

*"Before I formed you in your
mother's womb,*

I knew you...



....before you were born,

I set you apart...(Jer.1:5)

*Great
Swamp
Baptist
Church*

*January
19, 2020*

Great Swamp Baptist Church

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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 138

“At Calvary”

Invocation

Keith Gamo

Selections of Praise and Worship

“10,000 Reasons”

“Bless The Lord, O My Soul”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Offertory Special

Taylor Roberts

“Thy Will”

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

Regular Services Tonight @ 6:00pm.



Greeters

Today: Mike Mingledorff / Krey Lowther

Next Week: Dora Reynolds / Krey Lowther



Nursery Workers

Today: Carol Davis / Taylor Daley

Next Week: Vandy Amason / Natalie



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole

Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Evelyn Bradley

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today: Keith Gamo

843-986-8745

Next Week: Bjo Mills

843-726-4344



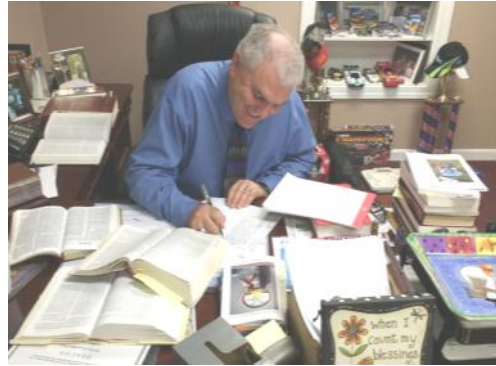
Toll Committee

For the month of January

Alice Way

Pat Bryan

*From
The Pastor Ralph's Desk:*



Dealing With A Godless Society

(Romans 1:14-17)

Intro: there is no doubt that Romans Chapter one verses eighteen and following is a perfect picture of our present society. It is the picture of a nation or a people who purposely go out of their way to cover up the evidence and facts concerning God. Even though the evidence for His existence is overwhelming and they know it, Paul says that they purposely suppress that evidence because they don't want to have to be held accountable to God for their actions.

The second aspect of those verses is to reveal the horrible consequences that take place as the result of man's cover up of the truth of God's undeniable existence. These horrible consequences are exactly what America herself is experiencing because she too has gone out of her way to try to cover up or suppress the evidence of God's existence.

Now, the question is how are we the church, the people of God, going to deal with this godless society? Well, the good news is that the Apostle Paul in the verses preceding verses eighteen and following already reveals the solution for dealing with a godless society. You see the solution to the Apostle Paul, as well as should be to us, was so certain, and powerful that he mentions it first. You see Paul wanted us to not sit around and simply focus upon the problem. He didn't want us to just complain about it or sit around the rest of our lives trying to figure out how to confront the matter. No, he wants us to see how horrible the problem is but how great a solution we have to face the problem. So, let us examine how the Apostle Paul tells us how to deal with a godless society.

I. First, Paul shows us when dealing with a godless society we must understand our commitment. (vs. 14).

So, of course, the question is what is the particular commitment necessary to deal with a godless society? Well, Paul plainly reveals what it is when he said in this verse, "I am obligated both to the Greeks and the non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish." the commitment I am referring to is found in the word obligated. This word, of course, means that I have no choice, I must do this. So what is it that he is absolutely accountable to?

So, the answer is that he is accountable to all persons regardless of their nationality, race, sex or station in life to preach and share the gospel with them. You see in those verses following, we discover that society, of course, Satan and our own sinful nature promotes and pushes upon all of society that there is no God. A big part of their cover up is to preach their denial of God. Therefore, to counter their worldwide promotion of no God to all of society, Paul says we must do the opposite and preach the Gospel to all persons in all of the world regardless of who they are. We are obligated to do so if we are going to turn a godless society into a Godly society. As a matter of fact, we need to be urgent about it because the world is clearly urgent about preaching their godless view of society.

II. Second, Paul shows us that dealing with a godless society requires that we be compelled. (vs. 15).

In this verse, Paul tells us that he was eager to preach the Gospel to those who were at Rome. Paul was so eager to preach the Gospel that he felt completely compelled to do so everywhere he could. In second Corinthians chapter five and verse fourteen, Paul said, "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died." so, Paul is eager and compelled to preach the Gospel to all because Christ died for all. The question arises, how eager are we to take the Gospel to all? How compelled do we feel to want to go and share to all the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now the reason why this point is so important is because the world is eager to preach their anti-God message . We must face their eagerness with our own. As a matter of fact, because we have the truth on our side and the Holy Spirit, we should be far more eager than the fake message of the world.

III. Third, Paul shows us that dealing with a godless society requires that we have an absolute certainty. (vs. 16-17).

Now the certainty that I am referring to is found in Paul's statement here that says, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel." So why was Paul not ashamed of the Gospel? Well, Paul answered that with the next statement, "because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes, first for the Jews, then for the Gentiles." So the Apostle Paul had absolute certainty that the Gospel of Jesus Christ would and will save anyone and everyone who places their faith in Christ for their salvation.

