

God Calls Us To Holiness

by Dave Rogers

From the start of time, God has called His people to be **holy**. Leviticus 11:44-45 says, "...I am Jehovah your God: Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that moveth upon the earth. For I am Jehovah that brought you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy." 6:17 and Ephesians 5:26-27. God calls us to be holy, as He is: Our nature thus makes holiness a **conscious** choice.

People have always been intended to follow God's word, so that we can be like God. We are made in His image, Genesis 1:26-27, and this means we can choose to be like Him or choose not to. God's very nature is one of holiness, and if we choose **not** to be like Him, we are choosing to be **unholy** people! God does not require of us what He has not made us able to do, so we know that holiness is an attainable goal for each of us; many saints have gone before, showing us the way; and we have the ideal example of holiness in the person of Jesus our Lord. Therefore, we know that we **can** be the holy people God wants us to be!

To be **holy** means to be "separated to or for God, to be made like Him." Our Bibles also use the word **sanctified**, which conveys the idea of something cleansed, to translate the Greek word rendered "holy" (hagios). Holiness is a quality which should affect and impact our daily lives. As Christians, we are expected to cultivate this characteristic of God in our own lives, 2 Corinthians 7:1. **God** is holy by His very nature (1 Pet. 1:16); there is no "darkness" or "spot" in Him at all, 1 John 1:5. If we want to be like Him, we should "...walk in the light **as He is in the light**" (1 John 1:7). Sin soils and stains us, but God calls us (2 Thessalonians 2:14) to be separated and cleansed from its filth, 2 Corinthians

Next we can see that it **is** possible for us to be holy people! A practical definition of holiness is "right living." It takes several things to become a truly holy person: Commitment to do what is right in the sight of God, as He has revealed His standard through His word; willingness to forsake the sins which separate us from Him (Isaiah 59:2), despite the cost or discomfort of doing so; and a consistent attempt to live a holy life, not a "once in a while" or sporadic effort.

What sets "holy" people apart from others is not that they are victorious in the "big" challenges of life; rather it is that they strive consistently to conquer the "little things" as well (Luke 16:10)!

Genuinely holy people inspire others to live the same kind of lives. We can wield a great influence for good and righteousness by living holy lives. We may also sometimes bear a sobering burden, but what a great joy it is to share the eternal treasure of salvation with another! No other treasure can be so freely disbursed, and yet continue to grow!

Being what God intends for us means being different from the society in which we live: It means we live to a higher standard. Being holy people is **not** an unattainable goal, but it takes consistent daily effort, especially in the "little" things of life! Striving for holiness will color and influence every part of our lives; our thoughts, our motives, our speech, and our actions.

Being truly holy people is what God wants for us; we please Him when we choose to be like Him!

Sunday Night Worship

by Stan Mitchell

Lately I have noticed people posting articles suggesting Sunday night worship services be scuttled. The most common reason cited is that the attendances are generally lower than Sunday morning worship.

I understand that Sunday night worship is not the only way to strengthen a congregation. Please let's be clear. The early church observed the Lord's Supper and gave their offering on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1,2). So should we.

The Bible does not suggest exactly when on Sunday these things should take place. It is likely the early church had to meet either early Sunday morning, or in the evening, prior to or following a long workday. It appears the church at Troas did so in the evening when Paul came to visit (Acts 20:7). Pliny the Younger suggested congregations met early Sunday morning. "On an appointed day ... [Christians] meet before daybreak and recite a hymn antiphonally to Jesus as to a god" (Pliny the Younger, AD 112)

I accept that there are other ways to do what we need to do.

- A congregation I served flipped the order of Bible class and worship. Bible class attendance rose by about one third. There were, of course, those who vehemently opposed this action, though they had an extremely difficult time finding a book, chapter and verse for their objections.
- Some congregations have moved to a worship/fellowship/early afternoon worship format. Biblically I can see nothing amiss with this format.
- Others have suggested Sunday afternoon and evening could be utilized for fellowship, outreach or visitation. Fair enough.
- Still others have suggested small groups meeting in member's homes. Again, fair enough.
- Another suggestion is moving Bible class to the evening.

Just make sure of two things: First, let's make sure that an opportunity to grow closer to God is not sacrificed. When speaking of low attendance on Sunday nights as the reason for abandoning it, I fret that it is the least spiritual in our congregations who are driving this decision.

