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AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - THE DISTINCTIVENESS OF THE CHURCH

PM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - OUR ROLES IN WORSHIP

**GOSPEL MEETING AT SIXTH AVENUE, SEP 26-29**

**OUR MEETING IS COMING UP SOON: NOV 7-10 BE MAKING PLANS TO BE HERE!**

**SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES**

**SEE DAVID FOR TAPES**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Sep 30: Deloris Brown & Margie Mays

**ANNIVERSARY:**

Oct 1: Hoyt & Faye Sims

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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THE DISTINCTIVENESS OF CHRISTIANITY

**(Luke 5:26)**

- I. Distinctiveness is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christianity.**
- A. The power of the church is not where it is like other religions but where it is \_\_\_\_\_ them.
  - B. Jesus was not \_\_\_\_\_ with His disciples who simply would do what others did.
  - C. If we cannot do more for the world than other religions then we should question whether or not we are the Lord's church more than in \_\_\_\_\_ only.
- II. The church is distinctive because it has a \_\_\_\_\_ message.**
- A. The message of the Lord's church is not of \_\_\_\_\_ origin (Galatians 1:11-12; Ephesians 3:3-5).
  - B. This message was conceived in the mind of God, thus making it \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Other religions may have some truth, but the Lord's church is not mixed with any of man's \_\_\_\_\_.
- III. The church is distinctive in that it \_\_\_\_\_ a person to see himself as he is.**
- A. The gospel is the \_\_\_\_\_ for the soul (James 1:23-25).
  - B. Christianity allows one to see how far short of the divine goal he is and causes us not to be \_\_\_\_\_ with where we are.
- IV. The church is distinctive in its \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. The world, and many who claim affiliation with Christ, see gain as the \_\_\_\_\_ end of this life.
  - B. Birth, wealth, name, fame, social prominence, athletic prowess, all fall away into \_\_\_\_\_ before the cross.
- V. The church is distinctive in that it attaches \_\_\_\_\_ to each soul.**
- A. The church is not guided by worldly customs or \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. The church believes that Jesus died for \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 2:9).
- VI. The church is distinctive in its \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. Christians love their enemies, and love is a \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 6:27).
  - B. Christians do \_\_\_\_\_ to those that hate them and mistreat them.
  - C. Christians are humble and not seeking glory or honor, being more interested in the work than the \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 3:1).
- VII. The church is distinctive in that it finds joy in \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. Peter and John suffered and \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 5:41).
  - B. Colossians 1:24 - are we \_\_\_\_\_ or do we constantly complain when things are difficult?

**Is The Day of The Proof Text Gone?**

**B.C. Goodpasture (Deceased)**

Not long since we heard a young preacher criticize an older preacher because he filled his sermons with quotations from the Bible. The unseasoned youngster dubbed the older preacher as being “old fashioned”--as “old fashioned” as Christ and His apostles, who frequently interspersed Scripture quotations in their preaching.

When one berates the timely and frequent appeal to the Holy Scriptures, he betrays a woeful lack of knowledge of, and respect for, the “living oracles.” If he is not a modernist, he is speaking the language and serving the purpose of the modernist. He has failed to “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly” (Col. 3:16). He is a stranger to the injunction of Isaiah: “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is not light in them” (Isaiah 8:20). He has failed to attain unto the high standard: “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God” (I Peter 4:11). He who thinks that he can express the thoughts of God in language superior to that of the sacred text thinks too highly of himself.

Recently an exchange carried these timely paragraphs:

“A writer of ‘liberal’ hue said: ‘Surely the day of demanding proof texts is gone.’ He believed that people ought not to require Scriptural quotations in support of a proposition.

“But the day of the proof text is not gone. Or if it is, ought not to be. Or if the tendency is in that direction, the tendency should be stopped.

“Along with original illustrations and comments, Jesus made abundant use of the proof text method. His attitude was that ‘the Scriptures cannot be broken (invalidated),’ and again and again he appealed to the Scriptures in support of His teaching.

“Stephen, Philip, Peter, and Paul were rich in the use of Biblical material to back up what they said. Taking their cue from Jesus, they ‘expounded the Scriptures.’ The method of New Testament preachers and teachers was exemplified by Paul, who ‘reasoned with them out of the Scriptures.’

“Unmitigated is the conceit which thinks that it can improve upon the method of Jesus and these men.

“No religious proposition is really proved until it is clearly supported by the Word of God. Hence, the Biblical use of proofs texts find abundant justification.

“He who objects to the proof text method proclaims:

“1. That he has lost his taste for solid, Biblical preaching and teaching.

“2. That he puts the value of human reasoning, observation, and opinion above the value of the Word of God in supporting his points.

“3. That he holds certain beliefs which he is unwilling to submit to the test of the Scriptures, preferring to formulate them to suit himself.

“But those who join Jesus in the conviction that ‘thy word is truth’ like to hear propositions proved by a ‘thus saith the Lord.’”

The apostles as well as the pioneers of the Restoration, were armed with a “thus saith the Lord.” They were invincible before every foe. The Word of God is living and powerful (Hebrews 4:12). We must preach the Gospel, preach the word. Our preaching must be Scriptural, rather than ethical, philosophical, or metaphysical.