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A Single Verse ***Dan Jenkins***

The forceful power of a small word in a single verse in the Bible can so easily be overlooked. The key to understanding the signs of the end in Matthew 24 is found in the word “all” in verse thirty-four. The time of the establishment of the kingdom is found in Daniel 7:13-14 when one notices the word “to” instead of the word “from.” Let’s take a moment and look at the word “all” and its importance in understanding the work of Christ in our lives.

Just before Jesus ascended into heaven He said, “All authority has been given unto Me in heaven and on the earth” (Matt. 28:18). The word “all” in this verse has been overlooked by so many. Pilate thought that the authority he had from Rome meant that he could release Jesus or crucify Him. The King of kings told the governor that he had no power except that which heaven had given him (John 19:11). If mighty kings have no power, then how does any mortal think he has power and authority over the One who has all authority?

Yet, in the religious world so many have ignored His authority. Jesus does not have all authority in a system which places the authority of the Vatican over the teachings of Jesus. The same is true of other religions in America. Modern Christendom is being torn asunder as church hierarchy deals with homosexuality and transgenders and their place in modern churches. The reality is that He who has all authority is the only One to decide these matters—He has all authority.

The entire basis of true Christianity is found in realizing that truth is not decided by hierarchy, learned scholars, gifted speakers or by anyone whose heart says, "I know that this is what the Bible teaches, but I have decided to ignore that and follow what I want to do." We have robbed Jesus of the authority that is His!

Being a faithful Christian involves realizing that He has all the authority in our lives. The words of King Agrippa show this when he said, "You almost persuade me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28). Almost is not enough, it will have no bearing on the final day of judgment for one to almost have served Him. Look at Paul's response in which I have purposely changed the spelling of two words. The apostle said, "I would to God that ...you...might become both almost and altogether such as I am." Almost being a Christian is not enough. He who has all authority says that it is ALmost and ALtogether.

There is no place for churches or individuals thinking they will please God by recognizing some of the authority of Jesus. There is no place for churches or individuals thinking they will please God by recognizing most of the authority of Jesus. His last words before He left the earth affirmed He has all authority. God help us all to honor that authority!

Today's Sermons

AM - A Lost Opportunity
Ephesians 5:16

PM - As We Veiw Life
Philippians 3:1-14

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Fredie Stewart, Mary Lewis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Carolyn Callis
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Phillip Mullins, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Shirley Puckett
Gaylon & Betty Cooper
Carleton & Cindy Kidder

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Glenn Lovell, Gladys Gowan,
Diane Hubbard, Brandi Rogers,
Marilyn Ferrell, Corey Allen,
Ruby Malone, Justin Puckett,
Kenton Lancaster

Food Committee 3rd Quarter

Janet Taylor, Doris Joyner

Pearl Johnson, Panda Green,
Sheila Greer, Lana Ghimpu,
Sandra Epperson, Cindy Kidder,
Sheila Kidder, Faye Venable

Happenings

August 24th

Congregational Cookout
We will begin at 3:00 pm.
Meal to be served at 4:00 pm.
Signup sheets are on the
bulletin board

August 29th

Apologetics Press Dinner at the
Henderson Church of Christ.
Meal Starts at 6 PM.
Signup sheet is on the
bulletin board.

Other Events are posted on the
bulletin board

Cards to Send

Gaylon & Betty Cooper
201 Ed Moore Road
Beech Bluff, TN 38313

Virginia Grimes
127 Outlook Ridge
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Weekly Record

6 AM	11
Bible Class	39/10
AM Worship	78/34
PM Worship	36/0
Wed Bible Study	45/13
Contribution	3033
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

Aug 4- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J.Smith, M. Wages

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Carleton Kidder

Charlie Richardson

Aug 11- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R Clouse

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jonathan Orr

Communion: Marion Thomas

Jerry Butcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Mike Wages

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Joe Venable

Aug 7 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Devo - Ray Pack

Aug 14 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Devo - Marion Thomas

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM