

Christ are too lazy to “test all things,” and too irresolute to “hold fast what is good.” Others are worried about the “trouble” testing will cause, or the dogmatism with which they will be accused by holding fast. Instead of being concerned with honoring God and knowing the truth, they are concerned about offending man. All such men are a shame to the Lord and His church. When enough people adopt these attitudes, truth suffers and souls are lost. Therefore, let us not be of that number!

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Conclusion

Do you test all things? Do you compare what your preacher or teacher says with what the Bible teaches (Acts 17:11)? If not, why not? Do you hold fast what is good? Are you willing to cling to the truth no matter what others may say or do? If not, why not?

Brethren, let’s not be gullible or lazy. “Test all things; hold fast what is good.” Accept God’s truth and reject error, lest you be condemned by God (cf. Isaiah 8:19-22).

Bulletin

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Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 AM
Worship: 10:30 AM / 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 PM

Thursday

Ladies Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Sun. Morning Radio & TV KTXR 101.3 FM

Lifeline, 7:15 AM

Channel 10

Search, 7 AM

Living Word, 7:30 AM

Channel 33

Know Your Bible, 10:30 AM

By Mike Riley

In order to confirm the validity of prophesy (any kind of teaching by supernatural gifts) in the first century church, the apostle Paul instructed the Thessalonian Christians to “Test all things; hold fast what is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21 – NKJV).

Christianity Based On Confirmed Truth

Christianity is not a religion for the gullible. It appeals to man’s intellect and ability to understand right from wrong. God has never expected man to accept any statement at face value (Acts 17:11). From the beginning, He confirmed His superiority and the truth of His word with signs, wonders, and miracles (cf. Exodus 3:1-6; Exodus 4:19; Hebrews 2:3-4). Thus, we know the Bible to be true.

Examination Of Evidence

Paul commands us to “test all things.” We are not to receive the words of others without discernment. We must examine that which is presented to us. In ref-

erence to teachers, John said, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1). No man or group of men is above examination (cf. 1 Peter 3:15). It matters not how long a belief has been held, how pious a man appears, or with what vehemence a thing is declared. What matters is whether or not it agrees with God’s word, the truth (John 17:17).

Reject False Teaching

Furthermore, we are to “hold fast what is good.” That which does not agree with the gospel is to be rejected, along with the teacher who promotes it (Gal. 1:6-9; 2 John 9-11). This is true regardless of the popularity of the doctrine or man. On the other hand, all things in agreement with God’s word are to be received. In fact, it is the obligation of each man to accept the truth. Honesty demands it, even if we must give our life (Rev. 2:10).

Some professed believers in

Privileged to Serve

Worship Coordinator: Ron Peck

Announcements: Bob Lewis

Sunday AM

Before Service Greeters: Kay Lewis & Ruth McMasters

After Services Greeters: Trenton & Daylon Kanengieter

Songleader: John Marchand

Lord's Table

*Jim Cruise, Daniel Hyder, Dennis Richardson, Randy Hyder

Opening Prayer: Steve Crews

Closing Prayer: Robert Comer

Sermon: Eddie Watkins

Sunday PM

Before Services Greeters:

Thad & Patsy Layne

After Services Greeters:

Pauline Buttram & Terry Cruise

Songleader: John Hopkins

Lord's Table: Ron Thompson

Opening Prayer: Terry McMasters

Closing Prayer: Alan Lamb

Sermon: Eddie Watkins

Wed. Night

Before Services Greeters:

Dean & Helen Buman

After Services Greeters:

Donna Demshar & Linda Blazer

Devotional: Randy Hyder

Songleader: Scot Greer

Prayer: Terry McMasters

News and Announcements

Please Silence Your Phones

Welcome visitors. Please leave a record of your visit by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the collection plate. You'll find them in the pew back in front of you.

Men's Business Meeting (4:30 p.m.) today.

Don't forget to place **non-food items** in the baskets in the foyer.

Dates to Remember:

- Secret Sister Breakfast and revealing, Dec. 30th at 9 a.m. at Grillos. Bring last gift. Any sister interested in joining please come.
- Ladies' Day Out, 12/21.

