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prestige, power, or personality of the preacher; put him to the test. Examine what he proclaims & practices in light of what is taught in the Bible. This examination must be done because ...

- God commands it (1 John 4:1)
- Hearers can be led astray (2 Peter 2:1-3)
- The preacher must "Preach the word" (2 Tim. 4:2) to please God.

It is certainly possible for a preacher to teach false doctrine (Matthew 7:15). If he does, then out of love, he must be corrected. Apollos, a preacher, had to be corrected for some of the things he was teaching (Acts 18:26). The belief by some that the preacher is "hands-off" concerning his belief, teaching, and practice is not in the Bible.

Let us realize it is God's Word (John 12:48; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Colossians 3:17) that is our standard of authority and not the "words of man". Don't trust your eternal destiny upon man's word (Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 14:12) but upon God and His Word (Proverbs 3:5-6). Think About It!

— St. Peters Proclaimer Mo.

AREA EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING at the Sharon church of Christ Oct. 26-29. Various speakers. Monday-Wednesday services are at 7:00 pm. See the bulletin board for speakers and subjects.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS 10 AM

"A Study of Mark"

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM

"Paul in Athens" Acts 17

Evening Worship 6:00 pm
"The Lord Is My Shepherd" Psa. 23

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
"A Study of 1 Kings"

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THE POWERFUL GOSPEL By Jonnie Hutchison

Christians who have had the opportunity to teach lost souls the gospel have seen the power of the gospel at work. As the lost come to a knowledge of divine truth it impacts them either positively or negatively. Some respond in a positive way by accepting the instruction that exposes them as sinners in need of salvation which results in their desire for salvation and their loving obedience to the gospel of Christ. Others respond in a negative way as they experience the instructive power of the gospel by rejecting it to the loss of their souls. In either case, the gospel has had a powerful impact upon those who hear it.

Most of our readers are familiar with the description given by inspiration of the gospel in Romans 1:16 which reads, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power

of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." Since the gospel is God's power to salvation it should be obvious that without the gospel there can be no possibility of receiving salvation. In addition, since the power to save is in the gospel, that eliminates the possibility of being saved through the Muslim's Koran, the Jews Torah, the Catholics catechism, the Book of Mormon or the various creeds of denominationalism. The power to save is exclusively inherent in the gospel of Christ!

The exclusiveness of the gospel of Christ in the matter of salvation is why we find such passages in the Bible as Galatians 1:6-9. In this passage the inspired Paul warned the Galatians against turning away from the original

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: <u>Green Plain Members</u>: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Marie Wyatt, Joan Lathrop, Wanda Barrett, and Roy Wyat. Ann & Dave Thompson have moved to Hickory Woods Senior Living Community in Murray.

<u>Family and Friends</u>: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Larry and Rose Wyatt, Tonya Morris, Patrice Wyatt, Jackie Herndon, Janice Canter, Peyton Mays and Patricia Dowdy.

School of Biblical Studies continues tomorrow evening 7-9 pm in the annex. Studies from the book of Jude by Eli Sales and the book of Amos by John Sales. Come and enjoy these in-depth studies. Classes continue through November 10th.

PANTRY ITEMS October 2025: 5-Kool-aid; 12-Tea Bags; 19-Bath Soap; 26-Shampoo.

October 2025 ANNIVERSERIES: 19-Wanda and Jimmy Cochran. BIRTH-DAYS: 18-Perry Jarvis; 18-Russell Lathrop; 29-Bobby Hall.

<u>Special Thanks To</u> Chad, Mike and Russell for filling the pulpit and teaching class this past Sunday and Wednesday.

THOSE TO SERVE OCTOBER 2025

Announcements: James Pigg

Lord's Table AM: Mike & Russell

Lord's Table PM: 5-Mike; 12-Russell; 19-Mike; 26-Russell

Opening Prayer AM: 5-Bobby; 12-Jonnie; 19-Jimmy; 26-Perry

Closing Prayer AM: 5-Roy; 12-Dave; 19-Jesse; 26-Chad

Song Leaders: AM-Perry; PM-Chad; Wednesday-Mike

Count Contribution: Mike & Russell

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gospel to embrace what he called "a different gospel." He then issued this warning: "but even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to vou. let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed." This divine prohibition against accepting anything other than the original gospel, speaks volumes about the power of the original gospel in the matter of salvation, and the utter ineffectiveness of any human substitute. Accepting a "different gospel" will not save one single soul. Instead accepting a

"different gospel" will lead to ones being "accursed", literally "anathema" - a term indicating complete separation from Christ and salvation.

The truths stated above is why faithful members of the churches of Christ are so adamant about making sure that we neither add to, take from, or substitute something else for the gospel revealed in the New Testament of Jesus Christ. The power of God to salvation is in the original gospel! To leave it is to leave all hope of salvation. Let us never be ashamed to preach it, teach it and live it in our lives. Let us never attempt to change it, water it down or compromise with it's enemies. Let us remain firmly convinced of it's power to save!

PREACHERS CAN BE WRONG By Jerry Joseph

It is believed by some that if the preacher states it, it must be true a and cannot be wrong. Some think that their preacher or any other preacher would never lie or deceive them. So, they go through life blindly accepting and doing whatever the preacher says.

Does not the Bible teach that we are to put to the test those who teach (1 John 4:1)? Let us be like the Bereans who "searched the scriptures daily, whether

those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

Some believe it is wrong to question the teachings of any preacher. In fact, I have encountered some preachers who thought they were "above being questioned" about their beliefs, teachings, and practices. But we must examine what is being taught, no matter who the proclaimer may be. It doesn't matter the popularity,

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