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Thoughts from our Pastor:

Christians and Churches Must Stand Pure.

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; (2) But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." 2 Corinthians 4:1 - 2

As our world remains to get worse and worse, as the deceivers continue to deceive even the deceivers, churches and Christians must standfast in the truth. God has put the gospel and the Truth of His Word in our hands to hand down to the next generation, we cannot fail in our trusted job of keeping it pure. God said in Proverbs 23:23 *"Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding."* The word "buy" means - to erect, that is, create and by implication to own it - You cannot rightly worship God if your worship is not in Truth, *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."* John 4:24 The word of God is without question Truth, just as God is Truth, just as Jesus is Truth, God's word is also Truth. Paul here is talking about since God has been merciful and gracious to us, we must not faint when it comes to the Truth of His Word. We as Ministers and Churches must look at what God has called us to, a glorious ministry that brings people life, salvation, and righteousness; a ministry that is able to totally change people's lives. The one single true gospel saves sinners, only the true gospel has that power because the Holy Spirit uses that true gospel in salvation. God said, *"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."* 1 Corinthians 1:21 That is the preaching of the true gospel, no other version will God use to save sinners, because there is only one. Many false teachers today claim to base their gospel message on the Word of God, but false teachers handle God's Word in deceptive ways. They lie about God's true Gospel as it is found in 1 Corinthians 15:3 & 4 *"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; (4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"* anything else is deception. The deceivers and false teachers handle God's Word in misleading ways. You can prove anything by the Bible, by twisting of the scriptures out of context and rejecting the Truth of the Word. The Bible is a book of God's literal words, while it has been interpreted into English and many other languages,

while there were additions in italic, it is still pure and cannot be changed. The deceivers of that day and of our day were/are guilty of twisting the Scriptures to fit their own preconceived interpretations, which is false. So, we ask, how is it that people will believe the lie of deceivers over the truth of God's proclaimers? Why are the false teachers so successful in winning people's hearts? It is because the mind of the lost sinner is blinded by Satan, and fallen man finds it easier to believe lies than to believe truth. Lies become truth to them because they are blinded sinners and have no comprehension of biblical truth. God said, "*But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: (4) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*" 2 Corinthians 4:3 – 4 Not just the gospel, but the entire word of truth called the bible. The bible is a manifestation which means it is revealed by the Holy Spirit, people don't understand the bible naturally, not even if their the smartest among us. If there is no living spirit in a person then they are dead, and God said, they are "spiritually discerned" 1 Corinthians 2:13 – 14 "*Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. (14) But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*" Which means they are - non-physically, that is, divinely – spiritual – to make sense of the truth. Therefore, it is our job as Christians and churches to keep the truth real, honest, and strong. If we fall from the truth, then who will teach the truth? When God said in Proverbs 23:23 "*Buy the truth, and sell it not...*" He told us to own the truth and never surrender it, never ever! Listen very closely to God: "*But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 3:11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.*" Philippians 3:7 - 11

Modern Church Machinery

By Charles Spurgeon

Friends! the Churches of Christ have no need of the Modern Machinery which has supplanted the Simplicity of Faith.

I verily believe, if the Lord swept the church committees and missionary societies out of the universe, we would be better without them. I hope the Church will soon say, like David in Saul's clanking armor, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them," and with only her sling and her stone, confident in her God, I trust she will confront her foe. We Can Do All Things, If We Can but Trust Christ. "All things are possible to him that believes." But nothing is possible to your schemes, and to your systems. God will sweep them away yet, and happy shall be that man who shall lead the van in their utter destruction! Go up against her, take away her bulwarks, for they are not the Lord's; he did not ordain them, nor will he stand by them. Act in faith, O you people of God, and prove the power of prayer, for "all things are possible to him that believes." The fact is, God does not need our power, but our weakness; not our greatness, but our nothingness.

Church Announcements:

- **Happy Birthday** Brother Nathan Lavina Wednesday August 24th
- **Our Bible Conference** is Friday night and Saturday September 16 – 17 We have 7 Speakers and lots of singing. Come and join us as the Lord blesses up in Truth and Worship.

"My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together." Psalms 34:2 - 3