

LENEXA EDIFIER

"and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."
(John 8:32)

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GOSPEL MEETING IS HERE!

Jim Stauffer

**The Lenexa church of Christ invites
you to hear the gospel preached
September 26-29**

**Lessons presented by:
Jay Dixon Richmond, Kentucky**

ENTRUSTED WITH THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL

Sunday Bible Class - 9:30 AM

Have We Seared Our Conscience

Sunday Worship - 10:20 AM

Preaching GOD'S Message

Sunday Worship - 5:00 PM

Jesus is Enough!

Monday Night Lesson - 7:00 PM

Exposing the Bad News

Tuesday Night Lesson - 7:00 PM

Hope for the Hopeless

Wednesday Night Lesson - 7:00 PM

There is Room in the Kingdom

a moment, and have no problem with remembering and honoring those days, that news, while good, provided humanity with temporal benefits and pales in comparison to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel of Jesus provides us with eternal benefits. That simple yet profound fact distinguishes the Good about Jesus from all other news deemed good that one may receive. **(1st Peter 1:18-23)**

What then should be our response to sharing this news?

On October 21st 1805 in the Battle of Trafalgar the British fleet led by Horatio Nelson defeated the combined forces of Spain and France. Had the British fleet been defeated it would have cleared the way at this time for a Napoleon led British invasion, making this a very significant victory. A young naval lieutenant was chosen to be the dispatch rider to deliver this good news. He considered it a great honor to have been chosen and with great diligence raced to his audience delivering this news with great fervor. While this was good news the young dispatch rider was also forced to deliver the sad news that admiral Horatio Nelson (who many referred to as Lord Nelson) died in the battle that brought victory. This being true, even though it was good news that victory had been attained, there was a sense of sadness because their Lord had died in battle. Our Lord likewise died in battle in order to provide us with victory however unlike Horatio Nelson our LORD did not stay in the grave but rather was risen again the 3rd day for our justification, thus providing us with an eternal victory. That's Good News!!! In **Matthew 28:5-6** the angel of LORD said to the women who came to the tomb of Jesus, *"Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come: see the*

The Gospel of Jesus is Better News *By Jay Dixon*

The Good news about Jesus is timeless; although old, it's new, fresh and generates excitement when coming to the ears of one for the 1st time. It should likewise continue to stimulate us throughout our lives.

Why?

The Good News about Jesus has eternal repercussions. The greatest news story ever told in our country, whether it be in regards to a particular war that was fought and won that resulted in freedom, some medical discovery that saved millions or something else while I don't discredit that news for

place where the Lord lay.” That’s Good News!!!

The young naval lieutenant chosen to deliver the news of victory in the fall of 1805, with honor, rode with great fervor to deliver a message that revealed temporal victory. We should consider it an even greater honor to deliver the Good News about Jesus and with great resolve race to our audience to impart the Gospel of Christ. The message we have reveals eternal victory and there is no element of sadness because our Lord lives. **(1st Corinthians 15:55-58)**

“In None Other Is There Salvation”

Dan Richardson

“And in none other is there salvation; for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved ” **(Acts 4:12).**

This story begins in **Acts 3:1**, when Peter and John heal a lame man *“in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth”* **(3:5)** at the door of the temple. Attracting a multitude, Peter had opportunity to preach Jesus **(3:11-26)**. They were seized and brought before the high court of the Jews for interrogation **(4:1-7)**.

Peter’s defense before the tribunal was to proclaim the power in Jesus’ name, by which this lame man was healed, but more importantly, by which all are saved from sin **(4:8-12)**. From Peter’s sermon **(3:11-26)**, we note these facts pertaining to Jesus.

He Is The Glorified Servant (Acts 3:13- 18). The Jews crucified Jesus, but the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – their God – glorified His Servant by raising Him from the dead. He was despised and rejected, bearing our griefs and afflictions which only we deserved because of our sin **(Isaiah 53:3-9)**. His sacrifice was no accident, nor the result of man thwarting heaven’s will, but it was accomplishing God’s eternal purpose to redeem sinful man in His Son: *“Yet it pleased Jehovah to bruise him; he hath put him to grief; when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Jehovah shall prosper in his hand”* **(Isaiah 53:10)**. Jesus was glorified because He accomplished what the Father sent Him to do - be a sacrifice for sin (**John 17:4-5**).

