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NEWSLETTER

Sunday, July 6, 2008

BIBLE STUDY..... 10 a.m.
"Gospel of Luke"

MORNING WORSHIP..... 11 a.m.
Would You Be Free?
Dan Austin

EVENING SERVICE.... 6 p.m.
Great Expectations: Expect Service
Dan Austin

WEDNESDAY MEETING..... 7 p.m.
"The Parables of Jesus"

... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Col 3:16

Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the law of the LORD!

Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,
Who seek Him with the whole heart!

They also do no iniquity;
They walk in His ways.

You have commanded us
To keep Your precepts diligently.

Oh, that my ways were directed
To keep Your statutes!

Then I would not be ashamed,
When I look into all Your commandments.

I will praise You with uprightness of heart,
When I learn Your righteous judgments.

Psalm 119:1-7 (NKJV)

Into my heart
Into my heart
Come into my heart Lord Jesus
Come in to stay
Come in I pray
Come into my heart Lord Jesus

Harry D Clarke

News & Notes

Welcome Visitors. If you are a visitor in our congregation today we welcome you and invite you to stay for a while after service.

Please continue to pray for our deployed military members and their families: **Sam Barton, Logan Harper, Matt Wells** and **Earnest Peoples**.

Dema Franklin and **Janna Wells** are visiting with family for the next two weeks. **Yedid Minjares** is vacationing with her family for the next two weeks. Pray for their safe return.

The next meeting of the monthly **Women's Bible Study** is this coming Tuesday, July 8th. We encourage all the ladies in our congregation to join us. Contact **Meredith Hoskins** if you need additional information.

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Saying It Just Alike

Bill Robinson, Jr.

SERMON NOTES

Unfortunately some among us think, even when they have the truth on some issue according to the Bible, it gives them permission to demand conformity to their way in all things. In this the party-spirit is born. For, ultimately, with the leaders of the party it is no longer conformity to objective truth (Bible) that matters, but assenting and acquiescing to the speech, judgment, and thinking of the party. No doubt they "think they do God service" (John. 16:2). Yet one wonders if God must not feel at times like the fellow who said, "Save me from my friends and I fear not my enemies." According to the party, a person's soundness is determined by whether or not he says a thing just like the party says it. Any deviation from the party's accepted way of saying it is viewed as a trend pointing toward apostasy.

Yes, words have meanings. However, when speaking about biblical matters, all are to be held to the same standard: "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ..." (1 Pet. 4:11). When one preaches or teaches the question should be, did he accurately bring the words of God, rather than did he say it like we say it?

Yes, we must "contend earnestly for the faith" (Jude 3). But we need learn the difference between contending for the faith and being contentious over our way of saying or doing a thing. While we preach and teach about spiritual matters in the context of our culture, there are going to be ambiguities, not with the word of God *per se*, but with our understanding of the applications to the divine principles. We must recognize divine principles do not change. Furthermore, legitimate applications will not and cannot bring us into conflict with these principles if we are truly seeking to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus our applications to the unalterable and unchanging principles of God's word must undergo examination and oft-needed revisions to be more consistent in our practice and claims, as committed servants of the Lord Jesus according to truth (Eph. 4:20-24).

May God help us all to grow in bringing His word and ministering according to the ability He has given us by looking to His word for guidance; and may He help us be more patient with one another in the process (1 Pet. 3:8-11).