



A Big THANK YOU!!!

Kelli and I would like to express our tremendous gratitude to the congregation here, the "WE TEAM", for the outstanding support and dedication during this wonderful gospel meeting. We see so much light, and love being shown from this group of people that it amazes us daily. We can all say that we have been extremely encouraged and uplifted this past week. We know that it has been tough with busy schedules and various health issues, more the reason we are so impressed by such faithfulness. Our prayer is that WE take this fervor of excitement for the Lord and His church and continue working to bring lost souls to his kingdom or wayward souls back to his kingdom. Don't we want everyone to experience the joy we have in Christ?

With much love, Chris & Kelli Bolton

We are a congregation of the Lord's people looking for you. We desire to love our community and neighbors as our Lord has taught us to do. Please allow us to be an encouragement to you as you are an encouragement to us by visiting with us today.

If you have any questions about anything you see or hear today, please stop someone and ask questions. We are seeking to be New Testament Christians, and as such we desire to share what we have been given. We want to be ready to give you an answer for what we do and say (1 Peter 3:15)

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Thank you for being our Guest today!

What Position Do You Occupy in the Church?

A giver or a getter?

A wing or a weight?

A pillar or a
sleeper?

A power or a
problem?

A booster or a
boaster?

A supporter or a
provoker?

An attendant or an
absentee?

A peacemaker or a
strife-creator?

**The church points
THE WAY!**

In every step, in
every stride,

I'll let the Savior
be my guide!

His Word, His
love I will
embrace

And let His
wisdom set the
pace.

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How Much Does One Need to Know to Become a Christian?

Hollis Miller

All Christians began their journey in the Lord as babes. One cannot be *mature* in Christ until he is *in Christ*. To expect anyone to have a full understanding of all things pertaining to being a Christian before being baptized into Christ is to expect the impossible.

About three thousand souls were added to the Lord on the Day of Pentecost. They all knew what they heard Peter and the other apostles preach, but there was much they could not have known. They could not have known: (1) Christian worship, for such worship was yet in the future; (2) Christian giving, for no one had yet given as a Christian; (3) The Lord's Supper, for it had not yet been observed in the kingdom; (4) The organization of the church, for it had not been organized; (5) The New Testament, for it had not been written; (6) The difference between Moses and Christ, for that difference had not yet been fully clarified. But in spite of their lack of knowledge concerning things yet to be learned, they were baptized into Christ.

Jesus concluded the Great Commission with these words: "...teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..." (Matthew 28:20). This statement clearly infers that Jesus does not require those being baptized to know everything He taught. On the Day of Pentecost, the birthday of the church, not even the apostles of Christ understood some things they would later learn (John 14:26, 16:12-15).

As Priscilla and Aquila taught Apollos the way of the Lord more perfectly, so babes in Christ are to be taught (Acts 18:26). And while they are being taught, more mature Christians need to exercise great love and patience toward them. Just as no reasonable person would quarrel with a six-month-old baby because he has yet to master the use of a fork and spoon, neither should older Christians grow weary of babes in Christ who have yet to learn what they themselves may have known for many years.

A used tool never rusts.

How much is the church worth to you?

Jack Harriman

In an age in which many people minimize the importance of the church by insisting that we should “preach Christ and leave the church alone”, and in a culture in which the masses are “turned off” by “organized religion”, it is important that we raise this question and then evaluate our answer in the light of what the Scriptures teach.

God would have our answer to be governed by five things:

First, an understanding of the place of the church in God’s eternal plan is necessary (Ephesians 3:9,10). The coming of the church was spoken of by the Old Testament prophets (Isaiah 2:2-4). As its establishment drew nearer, God sent the greatest prophet of them all to announce that it was “at hand” (Matthew 3:2). Finally, He sent His own Son. Jesus chose twelve apostles and sent them out to preach its imminent coming. These were followed by seventy other disciples who preached the same message. If long and careful planning, if meticulous and thorough preparation, and if clear and unmistakable announcements of its establishment have anything to do with value, then the church is of great value to God.

Second, a thorough knowledge of what the church cost God governs its value. God gave His Son to die in exchange for the church (Acts 20:28). Men have often given their lives for a country they loved. Parents would give their lives for their children. But would you give the life of your child for wicked and lawless men? Would you do it for one like Adolph Hitler? God did!

Third, a clear understanding of exactly what the church is establishes its true value. The church is simply a body of people who have been saved by God. When one obeys the Gospel, God saves and adds that person to His family, His church—the body of saved people (Acts 2:47). That is why the church is called “*the body of Christ*”.

Fourth, a knowledge of the uniqueness of the church governs its value. By “unique” I mean that Jesus built only one (Matthew 16:18). God adds *all* the saved to just one family (Acts 2:47). Jesus is the head over just one body (Ephesians 1:22,23), and there *is* but one (Ephesians 4:4). There is no comparison between the value of the *real* church and countless *imitations*.

Fifth, a knowledge of its destiny governs the value we put on the church. Jesus is the Savior of His body. The church is the saved. When Jesus comes again, He will deliver up the church to God (I Corinthians 15:24). The church will then live and reign with Him throughout all of eternity in that new heaven and earth.

I want to be in that number, don’t you? But in order to be in that number *there*, we must be in that number *here*.

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This Week’s Q&A

Q: During what time of the year did the children of Israel cross the Jordan to invade Jericho?

A: During harvest time, in Joshua 3:15.

Context: Joshua 3:15 also gives an important fact that the Jordan River always overflowed her banks at harvest time, which was the beginning of April. Almost any other time of the year, one could wade across the Jordan, but God chose this time for the Israelites to cross Jordan. The Canaanites would look and think that the Israelites could not cross because of the severe flooding. Heavy rains and snow melt this time of year caused such floods that the water would back up and run north.

No man can neglect church-going and not backslide.

“Prayer for Today”

Grant me, O Lord, the strength today

For every task which comes my way.

Cover my eyes and make me blind

To the petty faults I should not find.

Open my eyes and let me see

The friend my neighbor tries to be.

Teach me, when duty seems severe,

To see my purpose shining clear.

Let me at noon time rest content

The half-day bravely lived and spent.

And when the night slips down, let me

Unstained and undishonored be.

Grant me to live this one day through

Up to the best that I can do. -Anonymous

Fault-finding is like a comfortable bed—easy to get into, but hard to get out of.

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