

HELLO AND WELCOME

Welcome to our assembly! If you are a visitor, we encourage you to fill out a visitors card located on the back of the pew in front of you, and place it in the collection plate when it is passed.

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

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| Bible Study | 10:00 am |
| Morning Worship | 10:45 am |
| Evening Worship | 6:00 pm |

Wednesday

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| Bible Study | 7:00 pm |
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A BOOK FOR THE WORLD

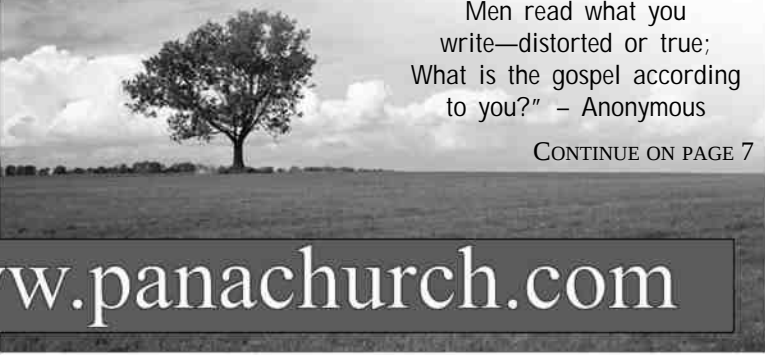
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How closely is your life viewed by those around you? I would imagine that it is evident by the most casual observer that the person that makes a claim of being different or something special is viewed more closely and critically than one not making any claims. For example, a

person that makes the claim of being a child of all mighty God will, no doubt, have every step he or she steps investigated by those that are skeptical of the claim. A famous but anonymous poem is often quote. It reads like this:

"You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day,
 By the deeds that you do and the words that you say.
 Men read what you write—distorted or true;
 What is the gospel according to you?" – Anonymous

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

PRAYER LIST

HEALTH

Sarah Adams
Dawn Copes
Don Craig
Bill Cyrus
Dottie Daniels
Darrel Eastham
Ann Egan
Tom & LaVonne Haines
Keith Hodges
Beulah Keppler
Bob Meiers
Gaylin Miller
Liz Miller
Mike Miller
Janice Ortman
Hallie & Don Phillips
Fay Runyon
Mark Young
Shirley Young
Geco "Hannah's Aunt"

ENCOURAGEMENT AND TRAVELING

Bill Copes
Don Craig
Bob Whitaker
Matt Wood

ORDER OF SERVICE

MORNING

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| Song Leader | David Craig |
| Opening Prayer | Arnold Miller |
| Lord's Table | Doug Cyrus |
| Assist | Bob Calvert |
| Assist | Jerry Witt |
| Assist | Charlie Bryson |
| Lesson | Shawn Daniels |
| Closing Prayer | Don Phillips |

EVENING

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| Song Leader | Singing Night |
| Opening Prayer | |
| Lesson | |
| Closing Prayer | |

TODAY'S SERMON

You Are Save, If...

(Romans 6:3-4) "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

(Rom 3:23) "Whom God hat set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forebearance of God."

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A gospel preacher by the name of R.L. Whiteside once wrote, "The world reads your religion in what you do. They figure that if your religion will not save you from the devil now, it will not in the world to come." This is a true and sound observation from brother Whiteside. The worth of our religion to us is clearly seen in the fruits that it produces in our lives. Jesus made this same observation when he said, "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." (Matthew 7:16-20)

By our fruits, the world observes the worth of our claim and our religion. We as children of God must live up to the claim. We must wield a positive influence to society.

The influence of the Christian is often explained in parables in the Bible. One example is seen in Matthew 13:33. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." This parable describes the influential power of the church and Christians. When making homemade biscuits, a person may use two cups of flour, while only using two teaspoons of baking powder. Two cups is influenced by two teaspoons. This is the power a Christian influence can have on our society.

Another example is seen in light and salt. (Matthew 5:13,14) Light has the

power to influence darkness and illuminate what was before unseen. Salt has the power to preserve and season whatever it touches. This is, again, is the power a Christian influence can have on our society.

But in order to have this influence, we must live up to our claim. Paul says, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." (Colossians 3:17) If we are children of God, we must do all things in accordance to God's will. Examine your own life. Can you honestly say that all things that you do is in the name of Jesus – by his authority? If not, then will you work on changing those actions? Anything less is insufficient for your salvation, and a black-eye to Christ's church in society.

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To be an influential book for the world, we as Christians must set our "affection on things above, not on things on the earth." (Colossians 3:2) Instead

of being a road block to the sinner, we as an influential book must guide the sinner to God. (Rom 14:13) We need to be uncompromising when it comes to God's word. Jude says to "earnestly contend for the faith." (Jude 3) We must make a stand for truth and integrity! Not only is it impossible to walk down both sides of the street, but it is discouraging to watch a person try!

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Sermon Notes

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