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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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-Jerry Sturgill
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-Herman Joseph
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-D.J. Hatfield
WVSOP support
-*"In Search of the Lord's Way"* TV broadcast

SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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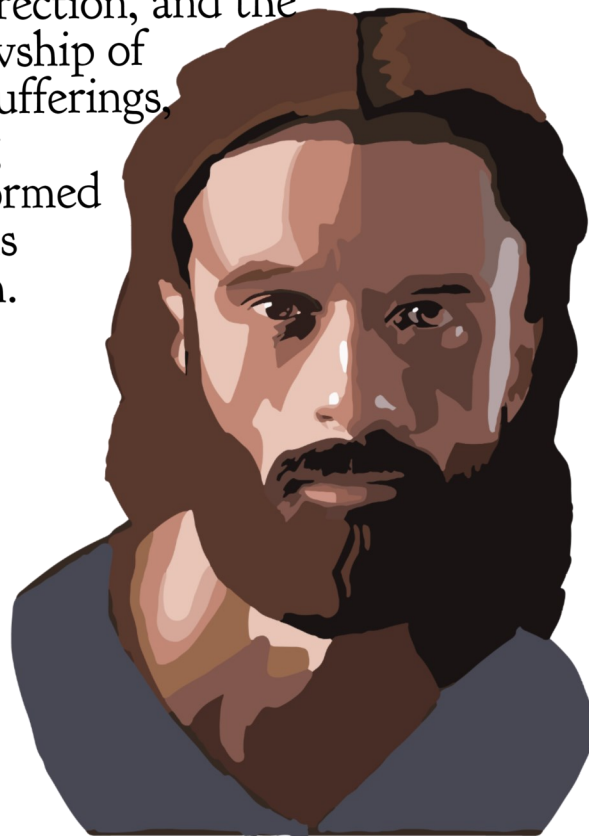
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That I may know Him
and the power of His
resurrection, and the
fellowship of
His sufferings,
being
conformed
to His
death.



PHILIPPIANS 3:10

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Tradition

“Tradition” is the way English versions of the Bible translate the word *paradosis*, which means something handed down or transmitted in the way of teaching. Traditions may be good or bad. The word is used of divine traditions that were handed down by apostolic authority (2 Thess. 2:15; 3:6). These we obviously should keep.

However, there are also evil traditions. Colossians 2:8 tells us, “Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.” Empty lifestyles of sin are handed down by tradition; by inspiration Peter referred to the former lives of recipients of his epistles as “your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers,” (2 Pet. 1:18). Both passages describe traditions that stand in stark contrast to Christ. When one becomes a Christian, these traditions are left behind in order to follow the Lord Jesus.

“Tradition” is also used of practices to which men clung in Bible times instead of keeping God’s commandments. In Mark 7:5, Jesus was asked by the scribes and Pharisees why His disciples did not keep the tradition of the elders. Jesus replied by rebuking them: “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: *‘This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’* For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do” (Mk. 7:6-8). Jesus went on to highlight how their tradition of Corban enabled men to disregard the command to honor their parents (Mk. 7:9-13). The statements of Jesus are very clear regarding how He feels about these kinds of traditions. He said, “*All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition*” (Mk. 7:9). Jesus rebuked them because they were, “making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down” (Mk. 7:13).

Religious traditions are a particularly thorny matter. We all have particular patterns we go through in our religious lives. How many songs we sing before we have prayer or whether or not the Lord’s supper is before or after the sermon are habits of worship service that we do not deem binding. But some religious traditions are elevated to a place they should not occupy. When tradition supersedes what is commanded in the word of God, then we are in trouble. Some religious traditions may appear good and right, but in reality keep us from truly following the commands of God. In reference to his life before he became a Christian, Paul said “I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers” (Gal. 1:14). No doubt many of the things he was taught in Judaism were good, but any traditions that were different or at odds with what the Lord Jesus commanded had to be abandoned. We must do the same today. We should surrender to the Lordship of Jesus by dispensing with any religious tradition for which we do not have authority in His written will, the New Testament.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Today's Sermons

AM: The First Day of the Week

PM: Speakers: Noah Day, Jackson Morris, Cody Ward

PM Scripture Reading:

Romans 1:13-16

13 Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles.

14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.

15 So, as much as is in me, *I am* ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders

Our gospel meeting with Brother Phil Sanders from "In Search of the Lord's Way" will begin Sunday, April 14th and last through Wednesday, April 17th. Sunday services will be at our regularly scheduled times and all other evening services will begin at 7pm. There will also be morning classes Monday through Wednesday beginning at 10am. Invite your friends. We hope to see you there!

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	3/24/24	Goal	3/26/23
Bible Study	65	90	57
AM Worship	117	130	104
PM Worship	72	90	71
Mid Week	83	90	63
Contribution:	\$6,567.25		\$5,136.25

Dates to Remember

April 14-17-Gospel meeting with Phil Sanders

April 21-Elders, deacons, preachers meeting 4:30pm annex



