

THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

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"BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT"

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST, JACKSON, TENNESSEE

Word of the Week

There's a missing word among many, if not most Christians. Most preachers rarely, if ever, use the word. It's found 53 times in the Bible. It's a word used by Jesus. John. Luke. Paul. Peter. and James. We claim to believe it. Obey it. And teach it. Ironically, we substitute another word in its place that is not found in the Bible! Can you guess what the word is?**Scripture!**

We talk about what the Bible says, yet the Bible word for its contents is Scripture! The word "Scripture" literal means "a writing, or a thing written." However, "scripture" is used to identify the sacred writings. Paul calls them "the holy Scriptures" (**Rom. 1:2**). "Scripture" most often refers specifically to the Old Testament writings. The expression "the Scripture says" in the New Testament points back to a passage from an Old Testament prophet.

Jesus used the scriptures to point people to God and to identify Himself as the Messiah. (**John 5:39**) The apostles argued from Scripture to prove their points, elicit faith in their hearers and demonstrate that Jesus was the Christ. (**Acts 18:28**) **2 Timothy 3:16**, reminds us of the Scripture's value. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." The apostle Paul affirmed that the Scripture is inspired. Not inspired in the sense of an "ah-ha" moment. Or a stroke of genius. But in a divine sense. The word "inspired" literally means "God breathed." Paul affirms four ways the Scripture helps us.

(1) The Scripture shows you what is right!

Paul calls this doctrine or teaching. Without the Word we are ignorant of what is right in the sight of God. Paul said the Jews in his day were ignorant of God's righteousness. Instead they established their own system of righteousness. It reminds me of some folks today. We are admonished not to be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is (**Eph. 5:17**). The Scripture shows us what is right religiously. Morally. Ethically. I can know how to live right in my relationship with others. In my family life. In my business and social dealings. And most importantly how to be right with God!

(2) The Scripture shows you what is wrong!

Paul calls this reproof. It means to convict or refute error. The Scripture reproves us when we get off the path, when we get away from what is right. The world today doesn't know what is wrong. In fact, it's not politically correct to say anything or anyone is wrong. The watch word today is tolerance. We are told that we must accept any idea, belief or lifestyle, regardless of how bizarre or outlandish it is! The only thing wrong, is to say anyone is wrong! The Scripture teaches some things are wrong! It is wrong to lie. To lust. To cheat. To steal. To commit fornication. To hate others. To gossip. To be greedy. The Scripture is our standard. It rebukes us when we are wrong

(3) The Scripture help you get right!

Paul calls it correction. It means to straighten up or reform. Rectifying what is wrong. Setting things right. It's the idea of admonition and restitution. It gets us on the right path. If we're honest, we admit what is right and forsake what is wrong. We get right by reforming our lives. By changing to conform to Truth. By allowing the Word to convict our consciences and change our lives. The Scripture will correct my attitude and fill me with love. Correct my motives and make them pure. Correct my actions and make them godly.

(4) The Scripture helps you stay right

Paul calls this instruction in righteousness. It's nurturing, training and teaching. Righteousness stands in opposition to unrighteousness. The Scripture shows us how to live. Really live. Instruction in righteous living helps us to correct our mistakes, curb our passions, and control our lives by continued personal growth (**2 Pet. 3:18**). Through Bible Study (**2 Tim. 2:15**) Through a Closer Walk with God. Through Fellowship with Other Believers. Like the Bereans, let's "search the Scriptures daily!" (**Acts 17:11**) In them you will find eternal life.

We are so grateful that you have made the decision to join our family, today, as we worship our Almighty God! If you have any questions or inquiries, please feel free to ask any of our members and we would be more happy to answer as best we can! Please accept our invitation to join us, again, when you have the opportunity.

-Ken Weliever, thepreachersword.com



Speaker:
NICK ANGEL
Sunday AM Notes 5-3-2015

STRIVING FOR
Excellence

Mediocrity: something that is _____ but not very _____.

Apathy: lack of _____, _____, or _____.

• God _____.

Solomon, "for our _____ is _____ than all the gods."

Solomon felt that God's house must be _____ and _____.

• God _____.

Some of Israel were offering the _____ and _____ to God.