Second, make sure that the alternative we choose is treated with the same vigor and dedication that the Sunday evening format deserved. Mumbling platitudes about replacing worship with fellowship or family time without following through does not pay the reverence for our Lord he deserves. Do not make this the excuse for serving the Lord less. Do not use "family time" as the excuse for severing Sunday night. If something must be excised in your family's week, may I suggest television time, internet time and recreation activity.

Brothers and sisters, worship is family time. Your church family and your genetic family should be there!

(NOTE: The author is not OUR Stan Mitchell, but the preacher at Bath Springs, Tennessee and a professor at FHU)

The Cost of "Out-Do-Ology"

Glenn Hitchcock

Did you hear about the clever salesman who closed hundreds of sales with this line: "Let me show you something several of your neighbors said you couldn't afford." Envy, pride, jealousy and materialism continue to be a shame and a national disgrace. When was the last time you counted the cost of practicing "out-do-logy?" That is, the practice of trying to out-do, or out-spend your neighbor because of envy? Think seriously about this one my friends. It is truly an expensive proposition.

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:10 NKJV).

"But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness" (1 Timothy 6:11 NKJV).

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses" (1 Timothy 6:12 NKJV).

G.S.O.P. Summer 2016 Short Courses at Piedmont Road church of Christ

July 21-23 The Godhead, Instructor, Phil Sanders

Family Matters

Bob Howell – Is waiting on PET scan results.

Bree Couch – Ginny's daughter-in-law is having health issues and undergoing test.

Willard Mann – (Former member) has been diagnosed with a malignant tumor. He is currently at the VA Hosp.

Butch Trawick – In Piedmont Fayette Hospital, room 239.

Prayer Request

John Deppen came forward Wednesday night requesting prayers for strength and wisdom. Please keep John in your prayers.

Members With Health Problems: Becky Higginbotham, Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Theresa Green, Ruby Fowler, Bill Benton, Shirley Jones, Lucille Amon, Marlene Etheridge, RuPearl Sharpe, Mattie Williams, Bernice Gillespie, Maylon Swann, Hick & Estell Higginbotham, Una Fortson, Forrest & Burma Chapman

Shut-ins: David & Shirley Lee, Butch & Joann Trawick,

Valorye Whittaker, Annette Benefield, Lillian Gray, David Nash, Audrey Shaw, Jane Lankford, Joe Clark & Frances Elder

Others With Health Problems: Roy Cox (Donna Hagin's father), Gregory Crook (Lucille Amon's nephew), Jean Benefield (Annette's daughter-in-law), Norma Tolle (Lewis Armstrong's cousin), Greta Newsome (Jill Nash's sister), Harry Johnson & Joanne Daugherty (David & Wayne Nash's B-in-L & Sister), Carol Bomar (Charity Nash's aunt), Dylan Carter (11 month-old daughter of the Hagins' friends), Loretta Russell (Ray's mother), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Tom Holcomb (Annette Benefield's S-in-L), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's B-i-L/S-i-L), Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's B-in-L) and Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother)

Prayer Requested - Scott Kelly's email address jpay.com (Web site) #1001380630 (Scott / Robert Kelly)

Prayer Requested – Jamie & Jason Campbell (Sylvester & Missy's sons).

Military Members Deployed: AM3 Candace Butts (Connie



Dear Fayetteville Church Family,

Words cannot express my gratitude for all of the care and concern you have shown during my illness. Who would have thought almost two months ago I would have had a stroke? God is so good! He has blessed me to be able to take a few steps again. I'm not completely healed, but thanks be to God that I am recovering. Thank you Fayetteville for the many cards, flowers, cake, fruit, visits, calls, making sure that I have a devotional and communion each Sunday, the walkway for my new "Maserati" (i.e., wheelchair), and most importantly your prayers. I hope to worship again with you soon. Please continue to pray for me.

Much love, Sis. Equillar Butler



2016 VBS
July 10th-13, The VOYAGE

Youth Events

June 23 – God's Ranch, Oakland Cemetery & Olympic Park, 8:30am - 2pm

June 24 – The Youth Program would like to invite you to Movie Night. SilverWings has invited us to a dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs & home-made ice cream. Dinner will be followed by the movie "The Story of Ruth." Everyone please plan to attend. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

June 24 – Church of Christ Day at Six Flags

June 26 – Area Wide Youth Devo—East Point COC

June 28 & 30 – Puppet Practice, ages 5-19, 9 -11am.

