

## Rejecting the Counsel of God

By Dan Jenkins

The first psalm describes the character of those who are blessed by God. "He does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly." The implication of these words is that if one does walk in the counsel of the ungodly, he is cursed. The psalmist has in mind walking in the counsel of ungodly men and the blessedness of those who walk in the counsel of the godly men. Think of how this is magnified when we think of the importance of walking in the counsel of the godly One. The New Testament speaks often about this.

The counsel of God is revealed in the Bible. Paul described the breath of this counsel when he said, "I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). Messengers of God must speak the truth (1 Pet. 4:11); they must speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15); and they must speak the entirety of God's will. Even if men reject what is taught, the messenger is still innocent. Paul said, "I am innocent from the blood of all men, for I have not shunned. . ." (Acts 20:26).

The counsel of God cannot be changed by any person on earth. David said, "Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven" (Psa. 119:89). The English Standard Version emphasizes the word settled. "Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens." God has revealed His counsel in His words and decrees the blessing of those who follow it. It is remarkable that men so often choose to reject His counsel.

The New Testament affirms this truth even more emphatically. It speaks of the unchangeable character, the immutability, of His counsel (Heb. 6:17). Those who seek to change His counsel are condemned by God. Paul reveals how the curse of God awaits every man, every angel and even Paul himself if they perverted the gospel he had preached (Gal. 1:8-9).

This counsel of God is spoken of by the Holy Spirit in His discussion of the greatness of John the Baptist and the message he brought. He said that all the people who heard John, even the tax collectors, . . . justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John." What about those who were not baptized by John? "But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will (the Greek word is counsel) of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him" (Luke 7:29-30).

Let me urge you to devote time in your life to read about His will, His counsel in your life. When every Bible is burned up with the fires of heaven consuming the earth, there will be one copy that remains to be used by the Judge of all mankind to measure our lives (Rev. 20:12). That counsel is firmly fixed in heaven, it is immutable. To reject its teaching on any topic, even the baptism revealed by Jesus, is to reject the counsel of God. Think about this!

## Things you should know about!

We would like to send donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. If you want to contribute, mark it as "DRF" or give the money to Jason.

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John McGiffin 11/6  
 Linda Whittington 11/14  
 Duane Kemp 11/15  
 Heather Fourman 11/26  
 Viola Schultz 11/28 (100+!!)

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### Happy Anniversary!

Jason & Stephanie Bang 11/23 Doug & Nellie Hoff 11/27

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This month's potluck will be NEXT Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.  
 This will be our annual Chili Cook off.

A brief men's meeting will also be held this day.  
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We will be giving food boxes to families in the community for Thanksgiving.  
 There is a list to sign up for what items you can provide.  
 The boxes will be delivered on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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Ladies Bible Study - The God of All Comfort  
 Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45pm

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**December 17<sup>th</sup> will be our congregation Holiday Party**

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### Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	November 6, 22 AM	November 6, 22 PM	November 13, 2022 AM
Greeter	Tom Muter	Rick Ferris	Jerry Thompson
Announcements	Jerry Thompson	Owen Whittington	Tim Bang
Song Leading	Bryan Allen	John McGiffin	Jason Bang
Opening Prayer/Usher (left)	Jerry Thompson	Owen Whittington	Tim Bang
Lord's Supper Comments	Jason Bang	Jerry Thompson	Tom Muter
Scripture Reading	Tom Muter	Seth Arrell	Owen Whittington
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher (right)	Tim Bang	Tom Muter	Chris McGiffin

# Bible Verse of the Week

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

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**Lord’s Supper Reflection**

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”  
John 10:11

**Offering Meditation**

*Give because God had Generously Given to You*

“And you shall remember the LORD your God, for *it is* He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day.” Deuteronomy 8:18

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**Remember in Prayer:**

- \*Our Country & leaders
- \*Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- \*Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- \*Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- \*Larry Bey - Parkinson’s
- \*Tom Cruze (Phyllis Caldwell’s nephew) - health
- \*Tyler Gray - health
- \*Debbie Vincent (member at Tipp City Church) - is recovering knee surgery
- \*Sarah (Caroline Stine’s niece) - having surgery because of a brain tumor
- \*David (resident at The Oakley Place) - in Hospice care
- \*Carrie (resident at The Oakley Place) - has had spots found on her breasts, more tests to come
- \*Mary Short (resident at The Oakley Place) - is in the hospital

- \*Clyde (Linda Whittington’s brother-in-law) - has cellulitis on his face
- \*Mark (Rosalee’s friend) - has stage 4 liver cancer
- \*Katie (Duane & Carol Kemp’s granddaughter) - fell and fractured her arm
- \*Mark McGiffin (John McGiffin’s brother) - is recovering from heart surgery to put in two stints
- \*Dustin Dessaro has been sick this past week
- \*Tim Bang - having flare ups of diverticulitis
- \*Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson’s dad) - is home recovering from having a heart stint put in to repair collapsed arteries. He is needing to heal from this before he can have his other surgery

**How can we be praying for YOU?**

Please call John or email him at [jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com](mailto:jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you may have for the congregation.

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**Attendance and Contribution Record**

**Sunday, October 30**

Bible Classes 29  
AM Attendance 39  
PM Attendance 27

**Wednesday, November 2**

Bible Classes 23  
Contribution \$1,834.00

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



## November 6, 2022

**Worship Times:**

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

**Minister, John McGiffin**

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today!  
If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card and let us get to know you.