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God's Chosen 'Means'

The Bible emphasizes that *the church is God's chosen means* of accomplishing His purposes in this age. There are more than 100 references to the church in the New Testament!

This shows the emphasis that the Holy Spirit (*the Author of the Scriptures, II Peter 1:20,21*) has put upon the church, and the vast majority of those references are unquestionably to the local assembly, not to a general or prospective aspect. Most of the New Testament was written directly to churches. The theme of Acts is the planting and multiplication of churches.

Even those portions not written directly to a church, or pastors of a church, refer to the church. 'Church' is someplace you go! Leaving your house you go and attend with others.

It is true that the Lord is present *'Where two or three are gathered in my name'*, but that is *not* a church. A local church is more than that, it must include many more things - preaching, teaching, serving with others; it periodically has Baptism and the Lord's Supper, there is evangelism and the presenting of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; there is fellowship and laboring together with other Christians; supporting missionaries, establishing correct doctrine, and it must also have Biblically authorized leadership (*II Timothy 4:1-5; Titus 2:15; Hebrews 13:17*).

The Ministry of 'Fear'

Keeping the Soul Awake

"It is often urged that the actions which are stimulated by *fear* have no moral worth, that *fear* is but a form of selfishness, and that therefore no fruit produced by it, however well it may look to the eye, can be truly acceptable to God.

This is true; but it is only a half truth, and half truths are often the most dangerous of errors. What is the other half of the truth?

Although *fear* in itself and by itself cannot produce truly good or spiritually right action, it yet performs a vital function in keeping the soul awake.

Fear rings the alarm bell and rouses the conscience.

It blows the trumpet of warning.

It creates pause and opportunity for all better and nobler things to make themselves heard.

It allows a man to become aware of the realities, and when he is once placed in contact with them, the best things begin. Everything depends on being made earnest, sensitive, lifted into a sense of the eternal verities. The highest principles - righteousness and love - are often in the best of men forgetful and fickle. They are ensnared, oppressed, and bewildered many a time, and need the keen influence of *fear* to bring them to themselves again."

- *The Biblical Illustrator*

"if I be a master, where is my fear?
saith the LORD of hosts." - *Malachi 1:6*

"Hear, ye children,
the instruction
of a father,
and attend
to know
understanding."

Proverbs 4:1

"A wise son
heareth his
father's
instruction:
but a scorner
heareth not
rebuke."

Proverbs 13:1



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

Quotes

"A fool laughs at the spear."

"It's the little things in life that
determine the big things."

"You don't succeed by accident."

"I've already got more FRIENDS than I can use."

"EMOTIONS are no more faith
than cotton candy is food."

"The devil's cleverest ruse is to make
people believe that he does not exist."

Don't tell God how He should do things."

"LOVE degrades itself when it lowers itself
from loving God, to loving self, to loving sin."

"Rock Music in a church is a sleazy
form of carnal entertainment."

"An injury is sooner forgotten than an insult."

"TRUTH lives longer than men."

"Reading is to the mind
what exercise is to the body."

"INFLATION is a tax on the lower class."

"INFLATION moves the middle class
to the welfare line."

"Some people make ENEMIES instead of
FRIENDS because it's less trouble."

D. L. Moody & REPENTANCE

"A man is not prepared to believe or to receive the gospel, unless he is ready to repent of his sins and turn from them."

What the Lord Does Not Need

"Once John Wesley received a note from a self-appointed evangelist telling him, 'The Lord has told me to tell you that He doesn't need your book learning ...' .

Wesley replied, 'Thank you, Sir.

'Your letter was superfluous, however, as I already knew the Lord has no need of my 'book learning' as you put it.

However, although the Lord has not directed me to say so, on my own responsibility I would like to say, the Lord does not need your ignorance, either.' - copied

"Unless there is within us,
that which is above us,
we will soon yield to
that which is around us."

MAN AN ANIMAL?

"Man is the only creature on earth made in God's image in order to have direct fellowship with God.

Man did *not* grow out of the animal kingdom. He was created directly by God to rule over the creation and to walk and talk with God (*Genesis 1:19-31*). Man was man the very hour he was made by God (*Genesis 2:7; 5:1-2*).

As soon as man was created, he had the ability to name all the animals of the world (*Genesis 2:18-20*).

Man was *never* an un-intelligent animal. Evolution, though, teaches that man arose from the animal kingdom, gradually becoming more and more intelligent, civilized and self-conscious." - copied

(Who are you going to believe?
Who should you believe?)

"To ignore or excuse sin
because God's mercy
and grace will forgive it,
is a step lower than even
the devil has descended."

