

Shenandoah

church of Christ

TRIUMPH

“Do you know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it” (1 Cor. 9:24)

The Holy Spirit (8)

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The *focus* on words and communication throughout the ministry of Jesus is consistent with the role of the Holy Spirit during Jesus' day and our day. Through communication man would be given knowledge to act upon. Jesus, Paul, and Peter correlated this fact with the true function of the Holy Spirit. Throughout the ministry of Jesus, the HS communicated the will of the Father to him (Jn. 3:33-34). This would be the same method used with his apostles. In John 14:26 and 16:13 Jesus said that the HS would “*teach*” and “*bring to remembrance*” and “*...whatsoever he (HS) shall hear, that shall he speak...*” (Jn. 16:13). The Apostle Peter confirmed this method in 2 Peter 1:20, 21, when he said, “*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*” Even the Apostle Paul established this method in 1 Corinthians 2:13 when he wrote concerning the work of the HS: “*Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*” He also said in 1 Timothy 4:1, “*Now the Spirit speaks expressly...*” Paul confirmed what Jesus and Peter had established, that

through the power of communication from the HS, all men would be given knowledge, and with that knowledge, man would have an opportunity to act upon it.

This is why Jesus' ministry was dedicated to the preaching and teaching of God's word, received of the HS (Matt. 4:17, 23; 5:2ff; 9:35; 10:7; 13:19-23; Mrk 1:14-15; 16:15; Lk. 4:16-22; 5:1-3; 10:38-42; Jn. 6:63-68). With the communication of God's word, people were given information that they could either listen and obey, or not listen and reject it. What this meant was, it was the knowledge communicated that impacted the lives given. The message was for the purpose of stimulating thought and a response. This is why in the establishment of the church, Peter, with the eleven, “*lifted up his voice, and said...*” (Acts 2:14). He then proceeded to divulge information that would impact the listener's minds, so much so, that those who “*heard this*” were “*pricked in their mind and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*” (Acts 2:37-38). It was the words proclaimed, coupled with a ready and understanding mind, that led to the people's conviction and obedience to the message. Good old fashioned communication is what stimulated the response. May God be praised!

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Church News and Announcements

CONGREGATION

The fellowship luncheon will be next Sunday, April 10, after the morning service. The menu will be potluck.

We are still collecting cream of chicken soups for the Children's Home of Lubbock. Please continue to bring these cans and place them in the box in the foyer. They will be picking the box up on April 18th.

The baby shower honoring the Hernandez family is today at 2:00 pm in the Annex building. Gift requests are diapers or gift cards to Babies R Us, Amazon, or Target.

The family home devotional hosted by the Baltierras will be on April 23 at 6:00 pm in the annex building.

YOUTH

Our next youth devotional will be tied in with our young adult devotional on April 16th at 11 am at the Del View Park. All families are invited to attend.

YOUNG ADULT

Young Adult and youth group picnic scheduled for April 16th at 11 am at the Del View Park. All families are invited to attend.

AREA NEWS

See bulletin board in the foyer for many area wide meetings and youth events.

As we near chapters 12-14 for our consideration, Paul's concern was for the spiritual well-being of brethren, especially those weak in the faith (10:25-33, cf. Rom. 14). Why? Paul's argument was, stronger Christians ought to bear the infirmities of the weak for conscience sake (v. 29, cf. Rom. 15:1). In other words, we each have a duty to help our fellowman in this life. Therefore, *"Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved"* (v. 33). Paul understood the greater mission of not seeking his own, but those of others (Phil. 2:3-4). He wanted to provide a wonderful example for others to follow (11:1). Why? Because if we provide a godly example in how to live, then others can learn from us and be successful in life. The idea is modeling behavior as God commands. This, then, becomes the reason Paul discusses the order of creation in chapter 11:2-16. He said, *"...that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God"* (v.3). This was not to set in order a hierarchy of rule, rather it was to set in order a rule of example. Hence, God, the Father, comes first and is the rule/standard of righteous. Under Him is Christ as rule of example. And under Christ comes man (husband/father) as rule of example. And under man comes woman (wife/mother) as rule of example to her children. The entire discussion in verses 4-16 speaks of the concept of the head; that men aren't to cover their heads, while women are to cover their heads. While many get bogged down in the technicalities of these verses, many lose sight of the spiritual message Paul had introduced in verse 1, that of modeling godly and righteous behavior to others. This is accomplished from the head, meaning from the mind of man. Our actions proceed from our thought process.

But here is something revealing that Paul mentioned, *"For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man"* (v. 7). Paul's argument was that man (male) has a greater responsibility in being the example God has called him to (Gen. 18:19. Pr. 1:8). The woman (wife) merely submits to the honorable role of the husband's leadership skills (vss. 8-9), by giving her permission or choice (*"power on her head"*) to follow her leader (*"angels" - ago, to lead*). But Paul then wrote something to put in perspective the roles of man and woman. While each had respected roles, no one was dominate (vss. 11-12). Both male and female have a duty to help each other, not rule dominantly over each other. Paul's final thoughts were concerning what nature taught with regard to leaders and servants (vss. 13-15). Men were created to lead, this is consistent with the physiological makeup of man, and woman were created to submit. So Paul's whole point was, men must step up, because with greater power and ability comes greater responsibility, which is to lead others by modeling behavior that promotes righteousness and godliness. While Christians in Corinth were concerned about outward features and customs of women, Paul was more concerned about the leadership abilities of men. We need more leaders in life, ones that will demonstrate a strong righteous character. When there are more leaders in the church, then there is nothing the church can't accomplish. But when we have men that don't properly lead the danger becomes more division and contentious, which Paul evidently wanted to avoid in the church (v. 16). But what subject would he bring forth to validate the idea of leadership in righteous conduct and character? The Lord's Supper. May God be praised!

