

Gentiles. But Paul said it doesn't matter (vv. 18-19). Neither state makes you any better or worse off in God's sight. So be content in whichever of these states you were called in and stay there.

The second example is slavery. Many Christians in Paul's day were slaves. Their situation was not ideal. Sometimes masters were harsh; that is what Peter talked about (1 Pet. 2:18-20). Paul said if you can be set free then use that opportunity (v. 20). If you cannot, then don't worry about it (v. 21). You can be a Christian and go to heaven either way.

This is a valuable lesson. No matter how good your situation in life is, there will always be things you wish you could change. No matter how bad the circumstances are, you can always be a Christian because you always have a friend in Jesus. "Be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:6).

Marriage is not always an ideal relationship. You may want a perfect wedding with a happy ending, but reality can be far different. There are ups and downs. Personalities clash. Sin destroys trust and robs the home of joy. Religious differences cause friction. Children interfere and betray. Death can come calling at any time. The important thing is to trust in God and live for Him regardless of what happens.

Paul said your marital status or the state of your marriage is not what's most important. Whether you are married to a Christian, are married to a non-Christian, are not married at all, or were married but lost your spouse, his message is the same. This life is short, and your earthly conditions are temporary. It's your soul that really matters.

A word of caution is in order about Paul's words. He is not talking about sinful situations. He is not saying, for instance, that if you were living in a sinful situation like adultery or fornication when you were baptized, it's right to stay in that relationship. That would go against everything he has already said. Paul is not telling anyone to stay in an unscriptural marriage. Some have abused this passage to try to justify unbiblical unions, and this is twisting what Paul said.

Kerry Duke, *West End church of Christ, Livingston, TN*

Those requesting prayer

Grant Killion, Carol Killion, Frances Hagar, Martha Spikes Rampey, Richard Rapert, Shirley Dixon, Nick VanAkin. Gert Jacobson, Laura Hodge, Randy Land, Harvey Murphy, Dean Smith. **Remember all the shut-ins and those in the nursing homes.**

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THIS WEEK'S RADIO LESSONS

on KPOC:

Sun: A Righteous Life – Part 1

Mon: The Sons of Korah

Tue: The Two Covenants

Wed: Identifying the Church

Thu: Understanding the Bible

Fri: Good Ground

Remember the shut-ins and those in the nursing home with a visit, call, or card. Also remember them in prayer

Stonebridge

Wanda Counts, 111

Randolph County Nursing Home

Elsie Prewitt, 106

Earl Hagar, 109

Marie Murphy, 134

Jennifer Burr, 204

Charlcie Hufstedler, 223

Anna Lemmons, 332

Bonnie Kellett, 335

Jenafee Brunner, 403

Gwen Futrell, 419

BULLETIN INFO:

Please give "News and Events" to **Tom and Carolyn Towell**. You can call 892-5087, 870-930-7344 or 870-930-7355 and leave a message. Email address is tctowell@centurytel.net

ITEMS for April

CHILDREN'S HOME

Laundry Detergent/Fabric Softener

UKRAINE MISSION

Individual Soap/Hand Sanitizer

NEWS AND EVENTS

Jenafee Brunner is in room 403 at Randolph Home. Her pneumonia is better but she still has some infections.

Cara Bryant had laser oral surgery Friday in Knoxville, TN. The surgery was successful.

Carolyn Towell saw the orthopedic surgeon Friday. While her wrist is fractured it is a clean break and will not require surgery. She has to continue wearing the brace and will have a repeat x-ray in 2 weeks.

Harvey Murphy is still waiting on test results. **Marie Murphy** is over pneumonia

Kristie Dement's uncle Dean Smith had a better report at the doctor Friday. While his condition is still grave he is more stable than he was last week.

Many have been interested in the progress of **Kristie's dad**, Richard Rapert. He took his first steps with a walker Friday. He is also showing better range of motion in his arms. Thank you for all your prayers.

Pyburn Street will be responsible for the singing May 4th.

