

2007 Proclaimer

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, .. to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord!" - Isa.61:1-2

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Stay Outta the Ditches

by Mike Riley

This writer grew up on a country farm near Samnorwood, Texas back in the 40's. We didn't have many paved roads in those days. When it rained, we had to be very careful to keep out of ditches on both sides of the road. Often in trying to keep out of one ditch, it would be easy to oversteer and end up across the muddy road in the other ditch.

A valuable lesson can be learned from the above experience. As Christians, we must realize that there are "ditches" on both sides of the spiritual road. On side is the "ditch" of liberalism. John wrote, "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (2 John 9). In our day, some in the Lord's church are heading toward, or are already in that "ditch" of liberalism, ignoring the plain teachings of God's word.

But the other "ditch" is just as dangerous. In keeping out of the "ditch" of liberalism, there are those in the church who have begun to bind where the Lord has not bound and look upon all with an unfavorable attitude who do not follow (or agree with) their ideas, opinions, or philosophies, even though they are not substantiated (or authorized) by God's Word. Some even pull off from

faithful congregations and begin new congregations following their ideas, opinions, or philosophies.

How is a Christian to keep out of either "ditch"? One must strive to stay in the "center" of God's Will (**Matt 7:21**), ever studying His Word and praying for wisdom to follow it (**2 Tim 2:15**; **Jas 1:5-6**; cf. **Prov 2:1-9**), neither adding to nor taking from it. *"Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you"* (**Deut 4:2**).

---Dec 17th, 2004 by Mike Riley

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"Wanted"

G. E. Watkins

The following members of the Lord's church are very much "Wanted":

- 1) Members who are as interested in the church on Sunday and Wednesday nights as they are on Sunday morning (**Heb 10:25**).
- 2) Members who are as liberal with their money as with their advice and criticism (**2 Cor 8:1-5**).
- 3) Members who are willing to deny themselves in order to serve God (**Matt 16:24**).
- 4) Members who love God more than worldly pleasures (**2 Tim 3:4**).
- 5) Members who are not only church members but also church workers (**1 Thess 1:3**).

- 6) Members who are willing to let church work "interfere" with their own work and pleasure (**1 Cor 15:58**).
- 7) Members who are willing to spend at least half as much of their time studying their Bibles as they do watching television (**2 Tim 2:15**).
- 8) Members who can be twice as enthusiastic about a gospel meeting as about the World Series or the Super Bowl (**Matt 6:19-21**).
- 9) Members who are as "anxious" to tell others the good news of the gospel as they are to tell them the latest gossip (**Acts 20:24-27**).
- 10) Members who are willing to practice in their lives what they say they believe in their hearts (**1 Cor 4:16**; **1 Cor 11:1**; **1 Tim 3:6-9**).
- 11) Members who aspire to be leaders in the church purely for the good they can do for others, and the greater service they can render to God (**Acts 20:28**).
- 12) Members who can object to something without becoming objectionable, and who can disagree without becoming disagreeable (**Rom 12:18**; **Heb 12:14**).

Are you a "Member" of the church as described above? If so, you are very much "Wanted" and your efforts and influence is needed in the church today!

BIBLE STUDY AT 5:00 PM

Lesson # 10 in the workbook

"THE LIVING SACRIFICE"

"What is My Commitment to the Christian Community?"

THIS DAY WITH GOD

The essential qualities which are essential for all to possess are those which marked the completeness of Christ's character--His love, His patience, His unselfishness, and His goodness.

The moment we begin to feel self-sufficient and confident, *then* we are in danger of a disgraceful failure.

Our only sure defense against besetting sins is prayer, daily and hourly prayer. Prayer is the channel that conducts our gratitude and yearnings for divine blessings to the throne of God, to be returned to us in refreshing showers of divine grace.

We need to take hold of Christ, and to retain our hold of Him until we know that the power of His transforming grace is manifested in us.

He desires that, through the appropriation of His grace, humanity shall become partakers of the divine nature.

We need to strengthen our souls with hope, the twin sister of faith.

Contemplate Jesus your Saviour. Think how He humbled Himself. He was Commander in the heavenly courts, but He laid aside His crown, His kingly robe, and clothed His divinity with humanity, that humanity might touch humanity, and divinity lay hold upon divinity.

