

Rom. 14:19  
So then let us  
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whereby we  
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# THE LENEXA EDIFIER

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John 8:32 And  
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## IS THE GOSPEL GOD'S POWER TO SAVE?

By Jim Stauffer

We will have Berry Kercheville come to Lenexa from Nashville, Tennessee to preach the gospel to any and all who will listen.

Just how important will this series of lessons be to you and to me? The Scriptures are very important to any and all who believe there is a God in heaven Who created the universe and everything in it.

The message of the Scriptures is that God was aware before creation that man would sin and therefore designed a plan to redeem him from that sin (**Eph. 1:4-7; Rom. 3:23**). The value to man of such redemption is to have his sins forgiven and to be in the kingdom of Christ (**Col. 1:13,14**). The value of being forgiven of sins is to be reconciled to God (**2 Cor. 5:17-21**). The value of reconciliation with God is to be qualified to receive the promises He has made through His Son, Jesus Christ (**Eph. 1:3,13,14**). The value of all these things combined is we are removed from those who will experience His wrath when He comes again in judgment (**Acts 17:31; 2 Thess. 1:6-10**).

You see, the gospel when believed and obeyed removes one from the condemned that John tells us about, *“Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.”* (**John 5:28-29**) We can take no comfort in living lives where we can easily count the good deeds we have done if we have not been redeemed from the sin we have committed. Those who have sinned (and we all have - **Rom. 3:23**), remain condemned in our sin until redemption has occurred. Once we recognize our need for redemption, we understand our need of the gospel itself.

It is with the needs of all people who can possibly attend this series of lessons, we present them in the interest of the eternal salvation of souls.

Following is a list of the lessons bro. Kercheville will

present along with dates and times of the lessons.

The lessons will focus on:

### DISCOVERING GOD'S PURPOSES

**Sunday AM Bible Class - 9:30 AM**

**God's Purpose in Bible Study:**

**Listening to the Holy Spirit**

**Sunday AM Worship - 10:20 AM**

**God's Eternal Purpose**

**Sunday PM Worship - 5:00 PM**

**God's Purpose in Our Identity: Rivers of Living Water**

**Monday Night Lesson - 7:00 PM**

**God's Purpose in Salvation: Drawn to Jesus**

**Tuesday Night Lesson - 7:00 PM**

**God's Purpose in the Message of the Cross**

**Wednesday Night Lesson - 7:00 PM**

**God's Purpose in Hope (Gen. 1-2; Mk. 1)**

Beyond the consideration of greatest importance, our salvation, the Scriptures teach us so much about how to be like our Savior and God. They change us from the inside out and we then begin to have our values more in line with the God in heaven than the world in which we live. Bear in mind the things of the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life are not of God (**1 John 2:15-17**). They are opposed to His purpose for us in creation. They are temporal and will pass away while if we live according to His will we will live forever.

The lessons to be presented in this series will all originate from God's word. You will not be told or recommended to follow anything man has devised.

The Lord's church was purchased with His own blood (**Acts 20:28**) and as a result functions under His authority only (**Matt. 28:18**). Please feel welcome to give a listen.

## Just One More Day

**Rickie Jenkins**

Note: This article was written by Olin Hudson on March 3, 2019. He preached in Abilene, Texas for the Wylie church of Christ. He was killed in an automobile accident on July 8, 2019 when his pickup hydroplaned and rolled down an embankment. Olin was fifty-four years old. He would have been fifty-five August 21, 2019. My daughter, who is a member in this church, shared this article with me. I thought it was very special and want to share it with you. His loss to this church has been so great! Olin was a man who was quiet but effective. He was also one of three elders in this church. He is survived by his wife Angela, two grown sons: Tyler and Trent, their wives and three grandchildren.

Dear Lord, please give me one more day to experience the joys of life: The beauties of the trees, rivers, and sky; The pleasures of friendships, recreation, and children; The joy of laughter, being with those I love, and resting after a long day's work. Each day is a gift from you that brings beauties beyond measure.

I ask for just one more day, Lord, to grow in my relationships with others. An opportunity to learn about and practice your unselfish love, give me one more day to help those I love to grow closer to you, to teach my children and show them what it means to serve you, to help them grow in their dedication to you. A day to tell my closest friends about what really matters in life. My request, Father, is just one more day to fight. To wield the sword, to take up your armor and destroy the work of Satan. Just one more day to achieve the peace that comes from your victory in my life. Just one more day to show the world your love and grace in my life. Another day to do my small part in this colossal spiritual battle.

Give me, Father, just one more day to make an impression on others about my values, my interests, my goals. One more day to show them that you are real and that you are everything to me. Give me a day so they might see you in the life I live, that they too might want to serve you.

Just one more day to reflect... to remember the good and the bad that has occurred in my life... to remember and learn from my achievements and failures... to gain wisdom from what you have taught me in my life.

One more day to overcome my sin, to take the steps necessary to be more like you. To see sin for what it really is. To develop a hatred for it, a disgust. One more day to make right the damage my sin has caused and to forgive the sins of others.

Father, if it is your will, I ask for one more day to encourage the good work in your kingdom. To edify my brothers and sisters in the work they do. One more day

to show patience and to lend a helping hand to those who are struggling in their battle with Satan. Father, just one more day so I can offer the love you have shown to me.

Just one more day in honor of you. If today does not bring joy or what I desire, if it does not bring my gain or my advancement. If, instead, it brings sorrow, pain, suffering, or loss... help me to love you even more. Just one more day where I can prove to you that I serve you not because of what I get out of the day but because I love you.

Father, if you grant me one more day, help me not to get lost in it. Help me to remember what is most important. Help me to see eternity.