He Is The Prophet Like Moses (Acts 3:22- 24). Through Jesus, God speaks to us today **(Hebrews 1:2)**. His message can be known (**John 8:32**); Peter said, *“to Him shall ye hearken”* **(Acts 3:22a)**. His word

is complete, all sufficient to accomplish its divine purpose; man must obey *“in all things whatsoever he shall speak unto you”* **(Acts 3:22b; Isaiah 55:10-11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)**. And, His gospel is authoritative – those who don’t *“hearken”* will be destroyed **(3:23)**. It is God’s power to save the sinner **(Romans 1:16; James. 1:21; 1 Peter 1:22- 23)**.

He Is The Seed Of Abraham (Acts 3:25- 26). God promised Abraham He would bless all nations in his *“seed”* **(Genesis 22:18)**. The inspired apostle Paul would later explain this as having reference to the blessings for mankind in Christ Jesus **(Galatians 3:16)** - blessings which are a) universal - for *“all the families of the earth”* **(Acts 3:25a; Galatians 3:28)**; b) spiritual *“in turning away every one of you from your iniquities”* **(Acts 3:26)**; and c) conditional - because they were commanded to *“repent...and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out”* **(Acts 3:19; cf. Acts 2:38)**.

God’s assurance to us of our salvation in Christ is founded in the truth of His resurrection from the dead **(26)**. This fact is substantiated by 1) The miracle worked on the lame man, confirming the truthfulness of the sermon preached **(cf. Mark 16:18, 20)**. 2) Eyewitness testimony **(15)**. The apostles had seen the risen Savior **(Acts 1:21-22)**. 3) The testimony of Old Testament scripture **(Acts 3;24-25; cf. John 5:39)**. Truly, in none other is there salvation. Have you obeyed Him?

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Beware of False Prophets!

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits” **(Matt. 7:15-16)**.

Most of us have heard Jesus’ warning. Why do so many fall prey to the false prophets?

He tells me what I want to hear.
He always smiles and seems so happy.
He likes everybody, even me.
He takes a personal interest in me.
He quotes from the Bible.
He has a large church and many followers.

His teaching, however, is not what the Lord teaches.

His fruit is not the pure message of Christ. Hear Jesus' warning. Read **Matthew 7:15-27**.

Don Bunting

The Kingdom of God

John the baptizer came to be the forerunner of Jesus. We are told in **Isaiah 40:3-5**, *"A voice is calling, 'Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. Let every valley be lifted up, And every mountain and hill be made low; And let the rough ground become a plain, And the rugged terrain a broad valley; Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, And all flesh will see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'"*

This John did very well and then was arrested for standing up to Herod on account of his adulterous marriage to Herodias, **Matthew 14:3f**. Then we are told, *"Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'"* (**Mark 1:14f**) As we look in the New Testament we see that Jesus preached about the Kingdom of God here, Paul preached about the Kingdom of God in **Acts 28:23 & 31**. In **Acts 8:12** Phillip preached the Kingdom of God to the Samaritans and they were thus baptized both men and women. The writer of Hebrews said that we have received a Kingdom which cannot be shaken, **12:28**. James, the Lord's brother says that Christians are heirs of the Kingdom, **James 2:5**. And John said he was in the Kingdom with his readers, **Revelation 1:9**.

Clearly then this is an important subject and ought to be taught! This we shall do in the next few weeks in as simple and understandable method as possible. In the mean time think about this question: What is necessary to constitute a kingdom? What things are necessary? Happy Bible Study!

Cleveland Reddinger

The Message Of Obedience

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (**2 Corinthians 10:4-5**).

