

The Lantern

Highway Church of Christ

704 West Jackson Street, Sullivan, IL 61951

February 14, 2010



Times of Worship

Bible Classes—9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship—10:20 a.m.

Evening Worship—6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Elders

Lyle Baumgartner

Wayne Miller

Ron Thomas

Preacher

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WELCOME to today's Bible class and/or worship assembly. It is our hope that you will have been blessed in joining with us in praise of our Lord. We especially appreciate any that may be **VISITORS**. We hope you will return at every opportunity.

Ron's blog

<http://ronthomas.preachersfiles.com>

THE KEYS TO SALVATION

HEAR the gospel Rom.10:17

BELIEVE the gospel John 3:16

REPENT of your sins Luke 13:3

CONFESS Christ Mt. 10:32

Be **BAPTIZED** Mark 16:16

Acts 2:38

Live **FAITHFULLY** Rev. 2:10

Bible Reading Schedule

- Sunday Numbers 5-6
- Monday Numbers 7
- Tuesday Numbers 8-10
- Wednesday Numbers 11-13
- Thursday Numbers 14-15
- Friday Numbers 16-18
- Saturday Numbers 19-21

News and Notes

- Tonight there will be a teachers meeting at 5:00 in the basement. Please try and attend.
- There is a box in the back for diapers for the Pregnancy Crisis Center. Sizes needed are newborn and up.
- There is a box in the back for Potters Children's Home. The list of needs are on the BB.
- Marriage Retreat this month. Details on the BB.
- Junior & Senior Lock-In this month
- Ladies Day at Lakeside this month, info on the BB.
- Look around you and see if there are people missing. If there are please make an attempt to contact them and see if they are in need of your help. Isn't that what a family could, and should do???

SENTENCE SERMONS

- As my grandfather used to say, "If we all liked the same thing, the world would be after your grandma."
- Being frustrated is disagreeable, but the real disasters in life begin when you get what you want.
- Do not anxiously hope for what is not yet to come; do not vainly regret what is already past.
- It seems that Satan first makes friends with the parents to make it easier to get their boys and girls.
- You should drive your car as if your family was in the other car.
- You can't see the flaw in a bridge until it falls down, or the flaw in a man's character until he meets with temptation.
- A person falls into temptation because he is unwilling to stand up against it.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 1 Cor. 13:4-5

Love does not focus on me, but on others. Each of these qualities of love is based upon an affectionate, compassionate, and forgiving attitude that regards others as being valuable and not just placing value on me and my desires. No wonder the old saying goes "The middle of sin is a big I!" When "I" become more important than others and what "I" want and that "I" win is more significant than what someone else truly needs, then "I" have lost my way and do not display the love of Christ.

Mediocre “Christianity”

In this modern period of time, the average person places emphasis upon convenience, comfort, and that which brings pleasure. The term “creature comfort” is frequently expressed. Waiting for the right time causes many to hesitate in making a needed decision. Satan delights when a person procrastinates in making a needed commitment. When the apostle Paul was taken as a prisoner to Caesarea, he had several opportunities to speak unto the governor Felix. The Scripture reveals that on one such occasion

Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee (Acts 24:24-25).

It was probably at that moment he was most affected by the Gospel. There is not any indication that Felix ever obeyed the Gospel. We learn in the very next verse that he hoped to obtain money from Paul and so met with him on several occasions. For his eternal welfare Felix should have obeyed the Gospel of Christ when he was convicted of his sins that caused him to tremble.

There are religious people today that never darken the doors of a church building except on special holidays such as Christmas and Easter. Some only attend on the Sunday that the date for Easter comes in order to parade their new wardrobe. These man-made religious holidays mean more to them than the Lord’s Day (Rev. 1:10). The Lord’s Day is the first day of the week when Christians are to partake of the communion and to lay by in store (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2). Even during the first century, there were some brethren who were indifferent to assembling with the saints. They were so neglectful that they were in danger of losing their soul (Heb. 10:24-27). The Christian life requires 100% of our participation. Jesus said:

If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (Mat. 16:24-26).

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Jesus’ Temptation

When the Lord walked the earth, did He really endure the temptations I continually suffer through....and on many occasions fail? It is difficult to appreciate what our Lord was able to achieve; it is quite difficult to appreciate this because I fail so miserably. Being as difficult as it is, how can I appreciate what the Lord did for me? Consider his temptations.

To begin, notice that the Lord faced a frontal attack, if you will. The Lord was driven into the wilderness and there for a period of little over a month, He endured hunger and the full force of Satan’s effort. Jesus, at His physical weakest, was tempted to change stones into food, but He resisted. This resistance tells us that food for the soul is much greater than food for the body. Jesus’ second temptation (in Matthew) was a grand opportunity for Him to demonstrate to the crowds below His messianic mission; to complicate the matter, Satan quotes Scripture to entice Jesus to put the words of the Father to the test. Jesus, however, is not giving in with such a presumptuous action of putting God to the test when He knows, already, that the words of the Father ring true regardless of man’s action and thought. Jesus’ third temptation, from the god of this world, was a temptation to ambition. Jesus refused this as well; what would it have gained Him to gain the whole world, only to lose His soul?

When Luke records this, he states at the end of all this, that the defeated Satan waited for a more opportune time to defeat Jesus. He used man. Today, he still uses man to achieve his purposes. Unfortunately, man is a willing accomplice. Jesus, as a man, felt the force of these temptations, but as the Son of God, He was able to overcome what Satan thrust against Him. As a man, I appreciate what the Lord did for me because, as a man, I can’t overcome.

On the other hand, when I have crucified myself to the ways of the world (Galatians 2:20), as a man, Jesus already overcame. In that I trust!

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