

## WHO IS CHRIST?

In **Genesis** He is the **creator** and the **seed of woman**.

In **Exodus** He is the **Lamb of God** for slain sinners.

In **Leviticus** He is our **High Priest**.

In **Numbers** He is the **Star of Jacob**.

In **Deuteronomy** He is the **prophet like unto Moses**.

In **Joshua** He is the **Captain of the Lord's host**.

In **Judges** He is the **Messenger of Jehovah**.

In **Ruth** He is the **Kinsman Redeemer**.

In **Samuel** He is the **despised and rejected King**.

In **Kings** and **Chronicles** He is the **Lord of Lords and King of Kings**.

In **Ezra** and **Nehemiah** He is the **Lord of heaven and earth**.

In **Job** He is the **risen and returning Redeemer**.

In **Psalms** He is the **blessed man, the Son of God, the coming One, the reigning One, the leader of praise**.

In **Proverbs** He is **our wisdom**.

In **Ecclesiastes** He is the **forgotten wise man**.

In **Song of Solomon** He is **my beloved**.

In **Isaiah** He is **the suffering substitute**.

In **Jeremiah** He is **the Lord of righteousness**.

In **Lamentations** He is **the man of sorrows**.

In **Ezekiel** He is **the throne sitter**.

In **Daniel** He is **the smiting stone**.

In **Hosea** He is **David's great King**.

In **Joel** He is **the Lord of bounty**.

In **Amos** He is **the rescuer of Israel**.

In **Obadiah** He is **the deliverer unto Mount Zion**.

In **Jonah** He is **the buried and risen Savior**.

In **Micah** He is **the everlasting God**.

In **Nahum** He is **the stronghold in the day of wrath**.

In **Habakkuk** He is **the anchor of our faith**.

In **Zephaniah** He is **the judge and cleanser**.

In **Haggai** He is **the Lord of presence and power**.

In **Zechariah** He is **the smitten shepherd**.

In **Malachi** He is **the sun of righteousness**.

## THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

*Terry Joe Kee*

*"Thou shalt not commit adultery." (Exodus 20:14)*

To continue from last week and notice some things of interest showing the attitude toward this commandment today we cannot help but notice how many divorces occur in our country. Much of this can be understood when we take note of the changes of denominations teaching on this subject over the years. Also the churches of Christ have changed their attitudes in many places concerning God's New Testament law (Matt. 5:32; Matt. 19:9). Over the years almost every religion has loosened its stand on moral issues.

In 1956 the United Lutheran Church was being asked to change their stance on divorce and scrapping obstacles to remarriage in favor of more psychological guidelines. They were asked to abandon their rules that sanctioned remarriage of only the innocent party in a divorce. In their convention they abolished their long-standing restrictions on marriage of the guilty party after a divorce and decided to allow Lutheran *Pastors* to remarry any person who shows repentance.

Two years later in 1958 the Methodist church removed their requirements that a divorced person must be "adjudged innocent" before he can be considered fit for remarriage. The old rule specified that only the innocent party in a divorce could be remarried in the Methodist church. By throwing out the restriction, their lawmaking general conference substituted broader provisions basing the eligibility for remarriage on a person's "improved attitudes and intentions." In arguments during their conference *Rev. John W. McKelvey* of Lansdowne, PA protested the change as a departure from the "scriptural and historical concepts of marriage and divorce." However, *Rev. George Poor* of Chimacum, WA insisted the revision was "raising our standards and not letting them down."

In 1960, *Billy Graham*, was being asked about mission works in African nations where he said Christianity was primarily being seen as a "white-skinned" religion. He went on to say a major difficulty in spreading Christianity was the "insistence of monogamy" in a land of widespread multiple marriages due to the influence of Islam. *Mr. Graham* said that if a man has four wives and is converted to Christianity, "you cannot ask him to throw out his family." He said, "you cannot unscramble eggs. The next generation, however, must be taught monogamy." He said most *churches* accept persons as associate members and not full-fledged ones, although an active minority of missionaries favor dropping the restriction. *Mr. Graham* said, "Christ dealt with societies that practiced polygamy and Paul insisted only that missionaries have just one wife, not necessarily all members of the congregation."

And too, in the churches of Christ, the attitudes toward Matthew 19:9 has been changing. Many have been looking for some loophole to get around what is authorized in the New Testament. Some have pled for changes and seek to pull on the heartstrings because of children, or what happened before they obeyed the gospel, etc. Some in the church have begun preaching that baptism washes away sins, and that includes former spouses. This is in an effort to "be more compassionate and understanding." Books have been written trying to justify divorce for any and all reasons, as long as it occurred before baptism. Some have tried to make exceptions to God's law in Matthew 19:9 when children are involved. One said, "God would not want us to punish these children. He just expects you to repent."

However, God's law has not changed. Scriptural baptism demands repentance, even when the sin is an unscriptural marriage. A thief who repents must not only give up stealing, but he must make restitution whenever and wherever possible. The Corinthians had to put away their adultery and fornication if they are washed, sanctified and justified (I Cor. 6:9-11).

