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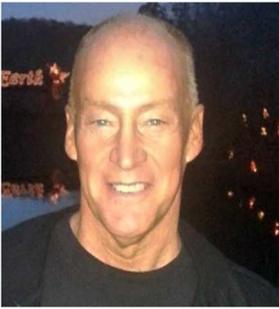


In this exciting new series called, *“You Don’t Have What It Takes,”* we are going to look at different truths that God wants to use to set you free, but if manipulated, our spiritual enemy wants to use to hurt us. One of those truths is ***“YOU CAN’T PLEASE EVERYONE.”***

The Bible never tells us to please other people. You can look through every single verse and it will not tell you to go out of your way to make everyone else happy. It does say that we should do our best to please God though.

If we are worried about pleasing other people, we need to change our priorities and put all of our focus on pleasing God. He is the most important element in our lives. When we please God, we may not be pleasing everyone around us, but we are staying in tune with the reason we were created. God creates us, He saves us, and He gives us life. The only applause we should be seeking is those of the nail-scarred hands.

Join Us This Sunday 10:00 am, for this exciting new message, “YOU CAN’T PLEASE EVERYONE” = The good news is that God has and wants to give you what it takes to live the



Who Do You Seek To Please?

“For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ”. Galatians 1:10

The Galatian Christians were being targeted by legalistic Jews who were not only spreading a fabricated gospel, a distorted doctrine, and a false Christ to Christians, but were deliberately seeking to discredit Paul and the unique ministry and mission to which he had been commissioned by the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself.

To put it bluntly, the spirit of antichrist had infected this church... and doctrines of demons had been systematically infiltrating the Christians there, until Paul was forced to cry out, "OH, you foolish Galatians!! Who has bewitched you?"

Paul's strong denunciation of this false teaching and his bitter attacks against those that were determined to bring the Body of Christ under the curse of the Law, demonstrated that he was never going to be intimidated by his accusers nor was he prepared to compromise the truth of the glorious grace gospel of Christ - and neither should we!

Paul could justifiably ask the question, *"Am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ."* Galatians 1:10

If Paul was attempting to be a man-pleaser, he would not be so openly hostile towards those who tried to live under the law rather than grace. Nor would he so directly attack the ungodly doctrines they embraced so enthusiastically. No bond-servant of Christ can ever continue to be a man-pleaser, for to do so is to discredit the Lord Who bought them and to trample on the blood of Christ which was shed for us all at Calvary.

It seems, from Paul's direct and tough talk, that they were accusing him that his preaching of freedom from the law was giving Christians a license to sin. If Paul, in these early days of the Church, was so viciously attacked by these law-loving teachers who deliberately tied up heavy legalistic burdens on men's shoulders to entrap and manipulate them back under the curse of the Law... how much more do we, in these closing days of Christendom, need to be equally vigilant in our defense of the glorious grace gospel of God?

Truth is ... *"We are all a case for grace!"* The law demonstrated how far short we fell of God 's righteous standard. Only the unlimited and the omnipotent grace of God is able to save to the uttermost... And it Does!

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

October 11, 2022

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Budget \$2165.00

Budget Designated– Memorial for Bea Ware \$75.00

Cash in Cash out– Bazaar food \$27.00

Cash in Cash out– Journey Rent \$500.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids \$80.00

Food Pantry \$5.00

Total Deposit \$2852.00

September Recap

Budget Deposits \$23,353.86

Budget Expenses \$21,643.50

Designated Deposits \$5,489.22

Designated Expenses \$4,318.32

Money Market \$160,841.04

Building Fund \$58,464.70

Savings \$91,708.95

Outreach \$10,667.39

PDF/ RR Account \$14,910.14

PDF \$5188.09

RR \$9345.64

Deacons \$376.41

Designated Account 44,974.26

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia

Our Goal \$1000.00

Collected to Date: \$1450.00





Trunk or Treat– October 31st

In the back parking lot. We will have the sign up sheet out near the end of September. Plan on coming out and participating. We will have at least 400 kids come through our parking lot. Dress up and dress your car. It's a great night of outreach. Event 5:30pm-7:30pm We are accepting candy now!



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

If you would like to pack a shoebox for a kid overseas, we have premade boxes at the mission outreach table. There are information sheets and other information that you might want to help you pack your shoe box.



