

Tidings From Timothy

I Hope that you all are having an enjoyable Holiday Season and that those who are with us this morning can focus on some good things from God's word. I've already used my sermon on snow, so this morning's sermon will have a different focus, but one that I hope we can all appreciate.

Tonight's service will be conducted by the young men.

Youth Devotional: We want to thank the Clements for hosting this year's event. There were about 30 in attendance and all seemed to learn things and have a good time. It would be good if we could do this kind of thing more often.

Last Sunday: A big thanks for those who came out to our Caroling at the Nursing Home. We had a real good crowd this year and it sounded good too.

Personal Thanks: Connie and I want to thank you all for all the cards and many gifts showered upon us this Christmas. You all have continued to make us feel grateful to have such a giving church family.

Barnabas Board: Look in the slots to find your Christmas Cards. We have lots and lots of them so chances are you have one! Get your cards if you haven't already.

In Need of Prayer: Buel Abney found out that he has the slow kind of cancer, like brother Proffitt's. The Key's are having some difficulties (Laura with pneumonia and JD with his dialysis shunt).

Nursing Home Service: Today at 3pm is Mt. Gilead's turn at the Nursing Home. They really love your visits

While we often hear sermons on the Lord's "Dividing Line," we need to remember that the Lord has defined a line of "separation." He said, "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). The individual who loves and serves the Lord by keeping His commandments is found on one side of this line. The one who does not keep His commandments, and thus who does not love Him, is on the other side. There are far too many who are members of the church of Christ that are on the wrong side of this line!

Many are very uncomfortable with such an idea, however. These often ask how it can be known who is on the right or wrong side! Indeed many think that if anyone is accused of being on the wrong side that the accuser is guilty of unlawful judgment. But remember that our Lord said, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:20). Jesus is still asking today, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46)? The Bible teaches that the judgment of God will begin at the house of God (the church). "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" (1 Peter 4:17)? Honest souls must give special consideration to whether or not they have been doing the will of God.

The fact that one has believed, repented and been baptized into Christ does not preclude the possibility that he or she may be rejected at the judgment. One may think that the sheepfold is home when actually he is standing outside the fold! Consider carefully the scene described by Matthew: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left" (Matthew 25:31-33).

Where is the dividing line between the sheep and the goats? Who will be on the right hand? Who will be on the left hand? The rest of that passage (through verse 45) answers the question! The ones condemned were the ones who had wasted opportunities to do that which was right and good. They may not have been guilty of vile sins of commission, but they were condemned because they had not done that which they could have done.

The Christian race isn't won at the starting line. Many "members" come up out of the waters of baptism, sit down on the edge of the baptismery and seem to think that now they are assured of heaven. Not so! The line of separation that the Lord has set will be found at the bar of judgment. Who shall stand with the Lord at that time? The Bible says, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Revelation 22:14).

The church member that is unfaithful to the instructions of the New Testament to seek first the kingdom (Matthew 6:33), attend faithfully ALL services (Hebrews 10:24-25) and do what is right all the time (James 4:17) will find himself with the goats on the day of judgment! One can know if he is a sheep or a goat. Do you?

We will all be finally judged by the Word of Jesus (John 12:48) according to what we have done while in this earthly body. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10). —Glenn B. Ramsey--

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Lord's Supper Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

Bible Study... 9:30am
 Morning Worship... 10:05am
 Evening Worship... 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study... 7pm

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What must I do?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16 (cont. on p.4)**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Birthdays:

Jackie	Cloyd	12/29
Makayla	Emmert	12/30
Becky	Shaw	12/30
Tim	Stinson	01/02

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