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"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."-Ecclesiastes 12:13



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SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

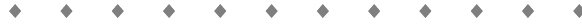
SUNDAY AM WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP - 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY - 6:30 PM

Remain True to the Doctrine

By Phil McIntosh



There are a multitude of philosophical, ideological, and religious doctrines that dot the landscape of our modern world. The perspective through which one views their environment, and summarily their place in it, is governed by which form of doctrine to which they cling. This can present difficulties for Christians attempting to reach these people and teach them the gospel. Even if we were to strip away any doctrinal schematics which have their foundation outside of the Bible, there is still such a pool of doctrines claiming to be Christian that it can be overwhelming. It is possible that people think what they're seeing is from God, when it's actually the work of the devil they're seeing. The adversary (*1 Pet 5:8*) is a liar and has been for thousands of years (*Jn 8:44*). We know that the devil wants to deceive people (*Rev 12:9*) and that he wants people as spiritually blind as possible (*2 Cor 4:3-4*). He has even gone to such extreme measures as to look like something good (*2 Cor 11:14*). Not only can Satan *masquerade* (NIV) as something godly, but Paul said that Satan's servants can do the same thing (*2 Cor 11:15*). That means someone can be working for the devil by teaching a doctrine that is similar to the one we have from God, but with changes that are detrimental for those who hear and believe it, resulting in their being destined for hell by doing so (*2 Thess 1:7-9*). Luke recorded an example of a type of misguided and failed belief; a man by the name of Simon had people convinced he had the power of God (*Acts 8:9-11*). Thank God they heard the true doctrine and believed it instead (*Acts 8:12*).

While some will be blinded from the true doctrine of God, some will accept it only to eventually lose it or turn from it. There are a couple of ways you can see this in the Bible. For one, the Jews had the doctrine of God (*Romans 3:1-2*), but they would not believe it. The Word of God, the Lord, lived among them and they refused to believe - even though their documents for hundreds of years had foretold His arrival. Another variation of this form is found in those who actually walked with Jesus; they didn't like or fully understand the message that He gave, so they simply left. Think about how powerful this is, that some of the individuals who were eyewitnesses of Jesus' teaching and miracles went from walking with Jesus to walking away from Him (*Jn 6:66*). A secondary form of leaving the doctrine of God is seen in more of a prophecy than a commentary. The apostle Paul wrote to the young evangelist Timothy and warned him of the fickleness of some who would allow their minds to be entertained with a new doctrine. He told him to:

"Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables." -**2 Timothy 4:2-4**

The sad end for those who possess (and even believed and taught) the doctrine of God,

who then decide to leave, is eternal separation from God and the Lamb. The Bible says those who defect from God would have been better off to never have known God at all, than to have had an intimate relationship with Him and then forsake Him (**2 Peter 2:21**).

Perhaps you're reading this and you're thinking, "I'll never leave God or His doctrine." I hope that's true; I want that to be true and so does God (**1 Tim 2:4**). It is just here that I want to suggest a point of clarification: remaining true to the doctrine of God requires more than simply not defecting to another form of doctrine. We know that any deviation from the original doctrine from God is a perversion which cannot put us in a right relationship with God (**Gal 1:6-9**). There is only one "form" of doctrine that has been given to the world from God through His Son and Spirit (**Rom 6:17; Jude 3**). Continuing to believe the doctrine which came from God is one way of remaining true to that doctrine, but it is not the totality of it. Ultimately, to remain true to the doctrine of Christ is to believe it and live it (**Phil 4:9**). We can believe the doctrine of God without being true to it. Look at what Paul wrote to Timothy and Titus:

"Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. ¹⁶Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you."
-1 Timothy 4:15-16

"Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, ¹⁰not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things." -Titus 2:9-10

If we are really going to remain true to the doctrine from God, we must believe it *and* live it. That means we embody the teachings of God and the Lord in how we act, dress, speak, think, and love. Remain true to the doctrine, because it is by our adherence to the doctrine that we will be judged (**Rev 20:12**).