Please pray for the child that will be receiving your shoebox. Before the kids get their shoeboxes, they hear the gospel and many come back for a discipleship class later. Families are coming to know the Lord from the shoeboxes.

Shoeboxes are due By Sunday, November 13th



Children's Christmas Workshop

Saturday, December 10th 10am– 2pm

Helpers will be needed. Please mark your calendar and let Dreama know if you can help!

Lock up/ Hall Monitor 10/16 Roger Cooke 10/23 Charles Vassar

Counter 10/17 Kathy Caskie 10/24 No count Dreama on Vacation

Kids Church Helper 10/16 Tracy Venable 10/23 Nadine Stephenson



Calendar

Tuesday, October 11th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

6:30pm Vision Team Meeting

Wednesday, October 12th

7pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, October 13th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, October 16th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sunshine Kids

Tuesday, October 18th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, October 19th

7pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, October 20th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, October 23rd

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sunshine Kids

***Dreama will be on vacation
October 23 through October 29th

Happy Birthday in October

10/11 Delores Morgan

10/14 Brinley Moriah

10/17 Marilyn Hargrove

10/25 David Jackson

10/26 Tim Humphreys

10/30 Don Krause



Donations for PORT

Collecting New and gently used underclothes for men and women, Boxer Briefs for Men, Bras, panties, undershirts, jeans, hoodies, book bags Hygiene kit items: washcloths, toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, travel size soap, Travel size shampoo and conditioner, travel size lotion, deodorant– travel size if possible, but not necessary) Qtips– a box of 500 will fill 50 hygiene kits. Gallon size and snack size bags.

Please place your items in the mission outreach corner.



Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226

Food Pantry at HBC

HBC gives food away on Tuesdays and Thursday. See Sue Monfalcone to volunteer and for more information on how you can help. Bring your non-perishable food to restock the pantry the last Sunday of every month. We have given out a lot of food recently so any donations would be appreciated.

Next collection is October 30th

Aluminum Cans

Recycle your cans at HBC and help Support missions! Bring them to HBC and place them in the gym or the church office. All money collected goes to missions!

Pray for our Missionaries

HH, SL, AN, MN (Asian Pacific Rim People) LC, SH (Central Asian People) Melody Raines (European People) JL (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) RB, JC (South Asian People) MH, HJ (Sub-Saharan African People) James Cho (Alberta) Bill Gandy (CO) Presnel Castin, Donald Lewis (FL) Nate Praytor (IL) Martin Fransico (IN)

Community Dinner

Friday, October 28th is our next community dinner 5:30pm- 6:30pm. We had to cancel the dinner for September because of the bad weather. will need help and would love you to come out and connect with the community! Hope to see you there.

Serve the City Peninsula

Serve the City Peninsula has many exciting ways in which you can serve. Visit their website and check it out, <https://www.stcpeninsula.com> or contact Pam and she will be able to put you in the right direction.

WMU October Project

The October Missions is Sonshine Kids. Accepting monetary donations, juice, snacks and candy.



Looking at Things Differently

A teenage boy lost a contact lens while playing basketball in his driveway. After a fruitless search, he told his mother the lens was nowhere to be found. Undaunted, she went outside and in a few minutes returned with the eyepiece in her hand.

“How did you manage to find it, Mom?” the teenager asked. “We weren’t looking for the same thing,” she replied. “You were looking for a small piece of plastic. I was looking for \$150.”



It is so true that our passion and persistence in doing something will be largely determined by its value in our eyes. For example, evangelism will never be a top priority as long as you see your next-door neighbor as simply a middle-aged guy with a pot belly. When you see him as a valuable soul whose eternal destiny will be determined by his relationship with God, suddenly things are different.

If you see your involvement at church as simply cleaning out a baptistry or corralling a herd of 4-year-olds for an hour, you will quickly lose heart. When you see your involvement as an essential element in the building up of the kingdom of God, you will “*not grow weary while doing good*” (Gal. 6:9). “*Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*” (Col. 3:2)

Looking at earthly things from a heavenly perspective will change the value of things in our mind. And that, in turn, will change how diligently we seek to do the things of God.



Drifting

The story is told of a boy who was floating his boat on a pond when the boat drifted away. A man came by, saw the boat drifting out on the pond, and began throwing stones on the far side of the boat.

The boy asked, “What are you doing?”

But then something very interesting happened. As the stones hit the water beyond the boat, they created ripples which pushed the boat back toward the boy. Even though the stones disturbed the smooth water, they achieved the desired result.

