



Northside Proclaimer

Proclaiming The Word Of The Lord

1 Thessalonians 1.8

Northside Church Of Christ Welcomes You!

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Whatever Jesus Says! Randy Cavender

In our society, most people are concerned about their rights. Individuals say that they have the right to do anything they desire, sometimes caring little who they hurt in the process. It seems that many have this attitude in the religious world also. They surmise that since we are constitutionally guaranteed religious freedom that we can believe anything that suits us. Consequently, it makes no difference what the Lord has said, as long as they can do what they want. When Jesus was at the wedding in Cana of Galilee and the wine supply was depleted, Mary, the mother of Jesus told her son about it. We find in verse 5, "His mother said to the servants, 'Whatever He says to you, do it'" (John 2:5).

The Colossians were taught "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col. 3:17). We need always to keep in our minds that Jesus is the one we must follow and heed the advice of Jesus' mother to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." What are some things that Jesus expects of us?

In Matt. 16:24 Jesus said, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Matt. 16:24). If one is going to follow Christ, he will have to deny himself.

There will be no more of this "my rights" attitude. We will voluntarily lay aside our wants and wishes and transform ourselves to obey the commandments of the Lord. If one is to please God, he will have to deny himself, by himself. But many have not done this! They simply do what they want in religious matters, failing to recognize Jesus as their Lord. Since Jesus said, "Let him deny himself" they should simply do it!

Furthermore, Jesus taught that we should follow His example. "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life" (John 8:12). Are you walking in the footsteps of Jesus? Do you look to the Son of God as your example in life? Many use the excuse that we cannot do this. But apparently Jesus thought differently, for he expects us to do as He has done (John 13:15). Peter also teaches us that we should follow Christ, "Leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps" (1 Pet. 2:21). Are you following the example that Christ has left for you? Do you make the effort to be Christ-like in your life? Remember, this is required of us. Therefore we should do it!

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Announcements

- Remember the shut in's.
- Pray for the church and one another.
- Remember the spiritual sick among us.
- Call or email Bryan to add announcements, thanks.
- **We need volunteers for door knocking. Please see Bryan.**
- **We need volunteers for picking folks up. Please see Bryan.**

Chronological Bible Reading Plan

Dec 6 2 Cor 10-13
Dec 7 Acts 20:1-3, Rom 1-3
Dec 8 Rom 4-7
Dec 9 Rom 8-10
Dec 10 Rom 11-13
Dec 11 Rom 14-16
Dec 12 Acts 20:4-23:35

Finally, we shall discuss another command that apparently troubles many people, i.e. baptism. When Jesus gave the Great Commission, He told His apostles to teach the gospel to all nations. He then taught them that, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mk. 16:16). We also have example after example in the book of Acts that teach us how people were converted to the Lord and one will find that baptism is in every account!

It amazes me that so many affirm that one does not have to be baptized to be saved. Sometimes they claim to have already been saved without it! But why do people try to get around a plain commandment of God? It seems to me that pride has kept some from doing everything God has said to do. Let us remember that if we fail to obey fully, we will be lost. Therefore what Christ has commanded, let us do it!

Let us stop questioning why the Lord has given us things to do. Let us simply with love for our Lord obey His every command. Therefore, "Whatever He says to you, do it" (John 2:5).

JUST SAY "NO" - Bob Myhan

During the 1980's, First Lady, Nancy Reagan, unofficially led an anti-drug abuse campaign by urging young people to just say "No" when enticed by others to use controlled substances. This is basically what Solomon told his son, and would tell all the sons of every generation, by writing, Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood; let us ambush the innocent without reason; like Sheol let us swallow them alive, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; we shall find all precious goods, we shall fill our houses with plunder; throw in your lot among us, we will all have one purse" – my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths, for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood. (Proverbs 1:8-19)

No one can make you do something you do not want to do. They can pressure you into going along with them by the threat of bodily harm or ridicule. But the wrong you will suffer by refusing to go along will pale in comparison to the reward you will receive for doing right (2 Cor. 4:17; 1 Peter 4:15,16).