Paul was also absolutely certain that the Gospel of Christ was the only means by which a person could be made right with God. Of Course,

being made right with God through Jesus Christ requires our faith in that truth. However, once that faith is displayed then the righteousness between us and God takes place.

Now this absolute certainty comes first of all from his own personal experience with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. It also comes from the experience of all the others who had preceded him and who were present with him who had been saved.

However the greatest absolute certainty that he had came from the teachings of God's Holy Word. In verse seventeen he clearly makes his argument from God's Holy Word when he said, "For in the Gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'"

So Paul is showing us that the world doesn't have a message of absolute certainty as we do. Our message is absolutely clear and certain from the evidence of Creation, and teaching of God's Holy Word along with the personal experience of God's People.

Concl. So, with the certainty of our message resting squarely on our side, let us get out there with all the absolute certainty of God's Holy Word and preach the only message that will save a soul and make them right with God. It is wonderful to know there is only one way so we don't have to preach many ways and it is wonderful to know we have that message in the wonderful Gospel message of our Lord Jesus Christ. So, don't let this godless society get us down but rather let us lift them up with the truth of the Gospel.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

Announcements

Tuesday, January 21st
Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am



Praise & Worship
Wednesday, January 22nd

Quilt Club
Thursday, January 23rd
Will be working from home until
Youth Annex Building is completed



Women's Bible Study
Thursday @ 6pm in MPB

The poster for the movie "Overcomer" features a collage of images: a man in a white baseball cap, a man and woman embracing, a woman with her arms raised in prayer, and a woman's portrait. The title "OVERCOMER" is at the top. The poster is framed as a film strip.

Movie Night
Sunday
February 9th

Food & Fellowship
@ 5pm
Our movie will follow
the fellowship
@ around 6pm

Found on CineMaterial.com

GSBC Prayer Pages January 19, 2020

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons*

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

*Mack Pope (9/19)
Deidre White (11/12)
Mandy Drew (1/12)*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Becky Jones-Anderson
Royce Malphrus-RNC
Dot Tindal-NHC*

Special Requests

David Meador-Job

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Dev. Ministries
Church Finances*

Unspoken

*Olivia & Juan Garcia
Jessica Cleland
David Meador
Steve Crosby*

Spiritual Guidance

Cancer / Treatments

*Mitzi Cramer (1/28)
Lynn Daugherty (8/30)
Sidney (8/15)
Douglas Denegel (9/16)
Donald Fludd (9/30)
Pam Stanley
Lynn Braden (1/19)
Mary Ann Rowell (1/19)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Ministries

*Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry
Abide Wednesday Services*

Bereavement

Family of

Other Health Needs

*Dan Peeples (6/26)
Charles Maney (7/2)
Lee Martin (7/3)
Danny Breland (9/19)
Wallace Malphrus (11/1)
Cookie Daley (11/19)
Margaret Davis (11/19)
James Harris (12/10)
Jane Gorman (12/19)
Paul Malphrus, Jr. (12/19)*

Expecting / Births

*Sophia Sineath
Ashleii Lynch*

Please Continue To Remember

*Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Mary Cope
Judy Smith
Jeffrey Stanley
Redden Tuten
Vera Floyd
Bobby Mohn*

*Dot Nettles
Tom Hinely
Lois Bootle
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles
Ann Blocker*

*Gary Way
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.
Lanell Smith
Dot Tindal
Keith Floyd*



Pray For Our Military

Jared Blanton-Fort Stewart

Isaac Martin Malphrus

Cape May, NJ / Coast Guard

Matthew Mills-CA-US Marines

Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force /

Oklahoma City. OK

Michael Sottile - Deployed

Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC



Intercessory Prayer Today's Prayer Team

Betty Robertson

Vera Miles

For Prayer Needs

You may access by calling the church at

843-726-3631



Wednesday Night SUPPER



Vegetable Soup
Rice / Cornbread
Corndogs
Salad
Tea & Coffee
Youth Cooking Team
\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of
4 or more

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.....*jehu27@gmail.com*

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Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$ 3,309.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 1,417.92
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 255.55		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>WNS</i>	\$ 279.00	*****	\$ 363.72
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 85.00	*****	\$ 200.28
<i>MPB (Mills Family)</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 298.35
<i>Kitchen Supplies (Mills Family)</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 76.32
<i>Wreaths</i>	\$ 15.00	*****	\$ 290.00



January 20th
January 22nd
January 23rd
January 24th

Evelyn Bradley
Evan Anderson
Tex Lowther
Bernice Malphrus
Helen Malphrus



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Sunday Morning Breakfast 8:30AM
Sunday School 9:45AM
Morning Worship 11:00AM
Evening Worship 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Supper 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00PM

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