SUNDAY OUTLINES: If you would like to take notes, there are outlines in the foyer for the AM & PM sermons.



MEN'S WORKDAY: The men are encouraged to volunteer for a workday this Saturday, January 27th at 8am and then every last Saturday of the month following.



LADIES BLANKET DRIVE: The ladies are collecting throw blankets for the Scott and White McLane Children's Hospital, in Temple, until March 3rd. Everyone is welcome to bring new blankets & throws and place them in the box in the foyer.



VISITOR INVITES: Invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone to our services with the visitor brochures located in the foyer!



MEMBERS' PICTURES: If you have not had your picture taken for the picture board, or want to update an older picture, please see any of the elders, deacons, or secretary, following worship.



CHURCH COMMUNICATION: Please check your email for the Monday Morning Message.
Members: If you are not receiving our Flocknote texts or emails, please let us know.

SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY

- ♦ **Group # 1-VISITORS**
Team Leader: Paul Portley
- ♦ **Group #2-NEW CONVERTS**
Team Leader: Roger Deem
- ♦ **Group #3-WIDOWS**
Team Leader: Gaylen Williams
- ♦ **Group #4-DELINQUENT MEMBERS**
Team Leader: Phil McIntosh

*All groups will meet for visits in January after morning worship on February 18th.

*Note: if team members are unavailable, leave your information with your group leader.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - LUKE MARTIN
- 3 - RUFUS BROWN
- 5 - JADEN SEAY
- 9 - AL WILSON
- 9 - RALPH HUGHART
- 16 - XAVIER ESTAVILLO
- 18 - BRUCE BROWN
- 23 - JODI CULP
- 30 - ALFREDA PETTAWAY
- 30 - KYENDON PETTIES

January Nursery Schedule

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| 7-Brenda & Gayle | *We are in need of more ladies to help in the nursery. If you would like to be on the nursery list, please contact the office. Thank you! |
| 14-Briana & Brittni | |
| 21-Natalie & Victoria | |
| 28-Amanda & Nichole | |
| 2/4-Victoria & Josephine | |

January Cleaning Calendar

- May be done any time before the next Sunday.
- Please consult with your team leader for further questions.

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| 7-TEAM LEE
Natalie
Ken | 21-TEAM ZACK
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Ruby | 2/4-TEAM PHIL
Michelle
Beverly
Josephine
Lois
Marcella |
| 14-TEAM ROGER
Patrick
Brenda
Linda | 25-TEAM KINGSFORD
Kim-Marie
Jaden
Barbara
Gaylen
Nichole | |

ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** REGGIE BASS
- ♦ **SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** XAVIER ESTAVILLO
- ♦ **SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦ **INVITATION SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- COMMUNION:**
ROGER DEEM & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦ **OFFERING:** ROGER DEEM & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **CLOSING SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦ **SECURITY:** SCOTT DAVIS & GARY FOSTER
- ♦ **NURSERY:**
NATALIE FISHER & VICTORIA POLANCO

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "Why Can't I Dress How I Want?" (Ephesians 5:3-5)

- ³ *But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;*
- ⁴ *Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.*
- ⁵ *For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."*

Sunday PM: "The Terrific Twos" (Acts 1:1-3)

- ¹ *The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,*
- ² *Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:*
- ³ *To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:"*

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

-Roman Polanco is training at Ft. Eustis, Virginia.
-Tim Matter has returned to Bogota, Columbia.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Beverly Williams' sister, Patsy, will have her fifth surgery on her back on February 26th. Her son-in-law's mother, Jan Moseley, had a successful surgery last Tuesday and is waiting for biopsy results on her lymph node. She thanks everyone for their prayers. Her granddaughter, Chloe, will have a pediatric cardiologist appointment to evaluate her heart murmur.

-Amanda Petties has not been feeling well. Her granddaughter, Kyemara, has resumed her medication to prevent her hearing loss. Her nephew, Quincy, is out of the hospital. Her sister, Jewel, is now in rehab for her leg pain and kidney problems.
-Roger & Linda Deem have not been feeling well.

