



PREACHING CHRIST

PART TWO

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(Matthew 16:14-19 last referenced, CRA)

You see, Jesus used the terms "church" and "kingdom" interchangeably. Jesus' church is His kingdom. When Philip preached Christ in Samaria, he was preaching the things concerning the church of Christ. Some people say they want Jesus but not the church. The church is the body of Christ; how can anyone separate Christ from His body, His people? When we obey the Gospel of Christ, the Heavenly Father translates us into the kingdom of His dear Son. That's what happened to the Samaritans when both men and women were baptized. Acts 2:47 says, "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." The Samaritans were added to the church of Jesus Christ. Friends, preaching Christ means that the things concerning the church of Christ will be preached.

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

VISITORS,
WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
for all ages & fellowship
for lunch every Sunday!

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Furthermore, when Philip preached Christ, he preached the name of Jesus Christ. What did Philip preach when he preached the name of Jesus Christ? Philip preached the lordship of Jesus. Earlier in the Book of Acts, we read about Peter and John being brought in for questioning by the Jewish Sanhedrin. Peter had healed a crippled man. The Sanhedrin asked, "By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?" Peter replied, "...by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth..." (Acts 4:10). Then he added, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Friends, the Bible reports that "God has highly exalted" Jesus "and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-10). When Philip preached Christ to the Samaritans, he preached the authority of Jesus Christ. No wonder! After His resurrection and before His ascension, Jesus gave the Great Commission to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Did Jesus have the authority to give such an order? Jesus told His apostles, 'All authority in heaven and in earth has been given to me.' Wow! Neighbor, "all" authority is all there is!

The writer of Hebrews wrote that "when he had by himself purged our sins, [Jesus] sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Hebrews 1:3). Even more information was revealed to the apostle Paul, for he wrote that Jesus

...is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and

invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. (Colossians 1:15-18 NKJV)

Friends, we cannot preach Christ without preaching His preeminence, and that's what the Samaritans heard when Philip preached Christ to them. However, many people don't want to hear about the preeminence of Christ! That's right! Even in our country there are those people who say that to preach Christ as the only name under Heaven is too arrogant! It is not politically correct to say that Christ is the only name under Heaven whereby we must be saved. I'm hearing people say there are many paths to Heaven. People like diversity. They think it is impolite to tell other people that there is only one way! Friends, if there is only one exit out of a burning house would you tell the people inside to find their own way out? Wouldn't you point them to the door, the only exit available?

There are religions in the world that attempt to compete with Christ, but none of them tell you about God's justice being satisfied with the sacrifice of His own Son. When God's justice was satisfied by Christ on the cross, God could then freely grant forgiveness and still remain a just Judge.

Friends, when Christ is preached, we must say something about the great assembly of Christians, the church of Jesus Christ, the kingdom of God. Furthermore, we cannot overlook the preeminence of the One to whom we must bow. May God bless you in wanting to serve this Exalted One—Jesus Christ.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Amanda Lyons, recent health complications; **Wiley Tuggle**, eye issues and other ailments; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Seth & Jan Daniel**; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**.

Far East Missions **Fishers of Men** **NetCasters**

Family & Friends

Judy Hutt, needs bypass surgery, but currently has pneumonia; **Zack Jackson**, Jim's nephew, recent ICU stay for kidney issues; **Caleb Alford & sons**, severe automobile accident; **Michelle Gitter and family**, her father passed away; **Jonathan Livsey family**, Clifton's younger cousin passed away; **Joy Angel**, Clifton's older sister, recent pericarditis along with continual health issues; **Carleigh Miller**, daughter to Kevin & Melanie Miller, continues to improve with ups and downs; **Martha Williams**, Amanda Lyon's grandmother, dementia.

Birthdays

6/3 Amanda Ferrell 6/18 Grace Williams
6/6 Bodie Meredith 6/21 Tim Meredith
6/13 Melaney Ferrell 6/28 Mischel Jackson

Anniversaries

6/3 Clarence & Faye Edwards
6/3 Carl & Ginna Honeycutt
6/4 Larry & Joyce Campbell
6/5 Andy & Molly Ratliff
6/7 Mitchell & Mary Alice Arnold
6/10 Brad & Teresa Gregory
6/20 Carl & Mary Zluticky
6/26 Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell
6/28 Jim & Mischel Jackson

Get Involved!

Continuing all services at building, except for our 1 pm worship service.

We will continue to try to livestream as much as possible for those who cannot attend.

Looxahoma Gospel Meeting — June 12 –14
Aaron Ownbey preaching

We Need 3rd Qtr Bible Class Teachers
Please sign up at table in foyer

SLCC June Sessions Cancelled

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, June 14

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Tim Meredith
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Tim Wilkes II

Assist

Closing Prayer	Joe Owen
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Afternoon

Song Leader	
Opening Prayer	
Sermon	
Lord's Supper	

**TEMPORARILY
CANCELLED**

Closing Prayer

Wednesday, June 17

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis

TECH:	Daniel Owen
HALL:	