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"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

February 5, 2023

Are We A True Disciple of Christ?

There are a lot of people in the world that call themselves disciples of Christ, but do they know what that means? What I have found throughout the world are people who are willing to profess discipleship, but are not willing to be true disciples of Christ. There is a reason why I say this. In this article, I want us to look at what it means to be a disciple and then ask ourselves if we are meeting up with the words that we claim to say.

Webster defines the word disciple as "one who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another: such as Christianity: one of the twelve in the inner circle of Christ's followers according to the Gospel accounts. Also a convinced adherent of a school or individual." There are a few things that I want us to look into that I think are very crucial for our understanding. First of all, let's take a look at the word "**accepts**". This means that whatever our Lord says, we accept it that it is the case. We accept that it is truth. This acceptance goes across the board and doesn't matter how hard it may be to accept, we accept it as truth. I'm reminded of John 6 when our Lord made a really hard statement and a lot of his followers left Him. But it was Peter who accepted it and made the statement "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (Jn. 6:68). Do we have the same acceptance that Peter showed?

Secondly, let's look at the word "**assists**". If we truly accept the words of Christ as truth, then we will help in the spreading of that truth. We will not change it, or twist it.

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We will state it AS IT IS because of the One who spoke it and that it is TRUTH. This means that when people are struggling with the truth, we will speak it. When people don't want to hear the truth, you still speak it NO MATTER WHAT. Why? Because you have fully accepted the words as truth and therefore there are no other words that can replace them. This is why Paul told Timothy "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching" (2 Tim. 4:2). This is also why Peter said, "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Pet. 4:11). When there is truth, it is ALWAYS going to be true because truth corresponds to reality. Do we assist in the spreading of Christ's truth?

Thirdly, let's look at the phrase "**convinced adherent**". This means that we are totally in agreement with the doctrine of Christ and are convinced of it to the point of adhering our lives to it. Now we just took it from speaking it and spreading it to the point of living it. We are not just a spokesman for it, we are a model of it. You see this in numerous verses. We need to notice how Paul said in Philippians 1:27 "Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ" and then in 1 Corinthians 11:1 "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." He even went to the extent in 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9 to say "For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, ...not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us." He set the example for them to follow so that they not only had it told to them, but they could see it in action. We need to be the same way and we will if we are true disciples of Christ.

Are we one that accepts ALL the teachings of Christ and is convinced of them to the point of applying them to our lives?

In other words, are we a disciple of Christ?

- Wes Garland



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2023

February 5 - Matt. 23:1-22
February 6 - Matt. 23:23-39
February 7 - Matt. 24:1-28
February 8 - Matt/ 24:29-51



February 9 - Matt. 25:1-30
February 10 - Matt. 25:31-46
February 11 - Matt. 26:1-25

OUR SICK ***Please Remember***

Lauren Rutherford, Bob Tesh, Diane Greeson, D.C. Carl Harper, Becky Allen, Robin Hauser, Rick Maiers, Chris Smith, Ed O'Shields, Tish Clarke, Polly Tatum, D.J. Harrison, *Cleave Binkley, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.*

Neal Harper has come home from the hospital. He is weak which is normal. It will be a while to get his strength back to feel a lot better. Please keep him in your prayers.

Debbie Southern caught the flu from Gene. Gene has recovered from the flu and She is getting better and will be back as soon as possible.

Carly Hauser has graduated as a Nurse which she had worked very hard for and did very well. Following the graduation, she came down with COVID and it was very difficult to recover from. When she gets well enough she will work in the Baptist Hospital Surgery. We are all very proud of her.

Roger Allen will go to Duke to get a second opinion of his situation with Adrenal Cancer. He will also have a 5-day radiations for 6 wks. Please keep him in your prayers.

John Ransom is now back in the VA Hospital doing tests to find what is causing him to have pancreatitis. Please keep him in your prayers. Address: 132 Parkview Lane, Reidsville, NC 27320.

Bobby Childress is at home improving. Please keep him in your prayers.

