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Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM

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Bible Class 7:00 PM



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Jesus, Master Carpenter

By R. W. McAlister

When a carpenter sees a piece of wood, how does he look at it? Well, the answer is, he sees it differently from the way most other people see the wood. Most people would look at a piece of wood out here and say, "It's got all these knots in it; it's got cracks in it; it's got some ink on it where they stamped it at the lumber yard; it's a little bowed" and so forth. A carpenter doesn't look at wood that way - he sees the potential. A carpenter says, "I can find a place for that imperfect board - maybe I can plane it and make it useful." The carpenter sees the potential of the wood, not the problems of the wood!

You know what kind of wood is in great demand today? Old barn siding. We look at wood like that and we say, "That's worthless." That's not the way carpenters see it. It's used for shelving, interior walls, and various other things today, often without being refinished. We say, "That wood's not good for anything!" A carpenter says, "I think I know a use for that."

In the same way, when Jesus Christ looks at us today, what does He see? Does He see all of the flaws that will doom us eternally? That's how we look at people. We see their imperfections; Christ, though, sees their potential. Christ looked at a fisherman by the name of Simon (Jn. 1:42). And Christ said, "You're Simon, the son of John; you'll be called Cephas" which means "Peter" or "rock." Can you imagine what Peter's friends must have said? "You mean, Simon - this guy - is going to be a rock in Your kingdom some day? You've got to be kidding! This guy's nothing but a braggart. He's nothing but a show off. He's not going to amount to anything!" But Christ saw his potential. Jesus Christ said, "I'm going to rename him 'the rock' because he will be a rock in My kingdom."

A carpenter, therefore, sees the potential in that wood, and not the flaws and imperfections that might doom it in the eyes of others. Dear Reader, The Great Carpenter is still working with us today. We urge you to allow Him to work with you and bring out your potential.

R. W. McAlister preaches for the Anna church of Christ in Anna, IL.

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 First Prayer Jerry Casey
 Second Prayer Rick Martin
 Scripture Hank Tincher
 Sermon David Wright
 Lord's Supper Matt 27:57-28:10
 Message Greg Blanton
 Attendant Ron Iverson
 Attendant Harold Tincher
 Closing Prayer Grover Blanton

PM Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale
 Bible Reading John Keaton
 Selection 40
 Prayer Leon Stocksdale
 Sermon David Wright
 Closing Prayer Hayward Blanton

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 Offering Irvin Williams
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 Count Offering Robby Stocksdale
 Assist Count Marc Owens

*Do not be slothful in zeal,
 be fervent in spirit,
 serve the Lord. Rom 12:11*

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For the Bible Tells Me So

David Wright

In her 1860 novel *Say and Seal*, Susan Warner included a story about a sick child named Johnny Fax. John Linden, a Sunday school teacher, is rocking the boy in his arms. When the little guy asks to hear a song, John sings something new: "Jesus loves me! this I know, For the Bible tells me so; Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong." The words of this now famous children's hymn were supplied by Anna Warner, the novelist's younger sister.

Of course, the song is popular with adults too. Its childlike simplicity is appealing. How do I know that Jesus loves me? Simple. The Bible tells me so.

However, adults have the intellectual powers to search the Scriptures and analyze them in ways completely beyond the grasp of preschool children. We can master the original languages in which the biblical books were written (i.e., Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek). We can engage in an endless quest for the ancient literary sources that may have influenced the Bible writers. And we can study alleged discrepancies in the Scriptures, painstakingly proving to our complete satisfaction that none of the skeptic's many "contradictions" has any real substance.

But if we devote our entire lives to sophisticated pursuits such as these, what then? Will we discover a more profound truth than "Jesus loves me"? Will we find any legitimate reason for dismissing the childlike trust implied in "for the Bible tells me so"?

Jesus himself gently reproved the disciples because "the sons of this world are wiser in their own generation than the sons of light" (Luke 16:8). Christians must always think and act wisely and maturely. But adult sophistication must never diminish the trust that finds its example in the reliance of children upon their parents. "Let the children come to me," Jesus said, "and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" (Luke 18:16-17).

Sermons

John 9:1-11

Lord, Open My Eyes (a.m.)

The Mystery of Christ (p.m.)

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

Matthew 18:1-6

Prayer Requests

Prayer List: Chandra Akers (Marla), Tina & Randy Balentine (Jean), LIZ BLANTON, 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), 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

Clint and Ashley's fellowship group will meet Sunday April 7th after the morning worship. See Clint or Ashley for details.

The next "Monday Night for the Master" meeting is April 8 at 6 pm. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

For the MNM meeting on April 15 Joe Brothers will be making a presentation entitled "Practicing in the Dugout," the fifth lesson in his series "Taking the Gospel to the World on Our Street." Class participants are reminded to make a short list of evangelism activities that they intend to do personally as a way of conforming their lifestyle to the Great Commission.

"Love is more easily demonstrated than defined."

"Those who deserve love least are often the ones who need it most."

"The love of God cannot be earned but it can be spurned."

"One who loves only himself is the poorest of all people."

"If you want others to take the right road you must take it yourself."

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