With all the changing attitudes toward divorce and remarriage in all religions, can we not see why there are so many divorces and the accompanying attitudes today with regard to divorce and remarriage?

## NEWS AND NOTES

“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)

*Brandie Hudson's granddaughter* is sick with Covid, which has Brandie and Mark Brewer's family quarantined. *Lanafae Stephens* is at home recovering after recent surgeries.

*Andy Taylor, Sheryl's son*, is at home now, but having dialysis twice each week.

*Jane Brewer*, Mark's mother, has returned home after a recent stay at NEA Baptist Hospital.

*Please continue to pray for all of these and others who are at home recovering from recent surgeries, confinement, or bereavement.*

## IN OTHER NEWS:

“Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.” (Hebrews 10:24)

*Ukraine Missions Buckets*: January items are baby powder and small Bibles.

*Copies of the directory* are on a table by the picture board. Please look at your information and either mark ok or make necessary corrections, please.

*Birthday & Anniversary Celebration* will follow evening services, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Ladies Night Out* will be Tuesday night, February 8<sup>th</sup> in the basement.

*Men's Breakfast* will be Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

### Those Privileged To Serve January 30, 2022

#### SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Mark Wooten  
Opening Prayer: Barry Roush  
Closing Prayer: David Loggins  
Bible Reading: Scott Pratt  
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

#### LORD'S TABLE

Presiding: Mark Brewer  
Jerry Dodson Dan Nichols  
Scottie Blanchard Jeff Presley  
Donnie Gilliland Hayden Roush

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy Oden

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Scottie Blanchard  
Opening Prayer: Mark Wooten  
Closing Prayer: Jerry Dodson  
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

February 2, 2022  
Song Leader: *Singing Night*  
Opening Prayer: Mike Felts  
Closing Prayer: Mitch Mosley

#### DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

February 2, 2022  
J. L. May

### NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK Week Of January 23, 2022

Sunday Bible Study	65
Sunday AM Worship	116
Sunday PM Worship	90
Wednesday Bible Study	69
Contribution	\$5491

**“A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.”**

**Proverbs 27:3**

# The Friend of Truth

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“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)

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## KeeNotes

### WHAT MAKES A GREAT CHURCH?

1. **In order for the church to be great, it must be loyal to the Word of God.** After the church was established in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost after the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, we read, “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine...” (Acts 2:42). John said, “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son” (2 John 9). It makes no difference how large a church may be, nor how many cars fill its parking lot, or how much benevolent work it does, if it does not first manifest loyalty to the Word of God, it is not truly a great church.

2. **A great church must be faithful, but it also must be fruitful.** We cannot emphasize loyalty to the truth to much, but that loyalty must be coupled with zeal. We are to be “zealous of good works” (Titus 2:14). Remember, brethren, Paul did not say “jealous” of good works, but “zealous.” He admonished the Galatians, “And let us not be weary in well doing...” (Gal. 6:9). Solomon well said, “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might...” (Eccl. 9:10). We must not only preach and teach the Truth, but we must live the Truth. John wrote to Gaius, saying, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth” (3 John 4). Paul told Titus that we are “to be ready to every good work” (Tit. 3:1).

3. **For true greatness a church must be liberal – no not liberal in doctrine, but liberal in giving.** Of the Macedonians Paul said, “...but first gave their own selves to the Lord...” (2 Cor. 8:5). Paul further stated, “He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” We receive as we give; if it is little, we receive little. If we give much, we receive much. How difficult it is to learn that simple lesson! Jesus said, “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again” (Luke 6:38).

4. **Greatness in a congregation is also dependent, to a large extent, upon the spirit of its members.** Paul always had a special affection for the Philippians, and he said, “I thank God upon every remembrance of you” (Phil. 1:3). Some congregations are able to cultivate a spirit of closeness and a bond of fellowship which distinguishes them. A man recently told me of a closeness and joy he found in a congregation in another state where he lived. He had visited other churches, but never found that spirit again. Having held meetings in that congregation, I knew whereof he spoke. We need to develop a spirit whereby we are all “of one heart and one soul” (Acts 4:32).

Alan E. Highers

#### SHEPHERDS

Dan Nichols  
Randy Oden

#### DEACONS

Scottie Blanchard  
Jerry Dodson  
Stacy Eddleman  
Mike Felts  
Jason Garland  
Scott Pratt  
Kevin Roush  
Mark Wooten

#### EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee

#### MISSIONARIES

Samrit Kammanee,  
Southeast Asia  
Micah Robertson,  
Montana  
Warren, PA

#### SERVICES

##### SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

##### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

#### What Must I Do To Be Saved?

**Hear** the Word of God  
*Romans 10:17*

**Believe** the Word of God  
*John 8:24*

**Repent** of your sins  
*Luke 13:3*

**Confess** your faith in Jesus as the Son of God  
*Romans 10:9,10*

**Be Baptized** for the remission of your sins  
*Acts 2:38*

**Live faithfully**  
*Revelation 2:10*

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (2 Cor. 5:17)

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