

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

Bulletin of the Rock Hill church of Christ



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Worship Times:

- Bible Class — 9:00AM
- Sunday Worship — 10:00AM
- Sunday PM Worship — 6:00PM
- Wednesday Bible study — 7:00PM

Elders:

- Jim Boles
- Charles Haley

Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Doug Jones
- Burley Stinnett
- Fernando Zapata

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

THE POWER FOR SALVATION

Last week, we looked at **Romans 16:25-26**; “Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest (made known) and by the scripture of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known unto all nations for the obedience of faith.”

Did you hear that? Let’s look at this verses more closely:

- “Now to him that is of power” The ultimate power is of Almighty God who has created all things and assures us of the judgment to come. **I Corinthians 5:10**
- “To establish you” The inspired writer here reminds us that God, and only God can bring to us to a spiritual condition; to be established as one of His and not of the world. **Romans 8:5-8**
- “according to my Gospel” the moral standard of God! The Gospel that the Apostle Paul refers to is the good news; the story of the sacrifice of our Saviour; It is that which is by the design of God can save us; it is that which is in Jesus alone **Acts 4:12**
- That which by the design of God is “to them that perish, foolishness, but to those which are saved, it is the power of God.” **I Corinthians 1:18**. Notice, it is by the design of God. If you are interested enough to search, it will be clear enough to follow.
- That which pleased God; by what the world calls “foolishness; to save them that believe in it” **I Corinthians 1:21**.
- **Romans 16** continues and says in **verse 25** “According to the revelation of the mystery” The unique plan that God developed, that Jesus would die upon the cross, and become the final sacrifice for all sin for all time. Never before had this been done, and never will it be done again. God was ‘made man’ and offered *himself* to die for you and me, at the proper time and in the proper place. It was withheld as a mystery until the time was right in the sight of God. **Ephesians 3:9-10** says that all these things were “hid in God from the beginning of the World”. To the intent that now, unto principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God.” It is our responsibility to carry on.

Doug Jones

Family News

"For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." Ephesians 2:18,19

If you are a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please do not hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister (the tall guy) or any other church member.

N . E . W . S .

BUILDING REPAIR UPDATE —

There are just a couple more things to get done — carpeting and outside drainage — and we'll be finished. Many thanks to everyone involved in any way to make it happen.

TODAY at 4PM is the monthly Leadership Meeting. If you have something that you'd like the elders, deacons, and minister to consider, please bring it to one of our leaders' attention before next Sunday.

ROCK HILL IS PLANNING ON HELPING THE CHURCH IN

PITTSFIELD MA in a Gospel meeting this fall, Sept. 25-28. We'd like to have several from our congregation come and help the week before with advertising. If you'd be interested in going to Pittsfield and help for a little over a week in helping advertise a gospel meeting, please let Park, Charles, or Jim know **BEFORE JULY 10. In fact...**

THERE WILL BE A MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING this Sunday evening at 5:00. If you are thinking about it and want

more information, come meet with us in the fellowship hall.

WE HAVE A NEW RESOURCE PAGE

on our website with lots of Bible study materials for every level of learner.

rhcoc.org

GIVING... We can now give online (rhcoc.org), by mail (PO Box 2301, Frisco TX 75034), or of course in person at worship assembly.



PRAYER LISTS...

Thanks

- John Bautistas is feeling much better after his surgery. Norma has recovered from her bout with COVID.
- Lori Cloud's father is home with hospice

Prayers needed

- Sue Carter's brother, Lynn Jackson is in end stage cancer. He is in the hospital but hopes to be able to go home this week with Hospice.
- Susie Chaisson will have tubes put in her ears later this month
- Rex and Isela Hughes have been under the weather this past week



- Fernando's father's recovery
- Recovery from eye surgery for Ora Holt
 - Isela H.'s Jeff Barnett with stage 4 brain cancer.
 - A swift recovery for Tom Roberts
 - Trudy R.'s surgical recovery

Remember these often:

- Please pray for Johnny Vaz's mother, Victoria Vaz.
- Ora Holt, kidney
- Our continued search for a part-time youth minister
- Doug Jones' brother, Don Jones with cancer
- brethren in India
- the churches in New England
- our elders, deacons, and preacher

Long Term Requests

- The Zapata's teenage friend Isabella with a heart lesion
- Carol P.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Bonnie B.
- Dianna C.
- Ken C.
- Mary H. and daughter Sharon
- Cheryl F.
- Ann S.

