2001. Jared has been preaching the gospel for 27 years with the past 23 years working with the Union Grove church of Christ in Wing, Alabama. He was an instructor at the Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies from 2001 until 2021. During his time teaching he taught almost every book of the Bible at one time or another. He also taught Hermeneutics, Homiletics, English, Logic/Debate, Ethics, Systematic Theology and Religious History. Jared and his wife Cindy have been married for 25 years and have two daughters, Tiffany and Brianna.

This week Jared will be preaching on “God’s View.” His sermons this week will include:

Sunday Bible Study	“God’s View Of Matters”
Sunday Morning Worship	“God’s View Of A Christian”
Sunday Evening Worship	“God’s View Of Separation”
Monday Evening Worship	“God’s View Of Life’s Ideology”
Tuesday Evening Worship	“God’s View Of Responsibility”
Wednesday Evening Worship	“God’s View Of Cost Analysis”

Plan to be present every night and bring someone with you.

SHEPHERDS

Mike Felts
Terry Joe Kee
Dan Nichols
Randy Oden

DEACONS

Scottie Blanchard
Jerry Dodson
Stacy Eddleman
Jason Garland
Scott Pratt
Kevin Roush
Mark Wooten

EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee

MISSIONARIES

Samrit Kammanee,
Southeast Asia
Micah Robertson, Montana

SERVICES

SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear the Word of God
Romans 10:17

Believe the Word of God
John 8:24

Repent of your sins
Luke 13:3

Confess your faith in Jesus
as the Son of God
Romans 10:9,10

Be Baptized for the
remission of your sins
Acts 2:38

Live faithfully
Revelation 2:10

“For we are laborers
together with God...”
(I Cor. 3:9)

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In 2023**