God is _____ and not _____ when we give Him less than our _____.

Paul recognized that mediocrity would be the _____ of Christians.

• God _____ us to _____.

Pursuing Excellence begins with an _____ mindset.

We should _____ greater things.

We should _____ on and forward towards glory.

We should do all things with all our _____.

GLORIFYING
GOD



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Sunday PM Notes 5-3-2015

Lessons from the Eunuch

- _____ to _____ are everywhere.

Paul taught people by the _____ and in _____.

- _____ seekers will find _____ and the _____.

God wants _____ to be _____.

- Teaching _____ does not have to take a _____.

An individual doesn't have to _____ about God and

the _____ in order to obey the _____.

- _____ is an _____ act of _____.

Why stop the _____ if?.....

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Times of Worship & Bible Study

Sunday:

9:30 AM Bible Study

10:30 AM Worship Service: You can expect heart felt singing, reverent prayer, preaching from the Word of God, a focused and reverent observance of the Lord's Supper, and an opportunity for the saints of Pleasant Plains to give back to the Lord.

5:00 PM Worship Service

Wednesday:

7:00 PM Bible Study and Worship

Weekly Attendance

Last Sunday AM Worship.....111

Last Sunday PM Worship.....81

Last Wednesday Bible Study.....88

In Our Prayers

RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:

-Lisa Paul (Amy Gateley's sister) suffering from numerous health issues and was recently diagnosed with cancer. She had her surgeries this past Monday and is recovering from them.

-Faye Spence...recovering from an outpatient procedure a week ago.

CONTINUED PRAYERS:

-Janice Williams (Becky Waddell's sister)...Hospice has been called in. Let's be praying for Becky and family during this difficult time.

-Robin Hill..... battling cancer.

-Jamie Neal and family (Nancy Phillips' friend)...Battling Melanoma.

-Ashley Pickens (Brent Holt's cousin)... Battling Cancer.

-Louise Stitt (Amy Gailey's mother)... Battling leukemia.

-Barbara Leonard...Battling cancer and COPD.

-Pray for the work of this church. The fields are white and we need to be hard at work to spread the Gospel to as many lost souls as possible.

-Men and women making the sacrifice to protect the freedoms of this country.

If you have any updates or additions to the prayer list, please see Nick (in person, phone call, text, or email) so we can keep the bulletin up to date.

Pleasant Plains News

Upcoming Bible Studies & Events

Men's Bible Class - June 6th at 7:30AM at Panera Bread. Our subject of study is "Do Things Well." Please read chapter 6.

Teen Devo - May's location and date yet to be determined.

Couples Class - Next class and material yet to be determined.

Ladies Class - May 5th at Denise Cagle's home at 10:00AM. Lesson 9 will be covered.

Vacation Bible School- June 15-19. Please be making your plans to have your children here for this great event!

Area Gospel Meetings & Events

●**Gospel Meeting: Oak Avenue Church of Christ in Dickson, TN.** Don Truex will be presenting lessons May 3-6 on 1st Century Christianity in the 21st Century. Sunday at 9am, 10am, 2pm for singing, & 3pm. M-W at 7pm.

●**Gospel Meeting: Jackson Heights Church of Christ in Columbia, TN.** Max Dawson will be presenting lessons May 3-6 on the Assurance of Your Salvation. Sunday 9:15am, 10:15am, & 5pm and M-W at 7pm.

●**Gospel Meeting: West Fayette Church of Christ in Eads, TN.** Gary Henry will be preaching May 3-8. Sunday at 9am, 10am, & 5pm. M-F @7:30pm.

●**Gospel Meeting: Medina Church of Christ.** Steve Klein will be preaching May 6-10. W-F at 7pm, Sat. at 3pm, & Sunday 9am and 5pm.

●**Middle Tennessee Song Leader Workshop.** July 23-25 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Registration can be done at www.songleaderworkshop.com.

Daily Bible Reading For This Week: I Samuel 18-25; I Chronicles 3-7; Psalms 52, 52, 57, 59; Acts 13-17
Please make an effort to be in daily reading and meditation of God's Word! It's never too late to join your brothers and sisters of Pleasant Plains as we dive into God's Word. Read the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament or any combination of the three and glorify God in your study and growth in 2015!