READ-THE-BIBLE-THROUGH-IN-A-YEAR SCHEDULE

- Jun 12, Job 16-21
- Jun 13, Job 22-28
- Jun 14, Job 29-33
- Jun 15, Job 34-37
- Jun 16, Job 38-42
- Jun 17, Psa 1-9
- Jun 18, Psa 10-17
- Jun 19, Psa 18-22



A Word of Encouragement

"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it." Hebrews 2:1, NAS95.

Pride's Way Vs. Jesus' Way

We've all known people that have had problems with pride, *and when we're honest with ourselves*, we've all had our own problems with pride, too. In an oddly funny sort of way, it's obnoxious, when others have a big ego; but it's harmless or even justifiable in us. It has been said, "Pride is the only disease known to humans that makes everyone sick except the one who has it." (Bud Robinson). And it is for this very reason that the Christian needs to pay special attention to this major temptation to sin in his or her own life.

There are many biblical warnings about pride, both in biblical example (e.g., Haman, Esther 3-7; Nebuchadnezzar, Dan 4:28-37; The Pharisees, Luke 18:9ff; Herod, Acts 12:20-23) and specific cautions; for example, 1 John 2:16 "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world" and Proverbs 21:4 "Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, is sin." And it is this verse in Proverbs that helps us understand why it is the root of so much evil—it is the lamp (the *guiding principle, the way*) that the wicked will follow. For example...

When we are at odds with others, pride will get in the way of reconciliation.

Pride argues that it should always be the other person, who should approach me. Jesus argues exactly the other direction, whether we are the offender or the offended, we should be the first one to offer to reconcile. Prides's way divides; Jesus' way unites.

Pride can cause us to act as if we were the only person who matters.

Pride recognizes one person at the center of the universe, and it isn't God; it is self. Jesus rightfully puts the Father and His will at the center of the universe. Pride's way is the reason for the brokenness of this world; Jesus' way brings abundant life.

Pride will argue against submitting—even to God and His word (see Mt. 20:24-28).

Pride wants to call all the shots, wants it "my way". Jesus, though equal with God, humbled Himself to the point of death on a cross—and saved the world. Pride's way leads to selfishness, chaos, and anarchy; Jesus' way leads to the perfect and peaceful Kingdom of God.

When we're wrong, pride keeps us from changing.

Pride blinds us to our own faults, the first step to real repentance and discipleship. Jesus calls us to self-examination and a righteous revolution of the heart. Pride's way keeps us stuck in sin. Jesus' way transforms us into His image.

Pride prompts us to depend on ourselves rather than on God

Pride demands that we have all the solutions, all the resources, and the whole plan mapped out; so we can say, "We did it!" Jesus calls us to consider the lilies of the field and lean on God. Pride's way limits us. Jesus' way opens us up to God's power, which is able to do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine".

Pride hurts us and others, when we must have our own way.

Pride is a "bull in china closet" to accomplish its own will. Jesus urged service to others first. Pride's way thoughtlessly wounds and grasps. Jesus' way deliberately serves and heals.

Pride clouds our judgment about right and wrong, because we (or our situation) are different.

Pride puts self at the center of the universe, and twists right and wrong to benefit self. Jesus puts God at the center of the universe and orders the moral world as perfectly as the rest of the perfectly tuned stars and planets. Pride's way warps our perception of good and evil. Jesus' way sets things right.

Pride causes us to believe that we are too good to serve, or serve "that way" or serve "that person".

Pride holds itself above certain people, certain jobs, and certain situations. Jesus washed the feet of the disciples and died the death of a criminal for rebellious, hateful, contemptuous mankind. Pride's way serves only in ways of its choosing, people of its choosing, and the situations of its choosing. Jesus' way...well, "For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly." (Romans 5:6).

There are, of course, many other ways in which pride and ego can lead us to sin; these are mere examples. Let us take care in our lives to avoid the serious peril of pride in our lives and follow Jesus' way.

Park Linscomb

