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Sunday
 Bible Class 10:00 AM
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 Evening Worship 6:00 PM

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 Bible Class 7:00 PM



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Go Home To Your Friends And Tell Them...

I'm sure most of us are very familiar with the account in Mark 5 of Jesus healing the demon-possessed man. This happened in an area of Galilee known as the country of the Gadarenes. This man was out of control and was terrorizing the people and harming himself. After Jesus cast the demons out, the people of the area pleaded with Him to leave. The healed man, now in his right mind, greatly desired to go with Jesus. Jesus' reply to him was, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you" (v.19).

We often wonder why the Lord did not take this enthusiastic convert with Him. After all, couldn't he have been more help to Jesus in His travels rather than left in this area of the fearful, resentful, and unbelieving? Jesus must have left him there for a reason. Well, as Paul Harvey so many times has stated, let's look at the rest of the story.

Jesus does leave the area in v.21, and that seems to be the end of the account. But a deeper reading reveals a lot more. The former demon-possessed man did indeed proclaim all that Jesus had done for him, and all marveled at this (v.20).

Then, when Jesus returned to the area in Mark 7:31ff, He was greeted in a much different manner than when He left. Matthew's account states, "Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel" (Matt. 15:30-31).

What an amazing difference! Jesus went from being asked to leave to being welcomed with throngs of people praising His works. What made the difference? One man. One man in the right spot at the right time testifying of what the Savior had done for him. And when their hearts were right, the people listened.

Let this wonderful account remind us of the power of one. Too many times we say, "I am only one person, I can't possibly make a difference." This man made a difference, and so can we. Jesus Christ has healed us from the demon of the guilt of sin. He has left you here for a reason. Now, "go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you" and see what happens!

Ed Sterchi is the minister of the Church of Christ that meets in Harrisburg, Illinois.

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service		PM Service		AM & PM Services	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Robby Stocksdale	Announcements	Leon Stocksdale
First Prayer	Clint Smith Jr	Bible Reading	Harold Tincher	Lord's Supper	Jerry Casey
Second Prayer	Jerry Montgomery	Selection	34	Offering	Clint Smith Sr
Scripture	John Keaton	Prayer	Greg Blanton	Usher	Harold Tincher
Sermon	Irvin Williams	Sermon	Singing Emphasis	Count Offering	Art Patrick
Lord's Supper		Closing Prayer	Hayward Blanton	Assist Count	Robby Stocksdale
Message	Hank Tincher	<i>If unable to serve please call:</i>		<i>Do not be slothful in zeal,</i>	
Attendant	Art Patrick	<i>Art Patrick 502-819-9481</i>		<i>be fervent in spirit,</i>	
Attendant	Daniel Tincher	<i>Harold Tincher 812-288-5956</i>		<i>serve the Lord. Rom 12:11</i>	
Closing Prayer	Grover Blanton				

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One Lie for Another

David Wright

Saturday morning the doorbell rang. I guessed it was a mail carrier delivering some expected books. But the visitors on the front stoop were a young woman and her 12-year-old son. She said that they were going through the neighborhood and asking people how an angel became Satan.

Carolyn invited them in, and we sat down for a talk. As I suspected, the woman was a Jehovah's Witness. She told us that she had grown up in the Catholic Church. However, the priest had failed to give her biblical answers to her questions. We were expected to believe that the Jehovah's Witnesses did give scriptural answers.

Sadly, this young lady exchanged one lie for another. Although Jehovah's Witnesses are familiar with the scriptures that seem to support their positions, they cannot—by pointing to the Bible—answer even some basic questions. Consider the examples below:

--Since Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit with the masculine pronoun "he" (John 16:13), why do Jehovah's Witnesses insist that the Spirit is an impersonal force?

--Since Peter taught that the earth and all its elements will be burned up (2 Pet. 3:10), why do Jehovah's Witnesses claim that heaven is to be enjoyed on earth?

--Since a witness is someone who can give a firsthand account of something heard or seen (Acts 10:39-41), why do Jehovah's Witnesses call themselves Jehovah's Witnesses? Have they seen Jehovah? Have they seen the risen Christ?

I do not ask such questions to mock or ridicule. Carolyn and I received our unexpected guest warmly, commended her desire to serve God, and invited her to come back for a scheduled Bible study. I am praying that she will be more open to the truth than I fear.

I am sharing these reflections as a warning. We are never above the temptation to stop searching for the truth. We are all capable of exchanging one lie for another. This is why it is imperative that we always maintain a humble spirit and an open mind.

Sermon

1st Timothy 1:3-11

"A Glorious Gospel." a.m.

Singing Emphasis p.m.

⁹ The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, ¹⁰ and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. ¹¹ Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, ¹² in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 Thess. 2:9-12

Prayer List: Chandra Akers (Marla), Tina & Randy Balentine (Jean), LIZ BLANTON, RUBY BLESSITT, MARTIN BONNEY, Sally Bower, (Debbie T.), Dallas Bratcher (Debbie T.), Ruth Bumpus (Polly), JAYNE CRAVENS, JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, ALMA FAYE DORMAN, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, DOUG & JUDY HAWKINS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, RON IVERSON, Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), James Jones Ministry, Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Estin Martin (Jean), POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, CAROL MOUSTY, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Sam Sellers, Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), FERN TINCHER, ERNESTINE TURNER, NORMA WILLIAMS, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

Military Service: Matt Bartram, Joey Blanton, Stephen Blanton and Scott Viers

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The next "Monday Night for the Master" meeting is February 25th at 6 pm. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

Joe Brothers will present lesson 2 in his evangelism series Monday March 4th at 6 p.m.

A Door Knocking Campaign is scheduled for Saturday afternoon March 2nd at 1 p.m. We plan to canvas the neighborhoods around the building and introduce the Hamburg Pike Church of Christ. Please make every effort to participate.

Saturday March 16th we will have a Youth Group outing at Puzzle's Fun Dome in Louisville. We encourage all kids to come and enjoy the fun, details to follow.

Kid's Day is Sunday, March 17, with the morning message tailored especially for elementary school children. A pizza lunch and games will follow the a.m. service. Caleb Hamblen, our prospective youth minister for the summer, will teach a class for grades 5-12 that morning.

Our Sunday evening service will be a Singing Emphasis. Men and young men who would like to lead a song please sign the sheet.

The Building committee will meet Thursday Feb. 21st at 6 p.m.

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