All over the land, there are buildings with signs out front identifying them as being a church building. Understand something here, you can have all the signs you want, you can have really big, big signs that can be seen from far away but until you love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and might (**Mk. 12:30**), until you obey Him in all things (**John 14:15; Matt. 7:21-23; Luke 6:46-49**), that sign means nothing. If the people inside the building are not serving God with an exacting obedience, doing what He says, how He says and when He says, they need to hear and heed the words of **2 John 9**, *"Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teachings of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son."*

The message of obedience tells us we must willingly and joyfully submit ourselves to the will of our Lord and Saviour (**James 1:21; James 4:7-10; John 6:68**). He is the source of eternal salvation (**Heb. 5:9; Heb. 12:1-3; Col. 1:12-14**) and anyone who wants to be saved eternally must unwaveringly submit themselves to Him (**Acts 4:12**). God has given us a pattern to follow in seeking eternal salvation (**2 Tim. 3:16-17. 2 Pet. 1:3**). That pattern must be followed, no short cuts, no bargain basement, no sale days (**Matt. 15:9; Gal. 1:6-9; James 2:10-11**). Anyone who wants to be saved eternally must follow exactly what God commands (**Deut. 5:32-33; Deut. 11:26-28; 2 John 6-11**).

Friends, there is no margin to play on--it is His way or else. You cannot follow the doctrines of men and be saved (**Matt. 15:7-9; John 6:68; Heb. 5:8-9**) Do you believe this? I surely pray you do because your soul is at stake.

Charles Hicks, White House Tennessee
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A SUMMARY OF THESE ARTICLES

By Jim Stauffer

The good news of the gospel is that salvation has been delivered to mankind. Salvation he is dependent upon since all men have sinned and become separated from God due to their sin (**Rom. 3:23; Isa. 59:1,2**).

This salvation was delivered to us by the only begotten Son of God Who died on the cross for our sins. Therefore, it is obvious there is salvation only in His

name and by His authority (**Acts 4:12; Heb. 5:8,9**).

In the world today as has always been there are those who claim to be representing the words of Jesus but simply stated are the false teachers Jesus warned us about in **Matthew 7:15-27**. It therefore becomes imperative for us to both recognize them and dismiss them if we are indeed going to hear Christ (**Mat. 17:5**).

When we do this, dismiss false prophets and hear the Lord's message, we will be redeemed and transferred from Satan's kingdom to the kingdom of Christ, *"For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."* (**Colossians 1:13-14 cf. 1 Pet. 2:9**) This passage alone tells us we enter the kingdom when our sins are forgiven. The passages in **Acts 2:38-47** teach us we must obey the command to repent and be baptized in order to receive the forgiveness of sins and when we do we are added to the church. This is clearly the church Jesus died to establish (**Matthew 16:18**).

This Gospel Meeting will be an opportunity for any and all to hear this glorious gospel and then to contemplate their condition relative to what it speaks and take the necessary corrective action to ensure our reconciliation with God Who grants us righteousness through His Son Jesus, *"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."*

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**)

Psa. 1:1 *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked, Nor standeth in the way of sinners, Nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers: 2 But his delight is in the law of Jehovah; And on his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree*

planted by the streams of water, That bringeth forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also doth not wither; And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. 4 The wicked are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For Jehovah knoweth the way of the righteous; But the way of the wicked shall perish.

HOURS OF WORSHIP

Sunday A.M. 9:30 Bible Study

Sunday A.M. 10:20 Assembled Worship

Sunday P.M. 5:00 Assembled Worship

Wednesday P.M. 7:00 Bible Study and Worship

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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17

Believe in Jesus Christ - Hebrews 11:6

Repent of sins - Acts 17:30

Confess Christ as Lord - Romans 10:9,10

Be Baptized for remission of sins - Acts 2:38

Be Faithful unto death - Revelation 2:10

News and Notes:

Those in need of prayers:

Alma Baumgartner, Jan Patrick, Denese Goring, Brooklyn Boyer, Tracy Richardson, Don Craig, Tina Brofft, Ken Green, Matt Bassford, Tim Young, Judy Root, Beth Armstrong and Don Simmons

Bible Classes: Sunday Morning - **Hebrews** - Jim Stauffer

Wednesday Evening - **1&2 Peter and Jude** - Ron Peck

Sunday Sermon: See the schedule of lessons for the Gospel Meeting