



Welcome

Welcome to the assembly of the church of Christ that meets at Georgia Avenue, where we strive to follow God's plan for the New Testament church as closely as possible. Thank you for coming. We are encouraged by your presence and invite you to search the scriptures with us.

Sermon Text & Title

AM: "What is Truth?"

John 18:37-38

PM: "Why God Sought
to Kill Moses"

Exodus 4:24-26

Schedule of Services

<i>Sun Bible Study</i>	9 AM
<i>Sun AM Worship</i>	10 AM
<i>Sun New Converts</i>	4 PM
<i>Sun PM Worship</i>	5 PM
<i>Wed Bible Class</i>	7 PM

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK:

Miniature Definition of the Christian Life

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity" KJV. The New King James reads: "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, and be, strong. Let all that you do be done with love." The language here calls the Christian to live a careful, committed, courageous, competent and charitable life.

We are to be **careful** in that Paul tells us to "watch." "Watch" is translated from a word that means "to be on the alert, to keep your eyes open." So many bad things happen to us simply because we are not always careful enough. We don't pay attention like we should. Haven't we all made mistakes behind the wheel because we didn't watch as carefully as we should? How many students who actually know the material make low test grades because they are careless? How many times have we bought the wrong thing at the store because we just didn't look closely at the package? Now the consequences of careless mistakes like these things vary in importance, but they all pale in comparison to the consequences of spiritual carelessness when it comes to our spiritual lives we need to keep our eyes open, 1 Thes. 5:21, 1 Jn. 4:1, 1 Tim. 4:16.

Paul also told us to be **committed** when he said to "stand fast in the faith? The word here means to "stand firm in something." If we want to be spiritually successful we be firm in our dedication to the faith of Christ, His saving Gospel, Rom. 1:16, 5:1. In Eph. 6:13-14, Paul said "Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness...". The last two of the three words translated here are the same as in 1 Cor. 16:13, the first has in it more of the idea of "resistance". The word of God gives us the ability to stand and resist all the evil the world may cast our way. But only if we are committed to it and the faith it engenders in us, Rom. 10:17.

Paul also calls us to **courage**. He said "quit you like men." The lexicon says this word means "play the man" or "conduct oneself in a manly way." The idea is to exemplify the courage that belongs to a mature man who understands his responsibility to withstand any and every wrong. There is a blessing for everyone who embraces courage. Remember Paul's admonition to Timothy: "...God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" 2 Tim. 1:7.

Paul requires of us that we be **competent** when he says "be strong." Jesus grew "strong in spirit" Luke 2:40 and was thus equipped for His most daunting challenges. A strong Christian is one who knows the Word and lives accordingly, 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Tim. 4:16 again.

Lastly, Paul encourages us to do all things in **charity** or love. He said to "let all your things be done with charity." Whatever I do it must be done with love? What a challenge! Think how great our life and our influence could be if we would apply this concept of doing all things with and out of love. Jesus said along time ago, "By this shall all men know, you are my disciples, by the love we have one for another." Jn. 13:35.

Carefulness, commitment, courage, competence, and charity; these words are a miniature definition of the Christian life. Let us therefore be thankful for the Word of God, the guide and pattern for our lives.

Bro. Gene Cooper

If God be for us, who could be against us...

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”

BIBLE STUDY TOOLS - MANNERS & CUSTOMS BOOKS

#5 For the serious Bible student, a good book about the manners and customs of biblical times can be a great asset. In order to more fully understand the Bible, it is imperative that we learn something about the manners and customs of biblical times. Our reading is more meaningful when we understand the civilizations, geography, climate, government, laws, warfare, housing, diet, dress, family life, religion, work, travel, commerce, etc. that affected the people we read about. Most books on manners and customs include relevant scriptural references and a large number of photographs of Bible lands and related artifacts that can really help one to visualize what he or she is reading.

Bro. Melvin Otey

Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Converts Class. Today and each Sunday at 4PM.

Door Knocking, Sat, 05/24, 10AM-12PM. Let's meet at the bldg at 9:45AM.

Men's/Women's Classes & Cong. Meeting, Wed, 05/28, 7PM. Please come prepared for separate men's and women's devotional studies and a congregational meeting (a perfect time to discuss any concerns or ask any questions).

Reminder re: Bldg. Please straighten your area and place the song books and Bibles back in the chairs before leaving.

PRAYER REQUESTS

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

Usher	C. Merriweather
Song Leader	A. Johnson
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	D. Rogers
Scrip Reading	D. Rogers
Message	G. Cooper
Lord's Table	I. Thompson
Assist	M. Davis
	J. Green
Giving	I. Thompson
Benediction	M. Davis

PM

Usher	C. Merriweather
Song Leader	B. Crutcher
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	R. McQuirter
Scrip Reading	R. McQuirter
Message	M. Otey
Lord's Table	D. Rogers
Assist	I. Thompson
	K. Wall
Giving	D. Rogers
Benediction	N. Burkett

God's Plan of Salvation

Hear the Gospel. Rom 10:17
Believe in Jesus. John 8:24; Heb. 11:6
Repent of Sin. Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30
Confess Christ. Rom. 10:9-10
Be Baptized. Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38
The Lord adds you to the church.
 Acts 2:47
Live Faithful Unto Death. Rev. 2:10

STATISTICS

May 11, 2008

Sunday Class: 42 AM Worship: 44/55 PM Worship: NC Wed Class: 35

Clean Up This Month:

Brian Crutcher and Kamal Wall
Communion:
 Ivy Johnson & Lateisha Williams