That’s how it is with God sometimes. When we drift away from Him, He throws the disturbing stones out beyond us in order to push us back to the shore of His love.



Who Do You Think Jesus Is?

In his book “The Knowledge of the Holy,” A. W. Tozer made this insightful comment, “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” In essence he was saying this: What you and I think

about who God is directly influences how we live and interact with our Creator.

If we view God as some sort of judge, overseeing a kind of proceeding in a cosmic court case, doling out “justice” as people deserve, we will oftentimes live in fear, trying to hide our weaknesses and faults. We’ll live hoping and praying that the “judge” does not see who we really are, or we will face His wrath.

If we see God as an eternal ATM of blessings, where all we need to know is the right PIN number in order to “get what’s coming to us,” then we’ll approach our “spiritual life” as a way of “getting it right” so that God will open His account of blessings and shower them upon us.

Sometimes we see God as some sort of benevolent grandfather, whose job is to give us what we want, when we want it. And when things don’t end up working out as we want them to, we blame God, our heavenly grandfather, who has not come through on His job description.

This is the most central question in life, is it not? Who do you think Jesus is? Now before you answer that question, consider this: How you answer this question could change the way you live your life. If Jesus really is who we as His followers claim Him to be, it could change everything. In other words, if you could go along business-as-usual with your life, perhaps you may need to revisit who you really think Jesus is.

If Jesus is God, if He truly is God incarnate – then the things He teaches us, as well as the kind of life He lived, are to be emulated. If we truly call ourselves followers of Jesus, then our job is to... well, actually follow Him, orienting our lives around the way He lived and what He taught.

Who do you say Jesus is? What does the way you live your life say about what you truly believe the answer to be?

In Mark 8:27-29 we read, *“On the way he asked them, ‘Who do people say I am?’ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ ‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah.’”*

The way you answer that same question could change everything.

Earning the Right to Criticize

I believe it was Dwight L Moody, the famous evangelist, who was once told by an irate church lady, “Mr. Moody, I don’t like the way you do your evangelism.” In reply Mr. Moody said, “I don’t necessarily like all of it either, but it’s the best way I know. Tell me, how do you do it?” “Oh, I don’t,” was the reply.



“Well,” said Moody, “I like the way I’m doing it better than the way you’re not doing it.” It’s easy to know what to do when we don’t have to do the job and very easy to criticize others when we’re not doing the work ourselves.

Some time ago when I was a member of a large group and things weren’t going too well, I was asked what I thought about the situation and what could be done to improve things. I said that I didn’t feel I had the right to criticize unless I was prepared to do something about it. I was, however, prepared to help and several of us working together saw things greatly improve.

In this instance, as it is in many other instances, criticism without offering help would have only served to make matters worse and caused further dissension among the group. So, if we’re not willing to put our shoulder to the wheel and do our bit, let’s not stir up dissension through negative criticism.

The Last Impression...



An Assemblies of God minister met three Baptist deacons on the golf course and invited them to come to his church some Sunday. Not too many weeks later, and just as services started, they showed up together.

Attendance was good in the church that day, and there wasn’t a pew available. Several church members were already seated on folding chairs. When the minister, just starting the service, saw the three Baptist deacons enter, he leaned down from the pulpit and whispered to the nearest usher, “Please get three chairs for my Baptist friends in the back.”

The usher, hard of hearing, leaned closer and said, “I beg your pardon?” “Get three chairs for my Baptist friends,” repeated the minister. The usher strained closer with a puzzled look still on his face. Once more the minister tried, speaking slowly and distinctly. “Three chairs. For the Baptists,” he enunciated.

The usher’s face lit up in comprehension, and he turned to face the congregation. “All right, everybody,” he called out to the assembled worshipers. “Three cheers for the Baptists!”



Pleasing Men Is Idolatry

“I’m not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s servant.”
Galatians 1:10

In life, you have to please only one person: your Creator. You only have to please the Lord, the one who made you and has a purpose for your life. That simplifies life enormously!

Jesus said, *“I don’t try to please myself, but I try to please the One who sent me”* (John 5:30 NCV). He’s saying, in effect, *“I’m living for an audience of one.”*

Did you know that people pleasing is a form of idolatry? The first commandment in the Ten Commandments says, *“You shall have no other gods before me”* (Exodus 20:3 NIV).