July 10-13 – VBS "The Voyage"

July 10 – 15 – Connections 16 – Future Leaders Training Camp, RISE UP, Young Men Grades 6-12, at McDonough Church of Christ

July 15 - God's Ranch Movie Night

July 17 - Area Wide Youth Devo– McDonough COC

July 19 - God's Ranch Feed the Homeless, 9am-2pm

July 26 - God's Ranch Peaches, 9am-2pm

Aug 6 - Bible Bowl Stone Mountain Trip

Aug 19 - God's Ranch Movie Night 6pm

Aug 21 - Area Wide Youth Devo at Fayetteville COC

Calendar

June 24 – SilverWings Dinner & Youth Program at 6pm in the fellowship hall hosted by Teri Durden & Susie Graham. We will provide hamburgers & hot dogs; we need side dishes, home-made ice cream & desserts. We need everyone to sign up if you plan on attending. **Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.**

June 26 – Singing @ Hope Center, 2 pm

July 10-13 – VBS "The Voyage". We need teachers!

Aug 4-13 – Scotland Mission Trip

Aug 17 – Graham McDonald USA Visit

Aug 19-25 – Polishing the Pulpit Week

September 18-21 – Fall Gospel Meeting, Speaker: Joey Barkley

October 7-8 – Ladies' Retreat at Calvin Center. Please let Luann Rogers know if you would like to help organize it. If you plan to attend, *please sign up*; the cost will be \$80.00 for overnight (Dinner & Lunch) and \$15.00 for Saturday.

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Call To Worship

	6/19	6/26
Scripture Reading	Jordan Madison	Zeke Poskevich
Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Bill Ruffer
Song Leader		
Preside Lord's Supper	Ray Russell	Ray Russell
Server	Harry Williams	Harry Williams
Server	Luke Quinn	Luke Quinn
Server	Larry Rose	Larry Rose
Server	Brad Hopkins	Brad Hopkins
Server	Randal Bell	Randal Bell
Server	Jack Sorrell	Jack Sorrell
Server	Rory Bell	Rory Bell
Server	Andy Johnson	Andy Johnson
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Pelfrey
Announcements	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Song		
Closing Prayer	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey

Evening Service

Prayer	Larry Rose	Bob Howell
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Song Service
Server	Jim Garner	Rick Sharpe
Server	Jake Garner	Anthony Ravenell
Closing Prayer	Greg Nash	Jim Garner

Communion Preparation

Morris Jones

July - Miranda Kendrix

Nursery

19 Terri Durden

26 Charity Nash

Care of Building

16-30 Andy Johnson/Dennis Graham

7/1-15 Stan Mitchell/Shirley Allender

16-31 Keith Killingsworth/David Hopkins

Ushers

19 Morris Johnson/Bill Ruffer

26 Rick Sharpe/Harry Williams

Media Center Helpers

19 Zeke Poskevich

June 26 & July 3 Gayle Pelfrey

July 10 & 17 Ben Rogers

July 24 & 31 Morris Jones

Open Arms

19 Jo Ruffer, Margaret McCain, Jean Johnson, Anne Siebert,
Thomas & Meggi Quinn

26 Susie Graham, Zeke Poskevich, Barbara Edmonds,

Linda Armstrong, Jack & Carla Sorrell

Jul 3 Sally Wallace, Laura Gibson, Connie Kelly, Martha Vickery,
Theresa Green, Hugh Kelly & Ron Biles

Wednesday Evening Devotional

25 Stan Mitchell

29 Eric Hagin

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David Poskevich

Anthony Ravenell

Jack Sorrell

Assembly Schedule:

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes

10:00 am Worship Service

6:00 pm Worship Service

10:00 am Tuesday Morning

Bible Class

(September 11—May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night

Bible Study

7:00 pm Thursday Night

Ladies Class

(September-May)

The Fountain of Life with Larry Acuff

Saturdays at 7 am, on channel 57

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Sunday at 7:30 am, on channel 57

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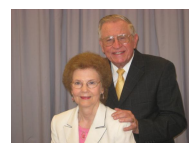


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June 2016

Evangelism

Response Elder - Jim Pelfrey

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father." John 14:12

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