

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 30, 2017



“Where the Gospel is Preached and People are Loved!”

Preaching the Gospel

Part 2

Last week, we began to notice the topic of preaching the Gospel by looking at the instructions of an older preaching to a younger one taken from 2 Timothy 4:1-2. We noticed the first of five points concerning the proclamation of the Gospel – The strong charge for preaching. Now, let’s notice the second point.

Second, Paul gives Timothy and likewise us, the subject matter that is to be preached. Paul wrote, “Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” (2 Timothy 4:2). When it comes to the doctrine of Christ, God’s Word is the standard. You and I do not get to decide what Christ’s doctrine is, and what it is not because it is not our doctrine. The terms “doctrine of Christ,” “the Gospel,” and “the Word” are all referring to the same thing. Later in this same paragraph, Paul will say, “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:3). Doctrine and word are used interchangeably in this passage. Sound doctrine is Christ’s doctrine; it is the word.

Also, it is the Gospel. “So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans” (Acts 8:25). What is the Gospel? “Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). So the doctrine of Christ also involves the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. If preaching does not contain the doctrine of Christ, then it is not preaching.

Next week we will notice the third thing concerning the preaching of the Gospel.

~Justin

Elders:

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Joe Hunt
David Snell

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Service Times:

Sun. Bible Study-10 AM
Sun. Worship-11 AM
Sun. Night-5 PM
Wed. Night-7 PM

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What Must I Do to Be Saved?

- Hear the Word of God – Rom. 10:17
- Believe that Jesus is the Son of God – Heb. 11:6; John 8:24
- Repent of your sins – Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ before men – Rom. 10:10; Matt. 10:32-33
- Be baptized for the remission of your sins – Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Remain Faithful – Rev. 2:10

By The Numbers for April 23rd

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 95
Sun. AM Worship – 100
Sun. PM Worship – 64
Wed. Night (4/26) – 56

To Our Visitors:

We are so glad and honored that you chose to be with us today. If you have any questions please feel free to ask the elders or one of the members. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know. Thanks for being with us, and we hope to see you again real soon!

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Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Devotional – Robert Anderson

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack
Lord's Supper – (S) Raymond Neal
(S) Joel Sutton
(N) Darrell Smothers
(N) Bryan Hartman
(N) Mel Gibson

Closing Prayer – Joe Hunt
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – David Snell
Lord's Supper – Raymond Neal
Closing Prayer – Larry Carden
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader –
Audio/Visual –
Opening Prayer –
& Devotional
Closing Prayer –
Security –

Door Greeters for April

South – Robert Taylor
Center – Joe Hunt
North – Steve Carmack

Communion for May

Tommy and Linda Climer

April Birthdays

- Aaliyah Alley – 30

May Birthdays

- David Blakely – 1
- Synthia Gibson – 6
- Walt Hunt – 7
- Carson Hamlin – 7
- Nancy Etheridge – 8
- Elaine Neal – 9
- Julianna Carmack – 9
- Larry Tillman – 15
- Shirley Smothers – 19
- Vickie Kennedy – 25
- Lauren Cherry – 25
- Winston Starks – 28
- Linda Climer – 30



Mark Your Calendars!

- **April 30th** – Friends and Family Day at the Ripley church of Christ
- **June 4th-9th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp for ages 9-18.
- **June 19th-21st** – Vacation Bible School at the Ripley church of Christ
- **June 26th** – Summer Youth Series at the Ripley church of Christ at 7 pm.
- **July 16-19th** – Gospel Meeting at the Ripley church of Christ.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Apr. 30th** – Lesson 43 – The Flood – Genesis 7
- **May 3rd** – Lesson 44 – After the Flood – Genesis 8
- **May 7th** – Lesson 45 – God's Covenant with Man – Genesis 9-10

Memorials Received

Memorials in honor of Ms. Etta Hunt have been received.

Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:

- At any given time there are members going through different difficulties that they would rather keep private. Please say a prayer for them; God knows who they are.
- There are numerous individuals that are dealing with allergies, colds, and other illnesses. Please keep these people in your prayers.
- Robert Taylor has a fracture in his knee. Thankfully no surgery is needed, but there will be a 6-8 week period of staying off of the leg as much as possible. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Joe Hunt's mom, Etta Hunt, passed away. Funeral services were held on Wednesday (3/29). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Philip Rhodes is having some health related problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Mike White is scheduled to have surgery on May 1st. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Bobby Mullins (Micah's father) had surgery on Wednesday (4/26). Everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Jesse Sego (Linda Bibb's brother-in-law) passed away on Wednesday (4/19). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Demetra Carmack is undergoing radiation treatments. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Guylene Cultrer (kin of Julia Alley) has been diagnosed with leukemia. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Valencia Crook (kin of Julia Alley) has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She had surgery on Wednesday (2/22). Please keep her in your prayers.
- Larry Carden has finished his radiation treatments and will have tests in the coming weeks. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Johnnie Matthews: Please continue to keep her and Gwinn in your prayers.
- Robert Taylor, WL Sandlin, Betty Brogdon, Gwinn Matthews, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Ronnie Tillman, Georgia Campbell, Tim Carmack, Lille Dennison, Ted Sutton, Joyce Blakemore, Seth May, Paula Tillman, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Dot Mullins, Brenda Sutton, Don Sutton, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16)