



How to Keep Struggling Christians from Leaving Christ ***Scott Shifferd, Jr.***

People want to believe what they want to believe. Wanting to know the truth is the first step to knowing the truth about reality. In the context of a coming apostasy, Paul revealed that those who do not love the truth would not be saved (2 Thess 2:10). Paul told Timothy of a coming time when many will not endure sound doctrine but seek teachers to tickle their ears (2 Tim 4:3–4).

Christians often struggle to let go of habits and traditions especially when believers tie these things into their beliefs. Many believers hold close their upbringing and very fundamental assumptions of life. Traditions and assumptions often undermine understanding the Scriptures. Every Christian must decide to put aside the wisdom of men for the truth.

The supremacy of Christ overcomes many false doctrines. The Christian faith did not come lightly in mere sophistry of words. Jesus Christ is the radiance of God's glory and exact representation of His nature (Heb 1:3). Christians must stand firm professing the greatness of Jesus Christ encouraging faith among their peers.

Hebrews addressed Jewish Christians of whom unbelieving Jews were trying to persuade to leave Christ and forsake the assembly of the saints. The writer of Hebrews exhorted

Christians to give more attention to what they heard from Jesus Christ and attested by those who heard Him (Heb 2:1–3). Hebrews is concerned with believers drifting away from Christ for not giving attention to the teaching and drifting away from the truth (Heb 2:1). Furthermore, God affirmed the teachings of those who heard Jesus by signs and gifts from the Holy Spirit (Heb 2:4). Christians have no reason to neglect the revelation of God from Christ.

The writer of Hebrews overwhelms readers with the greatness of Christ. God subjected the world to come to Christ (Heb 1:10–12; 2:5). God put all things under the subjection of Christ's feet (Heb 2:6–8). God made Jesus lower than the angels when Jesus shared blood and flesh. Jesus suffered death for everyone (Heb 2:9). Jesus became complete through suffering (Heb 2:10). Jesus was sinless and the source of holiness for all. Jesus came in the flesh and blood so that He destroy one who has the power of death (Heb 2:14). Christ became human in every respect to become a merciful and faithful high priest (Heb 2:17). His death made atonement for sins (Heb 2:17).

What can Christians do to keep believers from leaving Christ? The faithful must continue to speak of Christ among Christians and unbelievers. The church needs the faithful to speak in the church. The church needs leaders who speak of Jesus when they sit and walk, lie down and rise up. This action will change the church and the world.

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

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

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Glenn & Trudy Lovell,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,
Caraline Rogers
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Jane Washington

Today's Sermons

AM - God Has Blessed Us with
All Spiritual Blessings
Ephesians 1:3

PM - 3 Principles that Relate to
God's Gifts
James 1:17

Happenings

South Jackson

Cards to Send

Jeanne Buford
322 Walnut Street
Jackson, TN 38301

James Morris
C/O Vanessa Perry
97 Old Pinson Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

6 AM	6
Bible Class	48/8
AM Worship	83/8
PM Worship	45/0
Wed Bible Study	52/0
Contribution	4564
Budget	4014

Member Updates

Jeff and Lori Dove
Jeff - August 11
Lori - September 14
Anniversary - July 4
Jeff - 731-608-2572
Lori - 901-229-4446

Freddie Callis
731-697-1702

Those Privileged to Serve

Mar 2 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Smith, M. Wages

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Jeff Dove

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Jonathan Orr

Mar 9 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, R Pack

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: Greg Long

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Joe Venabe

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher

Communion: Greg Long

Mar 5 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ian Shoemate

Devo - Marion Thomas

Mar 12 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 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