-James Garner's wife, Tammy, is recovering from back surgery.
-Please remember Jim Dukes while he battles health problems and difficulties.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to former member, Zack Knight, and his family on the passing of his wife, Bobbie, last week. The visitation is tomorrow, January 22nd, 1:00-2:30 pm, at Crawford-Bowers, Killeen. The service is the same day, 3:00 pm, at the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery.

-We wish to extend our sympathy to former member, Paul Cook and his family on the passing of his wife, Elsie, last Sunday. There will be a celebration of life, singing, and potluck at the Copperas Cove Church of Christ, at 12:00 pm, Saturday, January 27th.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME

BOUND: Justina Young's grandfather (Terry); Mary Lou Daines' son (Shawn); member in Georgia (Joyce Huff); Donna Hines & husband (Les); Gwen Matthews; Victoria Polanco's nephew (Christopher); Brenda Sellers' neighbor; Eddy Gandy; Barbara Anderson's son (Derrick) & brother (Elijah); Glenda Boudreaux & mother; Michelle McIntosh's cousin (Nikki), aunt (Christy); Al Wilson & friend (Linda Ray); Gayle Wilson's friend (Sherry Canes); Jaden Seay; Amy Cole; James Garner & family; Shirley Wooten; Gary & Shirl Foster; Lois Brown; Yolanda Wright; Ralph & Barbara Hughart; Judy Wall's husband, (James); Opal Jones; Monica McClean's sister & brother-in-law (Janeth & Neville Grey); Bill Rawlings & mother; Nada Miller; Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt); Katelyn Bowles' cousin (Brittany), and sister-in-law; Tanja, Tiffany Arch & their family; Tim Matter's wife (Elda), brother (Michael), mother, aunt (Vivian), & sister's husband (Christopher); Josephine Spear, sisters (Patricia & Rose) brother, cousin, neighbor (Clinton) & friends (Iris & Venatta); the McIntosh's family friend (Bryan Christmas); Alexis Gaither's father, aunt, & friends (John & Marion Slaughter); Creta Bales' cousin (Terry Jackson); Cheryl Flores' aunt (Joy) & brother-in-law (Raymond Flores); Donna Hines' stepmother (Darla), & niece (April Miller); former members (Rey & Connie Cruz); Jon-Jon Simmons; Tracy Wilson's mother (Ruth Hyde); Linda Deem's nephew; Zack & Amanda Petties' brother (Rex), nieces (Carrington & Moneisha), sister-in-law, & Zack's brother's son (Darius); Rufus Brown; Marcella Williams & brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford); Billye Hughes; & Jessie Turner.

Our Speaker Today is Phil McIntosh



*We want to especially welcome our visitors!
If you are visiting, please fill out an attendance card from the back of the pew directly in front of you, and drop it in offering box as you leave. Thank you for your visit and please join us again!*

BIBLE STUDIES AND COUNSELING OFFERED

- ⇒ Bible Studies With Our Preacher Or Elders
- ⇒ Free Bible Correspondence
- ⇒ Free Marriage And Family Counseling

To our visitors—Thank you for being with us today, and please come again!

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☪ JANUARY CALENDAR ☪

24, 31-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall
27-Men's Workday, 8:00 am, at the building

☪ FEBRUARY CALENDAR ☪

3-Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am, in the fellowship hall
3-New Road Church of Christ Ladies Day, 9:30 am, in Waco
4-Fellowship Luncheon after morning worship in the fellowship hall (Kitchen Group #1 will have kitchen duty)
7, 14, 21, 28-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall
10-Ladies Breakfast & Workday, 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall
24-Men's Workday, 8:00 am, at the building

SHEEP KEEPERS' & NEWCOMERS GATHERING: Due to illnesses, the Newcomers gathering for this evening, with Sheep Keeper Group #2, is cancelled.