- copied

"Obey my voice, and I will be your God"

- *Jeremiah 23 b*

KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

Though a man of knowledge may be the servant of the devil, yet no man without knowledge (that hath the use of his reason) can be the servant of God. A man may go to hell with knowledge, but he certainly shall go to hell without it. I do not say that you must all be men of learning, and skilled in the arts, and sciences, and languages; but you must have the knowledge of a christian, though not of a scholar. Can you love or serve a God that you know not? Can you let go friends, and goods, and life, for a glory which you have no knowledge of? Can you make it the principal business of your lives to seek for a heaven whose excellences you know not of? Can you lament your sin and misery, when you are unacquainted with it? Or will you strive against sin as the greatest evil, when you know not the evil of it? Will you believe in a Christ whom you do not know, and trust your souls and all upon him? Will you rest upon a promise, or fear a threatening, or be ruled by a law, which you do not understand? It is not possible to be christians without knowing the substance of christianity; nor is it possible for you to be saved without knowing the way of salvation.

Labour, therefore, to be well acquainted with the grounds, and reasons, and nature of your religion. The clearer your light is, the warmer and livelier your hearts will be. Illumination is the first part of sanctification. The head is the passage to the heart.

- Richard Baxter, (1651-1691),

"The Practical Works of Richard Baxter", Vol 2
"A Call to the Unconverted"

Spiritual Blindness

"Sin is blind to its true friends and it's real foes ... the faithful rebuker, the merciful inflictor of pain, is the truest friend of the wrong-doer. The worst enemy of the sinful heart is the voice that either tempts it into sin, or lulls it into self-complacency. Sin is blind as to itself, blind as to its own consequences, blind as to who are its friends and who are its foes, blind as to earth, blind as to another world, blind as to God."

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



THIS & THAT

From HERE & THERE

Scientific Elitism

"The COVID-19 pandemic has shed light on the fact that scientists can be biased and elitist. Creationists have long cautioned that scientific elites act in an authoritarian and manipulative manner to suppress dissenting views ... Creationists must keep warning ... against trusting what scientific elites claim about evolution and 'origins'." - copied, 'Acts & Facts', May/June '22

Disney Market Free-Fall

"The Walt Disney Company has lost a whopping \$63 billion in market capitalization over the past two months ... Much, though not all, of this stems directly from Disney's decision to speak out on (against) Florida's Parental Rights in Education bill ..."

Oceans

"The oceans of the world are so vast and deep that if the earth had an absolutely level crust, the sea would form an envelope over 8,800 feet deep." - copied

"Quit you like men, be strong."

- I Corinthians 16:13

(**"Quit"** - To behave, act and conduct oneself as a man should; act like men and be strong; Act the manly, firm, and resolved part; behave strenuously, in opposition to the bad men who would divide and corrupt you ... be not terrified or inveigled by them.)

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." - I Corinthians 13:11

MUSIC a Major Issue of Compromise

"Many men of God have observed that music is a major issue at the heart of the compromise of churches today. Forty years ago, Victor Sears warned, 'Good fundamental Baptists and others that refuse the teachings of the charismatic crowd concerning tongues, signs, miracles, and so forth are now singing their music in our churches and preparing our people for the world, the flesh and the devil. It is the new Trojan Horse move ... to deaden our churches to spiritual truth' (Baptist Bible Tribune, 1981). Ernest Pickering said, 'Perhaps nothing precipitates a slide toward New Evangelicalism more than the introduction of Contemporary Christian Music. This inevitably leads toward a gradual slide in other areas as well until the entire church is infiltrated by ideas and programs alien to the original position of the church'

(The Tragedy of Compromise: The Origin and Impact of the New Evangelicalism, BJU Press, 1994). Evangelist Gordon Sears said, 'When the standard of music is lowered, then the standard of dress is also lowered. When the standard of dress is lowered, then the standard of conduct is also lowered. When the standard of conduct is lowered, then the sense of value in God's truth is lowered'

(Songfest newsletter, April '01).

Dr. Frank Garlock said, 'If a church starts using CCM it will eventually lose all other standards' (Bob Jones University, chapel, March 12, 2001)."

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"If there is no God, nothing matters; if there is a God, nothing else matters!"

"Since GOD demands our trust, He is obligated to prove Himself trustworthy."

- William Gurnall

Teaching by Neglect

"Men teach by example, by incidental remarks, by the neglect of that which they regard as of no value.

A man who does *not* pray, is teaching his children not to pray; he who neglects the *public worship of God*, is teaching his children to neglect it; he who does not *read the Bible*, is teaching his children not to read it.

Such is the constitution of things, that it is impossible for a parent not to inculcate his own religious views on his children ... if a man does not teach his children truth, others will teach them error."

- Albert Barnes, "Barnes Notes on the New Testament"