Refreshments will be served after the singing at 8:00. If you are willing to help furnish finger foods, talk to Carolyn Towell.

Eddie Cloer will be speaking tonight and giving report on Truth For Today.

Plan of Salvation

Hear – Romans 10:17 “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”.

Believe – John 8:24 “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”.

Repent – Luke 13:3 “I tell you, nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish”.

Confess – Romans 10:10 “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”.

Be Baptized – I Peter 3:21 “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ”.

Local Missions

KPOC 104.1 FM–RADIO PROGRAMS

Sunday morning @ 8:00 AM

Mon. – Fri. @ 6:15, 11:55, & 4:55

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY

Sunday-7:30 AM on Cable 13 (Memphis)

Sunday-7:30 AM on Cable 4 (Little Rock)

Sunday-7:30 AM on Direct Channel 367

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Sunday-9:00 AM on Cable 9 (KAIT 8)

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Sunday-6:30 AM on Dish Channel 267

World Missions

Ted Knight, Romania

John Reese, World Bible School, Africa

Eddie Cloer, Truth for Today

Ted Lingren, Cambodia

Website—

www.pyburnstreetchurchofchrist.com

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Announcements: Mike Dunn
Song Leader: Tom Towell
Speaker: Josh Dement
AM Sermon: Becoming Disciples of Christ-Part 2
Scripture: Matthew 10:24-25
PM: Eddie Cloer- Guest Speaker

Presiding at Table

David Futrell

East

Wayne Smith

Don McGuirt

Sunday Evening: David Futrell

West

Joey Bryant

David Dement

Sunday Morning Worship

First Prayer Joey Bryant

Closing Prayer: David Lemmons

Read Scripture: Jay Don Wilson

Sunday Evening Worship

First Prayer: Don McGuirt

Closing Prayer David Burkheart

Wednesday Night (April 17)

First Prayer Ed Stormes

Closing Prayer Joey Bryant

Invitation Josh Dement

Preparation of Communion for April

Josh and Kristie Dement

Sunday Services

Bible Study 9:00 AM

Worship 9:50 AM

Evening Service 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

Mats for Haiti

Ladies Bible Class 10:30am

Elders

David Futrell 870-378-3513

Tom Towell 870-892-5087

Minister

Joshua Dement 870-378-5551

WELCOME VISITORS!!

We appreciate our visitors and encourage you to fill out a “Visitor’s Card” located on the back of the pew in front of you.

April Birthdays

Tara Prewitt-6

Mykala Lemmons -10

Alta Crawford--12

Jenafee Brunner-- 14

Lisa Dement--16

Harvey Murphy--17

Brad Rice--19

Becky Miller--22

Gary Dixon --25

In the Footsteps of Jesus

Pyburn Street church of Christ

305 Pyburn Street, P.O. Box 187, Pocahontas, AR 72455

870-892-5596

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Abide in the Same Calling

Do the best you can in whatever circumstance you face. Your situation in life is never completely ideal. Make the most of it regardless of the obstacles. There are some circumstances you can change, there are some you cannot. But you can live the Christian life either way. Earthly conditions don’t last. Even here they change quickly. So focus on the state of your soul, not on the advantages or disadvantages of your physical environment.

Joseph made the best out of out a bad situation. So did Daniel. Do your best to have the same attitude. This is Paul’s lesson in 1 Corinthians 7:17-24. He is teaching these Christians about marriage. Some of them were married to non-Christians. That is not the best or ideal situation, but it is not sinful, and God says it is a marriage and so you are to do the best you can. Paul says to stay with your mate (vv. 12-13), even if your spouse is not a Christian.

To illustrate this point, Paul uses other examples. The first is circumcision. This was not just a physical matter. It was a sign of the separation of Jews and Gentiles. Uncircumcision meant you were a Gentile; circumcision signified you were a Jew. Being a Gentile meant you would be shunned by Jews; being a Jew meant you would be resented by the (con’t)