

For Our Information

Joyce Venable has a doctor appointment this week about her throat pain.

Annette Gray is in North Carolina visiting with Shane and his family this week.

Carolynn Richmond returns to Houston soon for a check up.

Several members have ongoing health issues and we should help in whatever way we can.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day

Contact Us

We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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stands. *"Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, 'And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?'"* **Jeremiah 23:29**

(No matter what man may desire, God's Word is ALWAYS right. Using different words to describe what God has made sinful will not change this truth. Man has, almost from the beginning tried to rationalize his actions by pointing to other men as examples. God has never accepted such rationalization. As children of God, set for the defense of truth, we cannot allow our minds to be clouded by the ideas of man. Do not deceive your self. Whether we call alcoholism a sickness or an addiction it is still wrong before God. Labeling sin as 'mistakes' or missteps does not take away the eternal damnation they bring upon those who practice them. Substituting feel good actions for true worship to God will not please our Creator. We must adhere to His Word and follow His commands if we wish to please Him. DLH)

Seeking His Righteousness

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Politically Correct Or God's Way?

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The teachings of Jesus were astonishing to the ears of people who for so long had been filled with the mediocre message of complacency from their religious leaders. The religious teachers of the day did not have the message of authority and clarity as found in the words of Jesus. Following the sermon on the mount, Matthew records the reaction of the people to Jesus as one who *"taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."* (**Matthew 7:29**)

The teachings of religious leaders today can be found in the same vein



I will meditate on Your precepts And regard Your ways. I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word.

Psalm

119:15-16



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Sunday 9:30 AM

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as they lack the authority of standard to teach the pure truth of God's word. In the sermon on the mount, Jesus blew away the facade of "modern day religion" by showing the true nature of the righteousness of man and that required of God. *"For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."* **Matthew 5:20**

The scribes had forgotten the law of God and began to teach the "politically correct" doctrine of man. Jesus astonished the people **Matthew 5:21-32** by reminding them that murder can take place in the heart when it fills with hatred. Adultery is not committed when one engages in the physical act only but when one *"looks at a woman to lust for her, [he] has already committed adultery with her in his heart."* Marriage is a bond of commitment and *"I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery."* He continues throughout the sermon to establish again the foundation of God's teaching on morality and righteousness.

What is lacking today is the teaching of God in the manner prescribed by His word. When the heart is filled with hatred and prejudice toward others, worship is impossible. Jesus reminded us that if we come to worship His Father and remember that our brother has something against us - *"Leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer*

Store In My Heart

2Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

The idea of 'born again' is referenced by Paul in his teaching to the brethren in Corinth.

Becoming one with Christ through obedience to His Word brings about a great change in our very character and being. We are no longer one who is focused on the world and its attractions, but we are focused on Christ and His desires. As Paul told the Roman brethren we are to be transformed through study and application of the Word to our life. Nothing is seen in the same way as all things are seen through the Light of our Savior and Lord.

your gift." **Matthew 5:24**

Adultery takes place in the heart of man when he looks at a woman to lust after her. His intent and purpose is to engage in fantasy and mind thoughts that - while not engaging in any physical act - produces lustfully thoughts of sexual pleasure. Adultery is adultery whether it is in the physical act or not and Jesus elevates the essence of sin back to where God intended it to be.

Jesus restores the true nature of marriage that His Father established in the garden of Eden. The law of marriage states that one man is bound to one woman for life as long as they both shall live. Paul explained this in **Romans 7:2-3**, *"For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man."* Jesus gave the only reason for divorce in **Matthew 5:32**, *"But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery."*

The teachings of Jesus astonish people today because they have never heard the simple, plain teachings of the Father. Hearts that are filled with hatred, adultery and seeking to disregard the law of marriage have brought about a society that thrives on being politically correct. However, the Truth of God