



WARNING: The following quote comes from the September, 2019 issue of Tabletalk magazine, which was written from the point of view of demons. So, you'll need to flip everything in your mind to properly understand the meaning. The title of this issue was: "A Field Guide From The Abyss: A Training Manual For Demons." The entire issue can be found online if you'd like to finish this particular article and also read the rest of the articles.

Central to Christianity is the goal of bringing more followers into our Enemy's camp. It was the parting command of our Enemy's Son to add to their ranks, and historically, the church has placed a strong emphasis on carrying out this mission. As His message spreads around the world, our forces are pushed back.

Therefore, we must work to blunt the church's efforts.

Above all else, we must encourage the belief that missions and evangelism are unnecessary. Make the Christians believe that the Enemy saves whom He will without their efforts, that He does not use individual Christians as secondary means in carrying out His purposes. If Christians can be encouraged to see their roles as unnecessary, they can be taken off the playing field. Further, strive to water down the church's doctrine of sin. When this is done, Christians can be made to believe that good works are sufficient to secure salvation or that the Enemy will accept all humans, and therefore evangelism becomes moot. We can even depict missions as a harmful, undesirable act of cultural imperialism that should not be entered into, and we can encourage the belief that preaching is unnecessary in evangelism and that works of service suffice for the task.

Kevin D. Gardner

The Lord's Day — January 12, 2020 A.D.

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! If you are a guest with us, please be sure to sign our Welcome Pads when they are passed around before the service. Children are welcome in our worship. We have a nursery available for children 3 and under. Children 4 to 6 years of age may be dismissed to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

Song of Assembly¹

Father, Long Before Creation

Barnes

Father, long before creation, Thou had'st chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us, firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant, through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children, must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us, that His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee, we will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing, 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb.
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Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 9:9-11

Pastor: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,

People: A stronghold in times of trouble!

Pastor: And those who know your name put their trust in you,

People: For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!

People: Tell among the peoples his deeds!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 27

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A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
 Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
 For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
 His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
 Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
 Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
 The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
 His rage we can endure; for lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
 The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
 Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
 The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

Reading of the Word: *The Harvest is Plentiful***Luke 10:1-9**

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful Father, you sent your Son as the sunshine that rises to banish the darkness of sin and death. Forgive us for continuing to prefer the dark ways of our self-centeredness and self-sufficiency! You sent your Son to guide our feet into the path of peace. Pardon us for proudly persisting in our warring and conflicting ways with you and others. You sent your prophet to be a voice crying out. Forgive us for blushing to speak about our Savior! Humble us and embolden us so that we might serve You without fear ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Declaration of Grace**1 Corinthians 15:56-58**

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Come People of the Risen King

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Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease;
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace.
Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age, "Our God is All in All."

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Wesley

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee,
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here more than all I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.

Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

Our Great God

Ortega

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm. Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm. Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird; Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe, Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His word.

My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder George Godwin

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Reverend Wayne Newsome

Grace in Abundance for All Who Come to Jesus

Isaiah 55: 1-13 (page 615)

We Respond

Come Ye Sinners

Ortega

Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready, stands to save you full, of pity, love and pow'r.

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.

In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to share in this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in a deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.

(Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; please speak to the pastor before the service or alert your server during communion.)

He Knows My Name

Walker

I have a Maker, He formed my heart, Before even time began my life was in His hands

He knows my name, He knows my every thought, He sees each tear that falls and He hears me when I call

I have a Father, He calls me His own, He'll never leave me no matter where I go

² 4, 5, & 6 year-old children may be dismissed before the sermon to Children's Worship in room 132.

Benediction³

God's word goes out from his mouth, and it does not return to him empty; it accomplishes that which he has purposed. It succeeds in the thing for which he sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

from Isaiah 55:11-12

Song of Faith

God and God Alone
God and God alone, is fit to take the universe's throne.
Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise, for God and God alone.