Anything you put before God becomes a god. So a boat could be a god. A career could be a god. A girlfriend could be a god. Golf could be a god. Anything that becomes number one in your life that isn’t God becomes your god.

The second commandment is, *“You must not make for yourself an idol”* (Exodus 20:4 NLT).

Anything that replaces God in your life is an idol. Success can be an idol. Money can be an idol. Sex can be an idol. A relationship can become an idol. If that relationship to your spouse, boss, or friend is more important than God, it’s an idol.

People pleasers allow other people’s opinions to take first place in their lives. Those opinions become a god because they matter more than God’s opinion. You don’t want to tell people you’re a Christian because they might think less of you. You don’t want them to know you go to church because they may not like you. At that point, you have another god in your life. You have made an idol of people pleasing.

Paul says in Galatians 1:10, *“I’m not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s servant”* (NLT).

Almost everyone wants to be liked. It’s tempting to want to please other people. But don’t do it at the expense of pleasing God. As a servant of Christ, you have an audience of one. You need to only please God.



Why is the Lord “Letting” This Happen?

A lot of us are wondering about our economy, “Why is the Lord letting this happen?”

Biblically, God is not just “letting” this happen; He is the “Arranger.”

Consider Jonah. God gave Jonah a mission—to preach repentance to Nineveh. But Jonah used his free will to run away from God.

He boarded a ship going in the opposite direction. But God arranged for “*a powerful wind over the sea, causing a violent storm...*” (*Jonah 1:4*). Did that “circumstance” get Jonah’s attention? Yes, but instead of turning back to God, he continued to resist. So the sailors tossed him overboard.

Thus endeth the story of Jonah? Not at all.

“*Now the LORD had arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah*” (*1:17*). Finally, Jonah, of his own free will, agrees to the mission God gave him—to preach repentance to Nineveh. And Jonah was successful—they did repent. And Jonah was angry about it.

So Jonah sat down and waited to see what Nineveh would do. “*And the LORD God arranged for a leafy plant*” (*4:6*) to shade him while he watched. Jonah was grateful for the respite from the heat.

“*But God also arranged for a worm*” (*4:7*) during the night to eat through the plant—to help Jonah understand why he wanted to save Nineveh.

It’s too bad we have free will—at least when we resist God. When we resist Him, we force God to sovereignly arrange (or rearrange) our circumstances until we see the light and follow His will.

Have you been refusing God’s call on your life? Have you been running away from God? For many of us, God is using this recession to “arrange” our circumstances so that we will get back to the essentials: surrender, worship, prayer, reading God’s word, love, faith, reverence, obedience, glorifying God, reconciling relationships, doing good works, living humble lives, and working for the “peace and prosperity” of our nation (*Jeremiah 29:7*).

This recession is God’s grace. God is not the Great Observer; He is the Arranger of all things. He is sovereignly arranging your circumstances so that you will choose His way of your own free will. Rejoice and be glad—God has arranged your rescue.

Just a Lump of Clay

“That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Cor. 12:10



Martin Luther once said, “God created the world out of nothing, and so long as we are nothing, He can make something out of us.” And yet, it is so very hard to be nothing. We like to think we’re somebody and when people tell us we’re wonderful, we want to believe every word. It is human nature to look at our successes and achievements.

I’m not saying we should dwell on our failures or live with constant self-criticism. I’m convinced that God doesn’t want that from us. But neither does He want us proud.

The very best way to be a servant of the Lord is to become a lump of clay in His hands. His design for our lives is perfect – Only He can take an ordinary lump of life and make it beautiful. I’m reminded of that wonderful chorus we used to sing. “Something beautiful, something good. All my confusion, He understood. All I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife, but He made something beautiful out of my life.”

God knows just what each of us needs to shape us perfectly. To become a lump of clay in God’s hands means total surrender on our part. The words He longs to hear from us are: “Here I am Lord, break me, mold me, and make me into whatever you want.”

We need to ask God to remind us that we are lumps of clay. Then we need to place our lives with their flaws and needs in His strong, creative hands. He will make us useful and we will bless others with a touch of His love.

One Final Laugh...



I recently heard of a pastor who put sanitary hot air hand dryers in the rest rooms at his church and after two weeks took them out.

People asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine but when he went in there he saw a sign that read: *“For a sample of this week’s sermon, push the button.”*



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