WHAT SAITH THE LORD?

Nearly two thousand years ago an important question was raised before the Apostles after they had delivered the good news of Jesus's life, death, burial, and resurrection (Acts 2:21-36). The hearer's conscience were pricked of sinful conduct (2 Cor. 7: 10-11) and asked: "*Men and brethren, what shall we do* (in order to be saved)? (Acts 2:37). Without hesitation, Peter elevated his voice and proclaimed: "*Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit*" (Acts 2:38).

Upon hearing the words of Peter, the people obeyed. This demonstrated their belief in Christ (Jn. 8:24). Hence, they repented of sin and confessed allegiance to the name of Christ (Matt. 10:32-33). Afterwards, the people were baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:41, cf. Mrk. 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21).

The people's submission to the words of salvation granted them a relationship with God the Father by accessing citizenship into the church of Christ (Acts 2:47, cf. Matt. 16:18; Mrk. 9:1; Acts. 2:1-4). As a member of Christ's body (Acts 8:4) the people were then encouraged to live faithful unto death by conquering sin in their lives (Rev. 2:10; Rom. 6: 4-12; 2 Tim. 4: 6-8). We then await for the coming day in which all men shall be judged the word of God (Jn 12:48; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Cor. 5:10). Will we be ready?

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

How Man Learned About The Church

God spake long ago by His prophet, "*So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it*" (Isa. 55:11). This still remains true in this present age: "*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things*" (Heb. 1:1-2).

All the prophets spake concerning the coming of Christ, and the kingdom He would establish. None was greater than John (Lk. 7:28); yet he testified of Jesus: "*For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him*" (Jn. 3:34). Jesus Christ accepted this position of authority from God: "*He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: that word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I would say, and what I should speak*" (Jno. 12:48-49). This assurance was reflected in His teaching: "*And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes*" (Mk. 1:22). There must be a ready acceptance of His word: "*I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins*" (Jn. 8:24). If one is to be saved by Christ, he must be willing to accept Him! "*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved*" (Acts 4:12). Jesus Himself gave us an example of obedience, "*Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him*" (Heb. 5:8-9). Thus as our high priest, he made a sacrifice to save to the uttermost (Heb. 7:26-28).

Bro. W. Holmes

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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(1 Tim. 3: 1-6)

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(Acts 6: 1-5; 1
Tim. 3: 7-12)

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(1 Cor. 9:1-16; 1 Tim.
4:6; 2 Tim. 4: 2-5)

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April 3

AM WORSHIP

Announcements: *S. Hernandez*
 Opening Prayer: *R. Trevino*
 Song Leader: *A. Maldonado*
 Lord's Supper: *G. Rodriguez; E. Castillo; J. Mokry; J. Guillen*

Scripture: *Rom. 5:6-11*
 Sermon: *G. Rodriguez*
 Benediction: *R. Baltierra*

PM WORSHIP

Announcements: *S. Hernandez*
 Opening Prayer: *R. Baltierra Jr*
 Song Leader: *E. Castillo*
 Lord's Supper: *J. Mora; B. Dorries*
 Sermon: *G. Rodriguez*
 Benediction: *J. Guillen*

After Greeter: *P. White*
 Greeter/Usher: *T. Mayces*
 AV Duty: *R. Baltierra Jr*
 Elder in charge: *W. Holmes*

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED

(by writing, calling, and praying)

Wayne Holmes
 Rina White
 Joe Guillen
 Sarah Cannon
 Ina Dial
 David and Elijah Sudhoff
 Roy Guajardo (battling Parkinsons)
 Rose Scott (grandmother of Clay and Wes Bond)
 Caral O'Banon
 Glenn Gribble
 Torres' family
 Rose's aunt (Mary Hardiman)
 LA flood victims
 Cowan family

BATTLING CANCER:

Barbara Oakes Johna Dorries
 Abigail Reyes Graciola Anderson
 George Jackson Briana Nieves
 Sonny Cary Elwyn Hipp
 Gwen Parker Lori Main's father
 Tomas Guillen

SHUT-INS:

Dorothy Harper
 Dazel Ball (rehab, following surgery)
 Mildred Geest

TRAVELING:

A. Jacob; Courtney Cobb (Japan)

DEPLOYED: Jimmie Cardenas

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES APRIL

Organizing Monthly Luncheon:
Worries
 Preparing Lord's Supper:
Neaves
 Auditorium Service Duties:
Mora
 Wash baptismal garments; clean cry
 room
NA
 Brother in charge of services:
T. Mayces

AM Theme:
"Praising God" - A Study in the book of Psalms
 PM Theme:
Setting the Church in Order - A Study in the books of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus

AM Sermon:

Psalm 46

PM Sermon:

"The Crown of Righteousness"

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL

April 6: *W. Holmes*

April 13: *G. Rodriguez*

April 20: *M. de la Garza*

FOR THE RECORD

March 27

Attendance:

Sunday Bible Study 49
 Sunday AM Worship 67
 Sunday PM Worship 40
 Wednesday Bible Study 48
 Budget/Offering: **\$2,140.02/ \$1,517.50**

Weekly Bible Readers: 9/22 (Adult Bible class)

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday: Bible Study at 9:30 am; Worship at 10:30 am;
 Worship at 5:00 pm.

Wednesday: Bible Study at 7:00 pm