McHugh

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (1 Corinthians)	Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm DPC Youth! (6 th -8 th Grade) DPC Youth! (9 th -12 th Grade)
Tuesday 9:30-11:00am Ladies Bible Study @ DPC (Revelation)	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Worship Choir Practice
Tuesday @ Noon Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (Revelation)	Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm Open Door Study (On Heaven)
Tuesday 6:30pm Women's Bible Study @ NCC (Gospel of Mark)	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Life Groups
Wednesday 1:00pm (2 nd & 4 th Wednesday) Singed Out for Christ	Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm 4 Year Olds & Kindergarten / Kid's Quest 1 st - 2 nd Grade / Kid's Quest 3 rd - 5 th Grade / Kid's Quest
Wednesday 5:00pm Middle School Choir / Soli Deo Gloria	Wednesday 7:30pm Praise Worship Band Practice
Wednesday 5:30pm Church Family Meal	Friday 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians)
Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm Kids Choirs: 5 Year Old - 2 nd Grade / Kids of the King 3 rd Grade - 5 th Grade / Dare 2 Declare	

³ Just as God called us into His presence at the beginning, so now He commands His blessing upon us as we depart. We look up and extend our hands in a posture of thanksgiving as we receive this great gift. Our final response to God's assurance of His peace and presence upon those who are in Christ is a chorus of joyful song.

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DPC Announcements

Get More Connected: Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org.

Next Up! The next four books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings will be Lamentations, Mark, Exodus, and Galatians. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Midweek Ministries: Join us each Wednesday, 5:30pm - 7:30pm @ DPC. Come enjoy a cooked or catered meal (\$5/person or \$20/family) and then plug into a variety of fellowship & growth opportunities: Children, Youth, Choir, Life Groups, Open Door Study.

New Ladies Study! A new study/fellowship group for adult women who are without spouses is meeting on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 1 pm, at the church. 2nd Wednesday: Pilgrims Progress. 4th Wednesday: activities together. For more info: Alice Green at 256-975-9709 or Mary Brinkman at 256-686-2000.

Roots Information Meeting: We'll have a brief information meeting about Roots in the youth room after the service today, Sunday, January 12th. It shouldn't take long, but it will be a great time to ask questions and pick up forms that you need. If you have a student going to Roots, please plan to join us. Let Nathan know if you have any questions.

Frontline Prayer: Join us for Frontline Prayer tonight, January 12th, 6:00 PM, at the church. *"Romans 8:15 tells us that the spiritual adoption that has made us sons of God causes us to cry out in verbal expressions: 'Abba! Father.' Prayer is to the Christian what breath is to life, yet no duty of the Christian is so neglected."* - R.C. Sproul

Man Night! Tomorrow night, January 13th, 6:00pm @ Dale Cook's Iron Man Lodge. Men are invited to eat, fellowship and briefly discuss - "On Strength & Weakness" (pick up the article in the Foyer) - and then stay to watch the CFP Nat'l Championship. Dale & gang will prepare the meat; you bring your favorite sides, snacks and/or desserts.

Congregational Meeting: A congregational meeting will be held immediately after the worship service on Sunday morning, January 26, to vote on the Session's recommended slate of your officer nominees: For re-appointment to the Session after the expiration of a 3-yr. term - **Elders George Godwin, Jeff Keith, Kent Quinn, and Blake Temple**; For election to the office of ruling elder - **Brian Rodgers** (Brian has successfully completed the officer training, examined and approved by the Session); For re-appointment to the Diaconate after the expiration of a 3 yr. term - **Bill Nelson**. See Rick Stark or Tommy Lee with any questions.

RYM Fundraiser at Sam's Sports Grill: On Thursday, January 30th, from 3:00-close, Sam's Sports Grill in Decatur will give 10% of their sales of all non-discounted food to our youth group's RYM fundraising efforts. Come enjoy some good food and help our students pay for RYM! See Nathan with any questions.

"Soup For Souls": Fundraiser benefiting the Neighborhood Christian Center's children and youth ministry. Thursday, March 5th, 5:30-7:30 pm, at Sykes Place (726 Bank Street). Tickets are \$30. For more information call: 256.351.7633 or decaturnc1994@gmail.com

Sermon Outline Notes: for adults and children are available on the back table.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

WINTER 2020

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

The Fun Adult Class! James has 59 commands in 108 verses, directing us to the royal law of King Jesus (2:8). The hasty reader may not see much of the gospel in James, but the double mention of God's grace at the rhetorical climax of the book shows that the gospel of James is still the message of God's grace for sinners. Please join us.

New Sunday School Class! The Foundations Class and Young Adult Class have merged! This class, led by Stuart Smith and Nathan White meets in the parlor. Our first series is on 1 Corinthians. We'd love for you to join us!

Sedona Class: Led by George Godwin, we are currently studying through the Book of Mark. The class meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Guests are always welcome!

Ladies Sunday School Class: We are studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians, in the library at 9:30 am. This is a discussion based Bible study, open to all ladies, please join us!

Session

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Kent Quinn

Jason Seale
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
Chip Walraven

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Service Times

9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

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