THOSE NEEDING PRAYERS

Logan & Julie & Jackson Agee
Allison Autrand
Frank & Tina Ayers
Edith Ayers
Jack & Dorothy Bailey
Margie Buchanan
Brenda Bryant
Larry Cain
Robert (Bob) Erickson
Helen Gray
Michael Hilburn (Sutter Hosp.)
Margaret Holcomb
Chuck House
Don & Shirley Jones (In Az)
Lauren Kizer
The Lovett Family
Jean McCarty
Jeffrey & Kaye Pennant
Rueben Pennant
Wendell and Irma Rapier
Rosa Reagan
Glenn & LaurieAnn Reagan
Andy & Liz Roadman
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Ray Rude
Bill & Rena Schultz
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Bernie Shadman
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Ellie Williams
Gordon & Glenda Wilson

TRAVELING IN THEIR WORK

Karen Daly
Rick Rittenhouse
Aaron Robertson
David Lovett

IN THE MILITARY

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JESUS IS LORD

John 20:26-28

INTRODUCTION:

- A. That "Jesus is Lord" means that Jesus is the One Who ~
 - 1. Would have us be under His Control,
 - 2. Would have us acknowledge the Glory and Honor bestowed on Him,
 - 3. CALLS FOR OUR ALLEGIANCE ~ every day of our lives!
- B. TODAY'S OBJECTIVE: That we each understand the significance that Jesus is Lord!
- C. Read the Text: Jno 20:26-28
 - 1. It was one week after the resurrection.
 - 2. Thomas wasn't with the other disciples the week before & didn't believe re. Jesus.
 - 4. Now he is with them and Jesus appears.
 - 5. Jesus tells Thomas to put his hand in His side and put his fingers in His hands.
 - 6. Thomas then confesses, "My Lord and my God."
- D. About the word "Lord."
 - 1. The Greek word for "Lord" is "KURIOS."
 - 2. It refers to one who is supreme in authority, the controller.
 - 3. It's one who has authority to point out a course of action, or direction.
 - 4. It is the one who is the ultimate decision-maker.
 - 5. In some areas of the world it is still a title of reverence given to superiors.

I. WHO CONTROLS ALL THINGS

- A. Christ was raised from dead, and seated on David's throne. Eph 1:20-23
- B. And there is no one who is not under his present control. Col 1:16-19
- C. To Him all must bow and every tongue confess His Lordship. Phil 2:9-11
- D. Everything belongs to Jesus; He is to be made the Lord in our lives!
- E. This means that He has the sovereign right (as our ruler) to command our actions.

II. WHO WAS CROWNED WITH ALL GLORY AND HONOR

- A. God the Father was the one who crowned Him with such. Heb 2:7-9; 2 Pet 1:16-18
- B. It is His right to have this forever. 1 Tim 1:17; Rev 5:11-14
- C. All glory and honor belongs to Jesus; He is the Lord.
- D. This means that our lives must seek to honor and glorify Him.

III. WHO COMMANDS OUR ALLEGIANCE

- A. He has right to command, and also to expect obedience. Heb 5:9; Matt 28:18-20.
- B. He is the PRIMARY AUTHORITY to Whom we are subjected.
 - 1. He is our Lord, Jno 13:13; our Master, Matt 23:10; and cannot be denied, Jude 4
- C. Jesus is our one and only Master; Jesus is OUR LORD.
 - 1. We must consider as Masters those who own us, if we are SLAVES.
 - 2. We must obey employers to accomplish the purposes of their businesses.
 - 3. Must obey those in over us, for "without law" and the people perish. Rom 5:12-13
- D. This means that in our earthly efforts, we must seek to please and obey JESUS!

IN SUMMARY:

- A. Do we act like Jesus is our Lord?
 - 1. One day He will be our judge as well ~ John 12:48).
 - 2. Let us live each day as we KNOW Jesus to be our Lord.
- B. As Lord, Jesus: Controls All, Was Crowned w/ Honor ~ Demands Allegiance!
- C. The Invitation of Christ pleads for us to come in humble obedience TO HIM!