

THE UNPLEASANTNESS OF SIN-
FUL PLEASURE *By Jonnie Hutchison*

The devil would have us to believe that all sin is always pleasurable, personally fulfilling, and without consequences. Yes, sin can be pleasurable, but how long do the pleasures of sin last? Is it worth the few moments of pleasure that it offers?

Moses knew the pleasures of sin were, at best, temporary, which is why he made the choice *“to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin”* (Hebrews 11:25).

The truth is that the “pleasures of sin” bring much **unpleasantness** to those who choose to embrace them. Drug and alcohol addiction, unwanted pregnancies, marriages ruined and broken by divorce, physical disease, accidental deaths, murder, child abuse and neglect, addiction to pornography, crime and imprisonment, suicide, and the list of **unpleasantness** goes on and on in choosing the “passing pleasures of sin.”

Unpleasantness is too mild a term to describe the end result of choosing the passing pleasures of sin, which is punishment in the fires of eternal hell. The passing pleasures of sin are not worth the cost that you will pay to enjoy them.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY BIBLE

CLASS 10:00 AM

“Study of Mark”

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM

Chad Canter

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM

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Wednesday 7:00 PM

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SOME COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT EVANGELISM

By Kevin Cauley

When you hear the phrase, “Personal Evangelism” what do you think? It is an awesome and daunting responsibility to take the gospel to others. I have been involved in several efforts to get the word out. I have knocked doors and spoken to folks about the gospel. I don’t know everything about personal evangelism, but I have come to learn about several misconceptions.

Misconception number one: Most people hate to talk about the Bible. Some try to avoid it, but many are happy to have the discussion. Most of the time, the problem is that we are not comfortable talking about the Bible, and that makes others uncomfortable. Think of your favorite subject. What did you do to learn how to talk

about it to someone else? Are you comfortable talking about it? Can you put the same attitude and effort into talking about the Bible? If we demonstrate that we are comfortable talking about the Bible, others will be too. “As He spoke these words, many believed in Him” (John 8:32).

Misconception number two: I just don’t know enough to talk to someone else about the Bible. The truth is: you know more than you think you do. The church of Christ emphasizes regular Bible study. Most others do not. The barrier is our own comfort level. We just need to start the conversation. “But what if I don’t know something?” There is nothing wrong with telling someone that you don’t

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Hayes Grady, Marie and Roy Wyatt, Jackie and Don Spiceland, Dave and Ann Thompson, Joan Lathrop, and Wanda Barrett.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Larry and Rose Wyatt, Tonya Morris, Teri Mercer, Patrice Wyatt, Jackie Haddon and Janice Canter.

PANTRY ITEMS June 2025: 1-Corn; 8-Stewed Tomatoes; 15-Butter Beans; 22-Pickles; 29-canned Beets.

June 2025 ANNIVERSERIES: 17-Jan & James Pigg. **BIRTHDAYS:** 15-Don Spiceland.

AREA EVENTS: GOSPEL MEETING Williams Chapel church of Christ, July 6-9, with David Williams preaching. Monday—Wednesday at 7:00 pm. VBS at the Coldwater church of Christ is Saturday, July 12th from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.. Lunch will be served. Classes for all ages.

THOSE TO SERVE JUNE 2025

Announcements: Mike

Preside at Lord’s Table AM: James & Chad

Preside at Lord’s Table PM: 1-Chad; 8-James; 15-Chad; 22-James; 29-Chad

Opening Prayer AM: 1-Bobby; 8-Jonnie; 15-Jimmy; 22-Perry; 29-Russell

Closing Prayer AM: 1– Roy; 8-Dave; 15-Jesse; 22-Junior; 29-Mike

Lead Singing: AM-Perry; PM-Chad; Wed-Mike

Count Contribution: James and Chad

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know the answer. Tell them, “I will find out and get back to you later.” The church at Corinth had many questions. They wrote a letter to Paul to get them answered (1 Corinthians 1:11). Sometimes we need to get answers from someone who knows a little more about the Bible. This is OK and people will understand if we need to do this.

Misconception number three: I just don’t know how to do personal work. You really do. Personal work is not necessarily a personal Bible study, even though it can be. It can be visiting people, passing out flyers, writing letters to the editor, working with mail outs, and just chatting with your neighbor. Getting out into the community, getting involved, and making contacts is the best personal work. The church has PLENTY of work to do that ANYONE can do. Getting to know people is a big part of evangelism. Most people today respond to the gospel because a friend talked to them about it. Can you be a friend? “A man *who has* friends must himself be **friendly**” (Proverbs 18:24).

Misconception number

four: Nobody is going to respond anyway. This is a defeatist attitude. Of course nobody is going to respond if we don’t go out and work. When you do the work, however, you never know who is going to respond. Consistent steady efforts are the key to any successful endeavor. How many successful salesmen do you know who gave up after their first attempt? It takes time, effort, and consistency. Paul said, “Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears” (Acts 20:31).

We can do personal work in our community. The biggest barrier to this is ourselves. We need to determine to get out and start evangelizing for Christ. The stakes are too high, and the souls of men hang in the balance. Let’s resolve to make an effort to evangelize our community. “*Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!*” (John 4:25). *gewatkins.net*