Fair Haven Pantry Needs

Dry Goods/Cooking

Sugar
Flour
Cereal
Chocolate Syrup
Cocoa
Microwave Popcorn
Vanilla
Pam Spray
Chili Powder
Chocolate Chips

Condiments

Mayonnaise
Miracle Whip
Taco Sauce
Enchilada Sauce
Honey
Gravy Mixes

Fruits/Vegetables

Canned Pineapple
Green Olives
Green Peas
Canned Mandarin Oranges
Black Olives
Canned Peaches
Canned Fruit Cocktail

Canned Goods

Canned Chicken
Tuna
Refried Beans
Spam

Bathroom/Toilet

Bar Soap
Deodorant

Hair Conditioner

Kleenex
Toothpaste

Laundry/Dishes

Bleach
Dishwashing Liquid
Dishwashing Powder
Liquid Fabric Softener

Juice/Beverage

Canned Juices/Coffee

Miscellaneous

Aluminum Foil
Freezer Bags – Quart
Freezer Bags – Gallon
Plastic Wrap
Storage Bags - Quart

December Birthdays

Mary Domy 12-3
Nacho Bram 12-4
Ron Thompson 12-6
Monty Farley 12-8
Pat Harris 12-11
Seth Greer 12-12
Cathy Thompson 12-24
Judy Barrow 12-30
Phyllis Fisher 12-31

Dec. Anniversaries

Jerry & Carlene Branstetter 12-1
Roy & Judy Phillips 12-22
Luther & Betty Sheppard 12-27

Record for Dec. 10

Sunday AM 100
Sunday PM 71
Wed. PM 70
Total Contribution: \$2545

Prayer List

Cade Hampton is battling a staph infection but is still gaining weight and is otherwise doing well.

Terry Cruise will have knee surgery Dec. 18th.

Caroleen Bright is in Mercy Hospital room 4025 recovering from internal bleeding.

Harry Price is home and doing better.

Brock Henslee had an appointment with a specialist in St. Louis, Dec. 8.

Bobby Lewis has been diagnosed and referred to a local doctor for treatment.

Cathy Craig, friend of Cathy & Ron Thompson is being treated for an aggressive form of breast cancer.

Jim Chittendon, friend of Ron and Cathy Thompson continues treatment for pancreatic cancer

Keith McHenry, Debbie Doherty's son has had recent difficulties with his wait for a transplant.

Beth Adams will have radiation treatment for a brain tumor.

Maegan Sanders, David Page's niece, has a brain tumor and is receiving treatment.

Malaki Herman needs surgery on his knee.

Blanca Baize, Jan Sanders' niece, has had complications from surgery

Bill Stanley, member of Mansfield church of Christ, has had 2 surgeries caused by a recent accident and is expecting more.

Bobby Banks has esophageal cancer

Ralph Hall of Hardy, AR was just diagnosed with a malignant tumor that cannot be removed from lower abdomen.

Don Gardner is home with a port. He has had his first chemo treatment..

Kenna Kammerer, granddaughter of Ernestine Sandoz is dealing with stage 4 cancer.

Sheila Daves, Suzi Doty's niece has had a double mastectomy.

Linda Lloyd, friend of Nicole & Travis Hampton, has a congestive heart.

Friends of the Brams, **Dan Wampler** (now in remission), **Howard Dampier** (battling cancer) and **Joyce Parson** (in recovery for recent surgery for her cancer).

Lisa Plunkett Martin has a recurring bacterial infection which can potentially destroy her kidneys.

Marcie Marchand's mother, **Donna Plummer**, has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Donna Daily (Jerry & Pat Cruise's neighbor) treatments are going well.

Micaiah Sedlacek (18) has kidney failure and is on dialysis and is waiting on a kidney replacement.

Jamie Westcomb, Nicole's friend, has stage 4 kidney and liver cancer.

Stephany Rogers, Dean Sitton's daughter has had a stroke.

Kevin Kumbier, friend of Connie Isis has cancer. Also her sister, **Doris**, is dealing with depression.

Daniel Henslee and family, Steve & Michelle's son-in-law.

Robert Comer's step-dad **Ray** is having problems with his blood.

Andy Novinger who is fighting Thyroid Cancer.

Remember the home bound

- Harry Price (with the Brights) would like visitors.
- Ernestine Sandoz
- Estelline Jones
- Ina Gillette (Colonial Springs in Buffalo)
- Pat Lamb (Marshfield Care Center)
- Judy Barrow (Webco Manor)
- Bonnie Doherty (Webco East)
- Zoe Lawless of Conway (Webco)
- Rosalie Rosenberger (Thad Layne's sister) is in a nursing home in Jax, FL.