TIME OF SERVICES

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Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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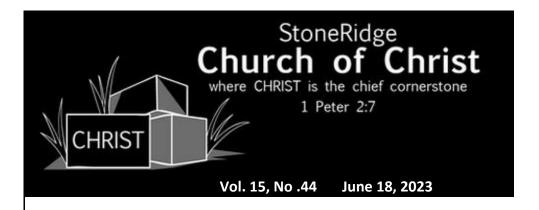
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COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE
NOT JOINED A DENOMINATION.



A TERRIBLE BLUNDER

I have a sermon I used to preached called "The Seven Blunders Of The World." One of those is PRESUMPTUOUS SINS. They arise from the assumption man has the right to make his own laws in religion. Jeremiah said: "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer 10:23). Man has invented all kinds of things in religion that have made him "feel good" about himself. Men get the approval of the public and they think they have the approval of God (Prov 14:12). That has rarely been true.

To act presumptuously in religion is to do that for which there is no divine authority (Mk 7). "Will-worship" (worship that is designed to please the will of the worshipper rather than the one being worshipped) is condemned (Col 2:23). Men think they can make their own rules and delete God's – or just not even have any rules in worship, and somehow God's gonna like it. They come together in their associations, conferences and conventions to vote. (How much of a majority does it take to overturn the will of God?). They trust in themselves but give lip service to God. Why can they not see what they're doing? They follow the philosophy that "I'm Ok & you're OK" in religion. If there ever was a case of men setting themselves up as judges, this is it. We have no right to judge that "Everybody is O.K.", when Christ says they're not. They take over Christ's role and they judge things to be right that are totally unauthorized by Scripture.

When they can't find it in Bible, they blame it on God by saying –"Well, I felt led by the Holy Spirit." That's always a good cop-out, when you can't find it in the Bible. But, you're feelings aren't the standard. The Holy Spirit doesn't lead people

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to do things they can't find authority for in Scriptures. Don't try to put the blame on Him. It's called presumptuous sin (Ps 19:13). Humans fail to realize man is **incapable** of guiding himself. There is **one guide** for all of us – God, in His word. We should hang on every syllable He uttered and do our best to find out what it means (Acts 17:11,12). We have an **obligation** to study and learn his will and **forego** our own.

Jesus said "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he that **doeth the will** of my Father who is in heaven" (Mt 7:21). That verse answers the question of "Who is going to heaven?" He said everybody's not going but just those that do his Father's will. That should forever settle the question of whether there is something to **do**.

No one else is going. Let it be understood that Jesus said there's something to do. We are in no position to argue with that. Look at Mt 7:22,23 - "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Jesus said there are MANY religious people that claim to be following him that aren't going to make it! There are many "wonderful works" in eyes of men that aren't wonderful in eyes of God. There is no greater blunder than substituting our way for His (Isa 55:8,9). -db

May you always have love to share, health to spare, and friends who care.

While Christ has gone into heaven to represent us, He has left us on earth to represent Him.

A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms.

News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. Larry Hill (brother of Phyllis Harris (is in St Bernard Hospital ICU. He fell off of a ladder and has 8 broken ribs!... We were glad to see Francis Jones able to be here last week after shoulder surgery... Pat Spencer received a good report recently. We're happy for her!.... Karen Livesay has also been having a tough time and needs our attention... Remember our shut-ins: Madonna Vines is confined at home... Bob and Jean Evans are also confined at home...Rhea Vines is recovering from surgery at her son, Roger's, house...Gail Brooks and Rita Kieffer are both at St. Bernard Village...Shirley Coots at Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... Joyce Riley is at St. Elizabeth's Place... Pray for these!.

YOUTH TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP! We had our first class on June 3 on learning to make an outline. Next class will be early in July at the Weavers'. Get on board and pray for our young people.

GOSPEL MEETINGS (Mark your calendar!) JULY 17-21 STONERIDGE - VBS!!

August 3-4 - 10th Annual Ladies Bible Study - Hwy 5 Mountain Home

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