Update on Sharron York - Ingrid's daughter will start radiation treatments on January 17th. - 5 days a week for 6 weeks. Please pray for her that the cancer will be gone after that she will be finished with the radiation treatments.

Polly Tatum has begun her chemotherapy on December 30th. She has asked if we could keep her in your prayers that all goes well for her.

Please remember **Barbie Bailey** in our prayers. Her biopsy results came back and it is cancer. She is a young lady with a young family. Her address is 143 Little John Drive, Advance, NC 27006. —Betty & Brad

Prayer from Nancy Minor—please pray for the Healy Family. This is the family of one of my preschool students. Mom, Allison, had an emergency C-section, horrific delivery and **Baby Gavin** was without oxygen for some time. Mom is stable and Gavin is undergoing tests. My student is Jamie and his dad is Carl. Thank you, Nancy. Please keep the Healy Family in your prayers that Little Baby Gavin will be okay!

Sherrill Stewart is having some difficulties with his cancer treatments - Please keep him in your prayers and also cards would be appreciated.

*To Everything there is a season, and a time
to every purpose under Heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Feb. 11th - Valentine Fellowship on Feb. 11th at 5 p.m. in the Annex. Please sign-up on the bulletin board where you will see the red paper if you planned to attend.

There is also a sign-up sheet to make a crock pot of soup to bring. Salad and dessert will be provided. **THIS IS FOR EVERY-ONE! NOT JUST FOR COUPLES!** There will be fun and games, good food and great Fellowship

March 25 - LADIES DAY, Guest Speaker: Tara Roy. More information at a later date.

May 6 - Senior Rally - Billy Smith, Guest Speaker. More Information at later date.

AREA EVENTS:

March 4th - Cary Church of Christ LADIES DAY! 6640 Tryon Road, Cary, NC 27518. WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT? EVERYTHING! Registration on Website: carycoc.org or call for more information at 919-854-9988.

THE PASSING OF SANDY SMITH

Sandy Smith has been in the ICU at Thomasville where she was diagnosed with Sepsis, a poisonous infection of the blood containing Pathogenic Micro-organisms.

Sandy passed away on Tuesday morning. There is no further information that's available at this time.

~ **MARIE COWAN** ~

My Mother, **Marie Cowan** fell a week ago. She was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia. **Marie Cowan** sadly passed away on Monday at around 10 p.m. - Betty Cloud.

~ **MR. BEARD** ~

My niece's husband passed away unexpectedly on Tues. night. This was a huge shock for my niece and I am sure she would appreciate your prayers. She is a member of Oak Forest Church of Christ in Goldsboro, NC. If you wish to send her a card, this is her address: Belinda Beard, 102 Danny Circle, Goldsboro, NC 27534. Thanks so much in advance - Joyce Greenup

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

February, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: DEVOTIONS FOR: JANUARY
COMMUNION: JOHNNY SPILLMAN

OPENING PRAYERS FOR: FEBRUARY 5TH

SCRIPTURE

Feb. 5 - Bill Carothers
Feb. 12 - Randy Warner
Feb. 19 - Shawn Thomason
Feb. 26 - Johnny Spillman

SONG LEADER

Charley Belch
Clayton Workman
Wes Garland
Gene Southern

PRAYER

Tim Allen
Andy Santiago
Carl Cooper
David Moore

OPENING PRAYERS FOR FEBRUARY:

SUNDAY A.M.

SUNDAY P.M.

WEDNESDAY

SECURITY AND GREETING:

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

SONG LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY:

SUNDAY A.M.

Feb. 5 - Gene Southern
Feb. 12 - Clayton Workman
Feb. 19 - Tristan Roy
Feb. 26 - Wayne Allen

SUNDAY P.M.

Gene Southern
Clayton Workman
Steve Tesh
Wayne Allen - Youth Led Svc.
Coordinator Gene

WEDNESDAY

Feb. 1 - Charley Belch
Feb. 8 - Gene Southern
Feb. 15 - Clayton Workman
Feb. 22 - Wayne Allen

PLEASE, IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO BE HERE, ARRANGE COVERAGE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8

SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner