

Awake to Righteousness

Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame" (1 Corinthians 15:34). When it comes to right and wrong many are asleep. The only true source of righteousness is God (Romans 10:1-3). This is why man gets into so much trouble. He wants to establish his own righteousness at God's expense! This is not new. Man has always had a problem with redefining God's terms. Isaiah wrote, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter" (Isaiah 5:20). This is why man needs to wake up to righteousness!

Paul warned of that which will corrupt righteousness. Paul warned, "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners" (1 Corinthians 15:33). First, Paul warns us not to be deceived. In a world of political correctness, it is easy to be deceived. We have smooth talking individuals who want to redefine everything. Sin is no longer sin. The only sin is to call anything wrong! Second, Paul tells us that if we accept these evil communications it will corrupt us! Just look at how the world redefines marriage, divorce, and remarriage. Anything goes according to the world, but not according to God (cf. Matthew 19:9). Man has written volumes to explain away Matthew 19:9, but it still rings loud and clear. Brethren, let's make sure we are not led away by smooth talk.

Paul speaks of a commitment in righteousness. After Paul had warned the brethren at Corinth, he tells them to "Awake to righteousness and sin not..." (1 Corinthians 15:34). There is a commitment that has to be made to righteousness. After one has opened the word of God and determined right from wrong, then we have to determine what we are going to do with the truth. Will it cause us to sit up and take notice? Will it cause us to obey what God has said? When the woman was brought to Christ who was caught in the act of adultery Christ told her, "...go, and sin no more" (John 8:11). You and I have a choice. Will we choose to do what is right or will we go about to establish our own righteousness?

Paul shows concern about righteousness. Paul's concern was that "...some have not the knowledge of God..." (1 Corinthians 15:34). This is where we get into trouble. Paul made this same point to the church at Rome. "For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God" (Romans 10:2,3). When our actions are not based on the knowledge from God's word, then we are likely to do anything. If we are to be righteous then we must obey the will of God. Are we righteous?

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Remember in Prayer

Sam Swiney is at home.
Cora Lee Reid (Tommy Reid's sister in law).
Shannon Craig Wilson (Atley & Ruth Ann Cox's grandson).

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the friends and family of our beloved **Earl Martin**. Brother Martin passed from this life on Sunday night, July 19, 2009. His funeral will be Wednesday, July 22 at Crestview.

Military

Please remember the following who are currently serving for our country: **Josh Baker, Kevin Black, Mark Davis, & Chris Pridmore**

Shut In

Maude Bell - PO Box 303, Adamsville, AL 35005.
Theola Brown - 206 10th Ave. SW, Graysville, AL 35073.
Ruby Glidewell - 120 Windsor Circle N, Graysville, AL 35073.
Ruth Parsons - 5300 Hazelwood Rd., Adamsville, AL 35005.
Bernice Snow - Adams House 5017 King Dr., Adamsville, AL 35005.
Glenn Terry - Adams House 5017 King Dr., Adamsville, AL 35005.

Wednesday Night Summer Series

Our **Wednesday Night Summer Series** will be entitled, "Voices from the Past." We will be viewing sermons presented by godly men who have since passed from this life unto their reward. The work of these great men still lives on today through the material which they wrote and through their sermons that were recorded. Please make plans to attend every Wednesday evening this summer as we study together.

July 22 nd	Franklin Camp -- What Will Distinguish the Church?
July 29 th	Vacation Bible School
August 5 th	V.P. Black -- The Judgment Day
August 12 th	Hugo McCord -- Psalm 3 – The Morning Prayer
August 19 th	Bobby Duncan -- The Price of Our Redemption
August 26 th	Fourth Wednesday Night Singing

Mark Your Calendar

July 26-29 -- VBS
August 16 - Lads/Leaders Kickoff
Oct. 11-14 -- Gospel Meeting: **Curtis A. Cates**
Oct. 17 -- Family Fun Day @ Tannehill
Dec. 31 -- New Year's Eve Singing

Youth Notes

July 25 - K-5 Devo @ 6 PM in Fellowship Hall hosted by Carla Tavel
Monday Night Meditation will meet each Monday at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall.
Timothy Class will meet Tuesdays at 10:30 AM.

VBS Teachers

Please plan July 24th and 25th as VBS Workdays to decorate your classroom. Ideas might include money, characters, (David, Paul, Christ, Abraham), Godliness, Assurance, Image and Name.

Elder's/Men's Meeting

Elders, Deacons, Ministers, & Male Members Sunday, July 26, 2009
At 4:00 PM the Elders and Ministers will meet in the elder's office. At 5:30 PM the elders, ministers, deacons and all male members will meet in the large classroom in the rear of the auditorium for their quarterly meeting. The elders, ministers, and deacons are expected to attend this meeting. All other male members are encouraged to attend and have a part in making decisions that involve all of us at Adamsville. Thank you for attending. **Cecil Gilbert** will be the chairman of these meetings.

