

Sermon Outline: In lieu of a sermon outline, the following is an introduction to a Bible study program called "Back to the Bible" by Bobby Bates. It is based in the New King James Version. Read the scripture then it is simply a fill in the blank. This week's introduction is the "We Must Not Add To Or Take Away From God's Word". I have been given permission to use this in the bulletin.

Hebrews 1:1-2 God formerly gave his revelations to the fathers by the _____ but today he speaks to us through _____.

Matthew 28:18 How much authority did God give Jesus?
_____.

John 12:48 We will be judged by the words of _____.

John 1:17 The law was given by _____.

Grace and Truth came by _____.

Hebrews 9:15-17 Is Jesus the mediator of the New Testament? _____
When did the New Testament of Jesus go into effect?
_____.

Hebrews 8:6-7 Is Jesus the mediator of a BETTER covenant? _____

If that first covenant (Old Testament) had been faultless, would God have given us the second covenant (New Testament)? _____.

Hebrews 8:13 When God gave the NEW covenant, did he make the first one (OLD) no longer in force? _____.

Acts 13:38-39 Can we be justified by the law of Moses? _____.

Galatians 3:11-13 Is the law of faith _____.
Did Christ redeem us from the curse of the law? _____.

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Welcome to Greenville Church of Christ



May 17, 2020

Worship Times:

Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

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We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting, you are our honored guests and 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.

Announcements:

Bible Verse of the Week:

“What good is it for someone to gain the whole world,
yet forfeit their soul?” Mark 8:36

Thankful for Greenville church of Christ

As Paul begins First Thessalonians, he starts with a prayer of thanksgiving for this congregation. Specifically, he mentions three attributes he remembers before God in verse three. They are three of the reasons we should be thankful for the Greenville church of Christ.

First, we should be thankful for her "Work of Faith." This is a work that comes from faith. The church has genuine faith, not a passive faith. On the other extreme, the church is not working for selfish matters. It has a sincere faith, which is producing good works as faith should. Paul will use the same term for work in 5:13, talking about the work of the leadership. He will speak of faith in 3:2-10 when he was questioning whether they would stay faithful. At Greenville, I think about all the people taking ownership of ministries. This would include our treasurer, our Bible Class teachers, and others who provide examples we can look to of service for the Lord. I think of our senior members and the example they set. Most of these are physically our weakest members, but spiritually our strongest.

Second, we should be thankful for her "Labor of Love." By this, the apostle means labor that precedes from their love: their love for God, and their love for each other. Labor is used in 2:9 and 3:5 when talking about their labor as preachers. Paul uses love in 3:10-13 when telling them that their love was to increase toward one another. When I think of the love of this congregation I think of the encouragers, the fellowship and get-together workers, the youth, and the people who write cards, pray, and say kind things - often behind the scenes.

Third, we should be thankful for her "Steadfastness of Hope." Paul is praising them for remaining faithful because of hope. In fact, they are able to remain faithful only because of that hope. The Thessalonians did face opposition (2:14; 3:6) which brings about the possibility for failing or falling. Realizing Jesus will one day return and deliver them to something better (2:19 & 4:13). I think about how many of our members have dealt with emotional, financial, spiritual, relational and physical difficulties and challenges. Despite all those hurdles, we have so many providing an example of steadfast service built on their hope in the Lord.

We have old and young, blue collar and white. We are teachers, students, farmers, truck drivers, machinists, retail workers, nurses, mothers, fathers, retired and everything in between. When we come together, we love each other, build each other up, and appreciate each and every one in this congregation, the Lord is glorified and He uses us for His purposes.

Remember, "Losers assemble in little groups and complain about the players and coaches in other little groups. Winners assemble as a team." I am thankful for this team, this body, this family. I am thankful for the Greenville congregation! Soon, I hope we can ALL meet again at the building for fellowship, edification, and worship.

Until then, stay safe!

~ John

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

More information to come...

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Communion is being distributed as you come in the building, please take only what is needed for today.

Hold on to the emblems until the proper time.

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Hazel Dyer - young girl with cancer
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Alexa Rohr - eyesight
- *Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement, her eyesight
- *Maxine Jones - shut in, health (Laura McGiffin's mom)
- *Terry McGiffin—health (John McGiffin's dad)
- *Shane Brock and Destiny
- *Mark Berry's health (brother at North End Church, WV)
- *Don Gentry's health/knee (brother at Tipp City Church, OH)
- *Dale Thomas contemplating baptism
- *The nation/world during the Coronavirus outbreak
- *Maya Sherrell - at Dayton Children's since birth, needs to eat a bit more at feedings to be able to go home.
- *Michelle Sherrell - healing from C-section, high blood pressure issues
- *Bob Goubeaux is doing better, recovering at home now
- *Lena Durst's dad is doing better, but continued prayers are still needed
- *Jeremy Hupman's recovery from a serious work injury
- *Savannah (friend of the Allen's) and her baby, Ella, born on May 6th.

How may we be praying for YOU?