Dear Lord, most of all, help me to know that I may not have just one more day. If I am not able to enjoy the pleasures of this life for another day, or my family, or to work another day, or influence others, or learn another lesson of life, help me to know that I need to be ready for that day of eternity: the day of victory, the day of judgment. Help me to live today with this realization.

Thank you, Lord.

**by Olin Hudson; March 3, 2019**

## Relative Righteousness

**Dan Shipley**

When asked by a stranger whether he considered his wife attractive, a certain rancher replied, "Compared to what?" Many are inclined to measure their standing with God in much the same fashion. By some standard most justify themselves as being "good enough to get by" spiritually. Honest and discerning men will recognize this popular practice to be wrong for several reasons.

In the first place, what pleases self does not necessarily please God. It would appear unnecessary to point this out were it not for the widespread notion that personal preference ought to be respected on a par with divine revelation. Paul's preaching gave emphasis to how men "*ought to walk and to please God*" (1 **Thess. 4:1**). This principle is controverted by the subjective philosophy of moderns who put the emphasis on what pleases the individual. The fundamental question to be resolved is not whether my religion satisfies me, but whether it pleases God. With Paul, our aim must be "*to be well pleasing unto Him*" (2 **Cor. 5:9**).

Secondly, pleasing God involves more than just being better than someone else. Paul wrote of certain ones who commended themselves as they measured and compared themselves by themselves. He concludes them to be without understanding (2 **Cor. 10:12**). As the self-righteous Pharisee of **Lk. 18**, most can find a despised "publican" with which to compare and exonerate himself. What is the consolation in a



relative righteousness that sees self as being “better” than another sinner if I am less than God wants me to be? Some seem to take delight in finding fault with Christians — as though the Christian’s sins could somehow excuse his own. Someone (Abraham Lincoln, I think) has said in this connection, “Short men do not grow taller by cutting off the legs of tall men”. Is anyone complimented in being “as good” as the hypocrite in the church? It is a poor system of justification that can only find credit for self by discrediting others.

A similar, but more subtle method of self- justification is the appeal to a high moral standard. It goes further than just being better than some; it prides itself in having higher moral standards than most and may even include being a loyal worker in some church group. “Surely”, some would think, “this is good enough to take me to heaven!” But it’s only the same misconception in different wrappings. Self is still Judge and men still the standard. We must look higher.

True righteousness means being right with God and is possible only on His terms. Through faith man subjects himself to God’s will (**Matt. 7:21**) as set forth in the gospel. Therein is God’s plan for making man righteous (**Rom. 1:17**). As man expresses his faith in repentance and baptism (**Mk. 16:17; Acts 2:38**), he is pardoned by God’s grace and thus becomes a servant of righteousness (**Rom. 6:17,18**). Remaining righteous means doing righteousness (**1 Jn. 3:7**) to the best of our abilities and seeking God’s forgiveness wherein we fall short. Entrusting my soul to what I think may be right is wrong.

Doing what God says can never be wrong.

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## Remember, To Whom is it Said?

Last week we were to remember who was speaking. This week we must remember the recipient of the speech. It would be surprising how many misunderstandings of the scriptures would be cleared up, and unity improved, if we would just apply this little bit of wisdom. One old time preacher called it a bit of “sanctified common sense”.

Just because Noah was commanded by God to build an ark of gopher wood (**Genesis 6:14**) doesn’t make it a command for you to do the same! Most people have no problem understanding that but if you come into the New Testament where Jesus told the rich young ruler of **Matthew 19:16-22** to sell everything he owned and give it to the poor they think they have a club to use against others. Didn’t Jesus himself say this? Yes, but not to us. He addressed a specific young man with a specific problem which would keep him out of heaven. This was

done while the Old Testament Law of Moses was still in effect (It has been replaced by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **Hebrews 8:6-13**.) and it didn’t even apply to other rich men of that day, just him.

Another major misunderstanding of scripture comes when Jesus promised the Apostles they would do miracles in **Mark 16:17f**. The promise of a gift made to the Apostles to equip them for THEIR UNIQUE task is not a promise to us of the same gift. They needed those miraculous gifts in their day while we do not. We have the full word of God, **2 Timothy 3:16f**. Not even all Christians in the first century had the power to work miracles, only those upon whom the Apostles laid their hands, **Acts 8:14- 25**.

We must remember to whom the words were spoken!

***Cleveland Reddinger***

## Straight Talk

One particular brother was not too well educated, and his manner was rather rough and crude. He had become a Christian and was boiling with enthusiasm to be of some genuine service to the Master. The elders handed him a list of 10 names with this explanation: “These men are all members of the church, but they seldom attend the services. Some of them are prominent men of the city. Contact them any way you can. Here is some church stationery you may use to write them letters. Get them back to church!”

The man accepted the challenge with rugged determination. In about three weeks a letter came to the church from a prominent physician in the city whose name had been on the list. Inside the letter was a \$1000 check and this note: “Dear Preacher: Enclosed is my check to make-up my missing contribution for the past several weeks. I am sorry for missing worship, but be assured that I will be present this Lord’s Day and every Lord’s Day following. I won’t miss worship again if I can help it. PS: Would you please tell your secretary that there is one “t” in “dirty” and no ‘c” in “skunk”!”

Perhaps some of us have not been telling-it-like-it-is often enough in the past! The direct approach is usually the best, and while our *“speech is to be seasoned with salt”* (**Col.4:6**), sometimes a cupful of salt water is needed!

***by Gary Fiscus***

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**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

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Sunday P.M. 5:00 Assembled Worship

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JIM STAUFFER - TEACHER

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**SERMON:**

THE WILES OF THE DEVIL



## 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