

Safford Church of Christ

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

24 January 2016

Topics

A.M. Bible Class:

Guest Speaker A.M. Lesson:

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P.M. Lesson:

Speaker: Bob Mayo

Wednesday:

Christian evidences special study, in the Annex

Pulpit Evangelist

Ken Knowlton: 428-3494

Elders

Greg Briggs: 428-8756

John Cunningham: 428-0895

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.
Thursday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.

***Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them. Psalm 111:2
Please silence your cell phones and other electronic devices.***

Doing

David Gibson

The New Testament speaks of four things that are absolutely essential, but by themselves are worse than useless. So what are they? And what do they all need in order to be brought to completion and made effective?

(1) **Hearing.** *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock..."* (Matthew 7:24). His house withstood the rains, floods, and winds because he was firmly secured to the rock-solid foundation. The man who hears but fails to act is not only building on sand but his house will fall with a terrible crash (verses 26-27; cf. James 1:22-25).

(2) **Knowing.** After washing the disciples' feet and commanding them to serve one another, Jesus said to His apostles, *"if you know these things, you are blessed if you do them"* (John 13:17). This applies, of course, to our knowledge of God's word in general. If we know the Bible well, but don't practice it, what has been accomplished?

(3) **Believing.** Not once, not twice, but three times James tells us that faith without works is dead (James 2:17, 20, 26). A faith without works is like a

body without a spirit—dead! Even the demons believe and tremble believe and tremble (19).

(4) **Saying.** Jesus warns, *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven..."* (Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46). This will be one of the criteria He will use on Judgment Day. Knowing this, we can be prepared.

Hearing must lead to action. Knowing must be translated into doing. Faith must be accompanied by works. Confessing Jesus as Lord must go hand-in-hand with doing the Father's will. Unbeatable combinations!

Commitment

Phil Sanders, Wewoka, OK

Commitment is the act of committing, pledging or engaging oneself. It is regarded as a pledge or a promise. When we became Christians, we committed ourselves to take up our cross and follow Christ daily. This commitment was for a lifetime. In Christianity there is no such thing as a temporary commitment or a partial commitment.

When the pilot of a giant airline is speeding down the runway, there is a certain point where he cannot decide to remain on the ground. When he

crosses that line, he is committed to the air. If he doesn't, the plane will crash disastrously. That pilot cannot change his mind when the plane is two-thirds of the way down the runway. He must make his decision from the beginning and stay with it to become airborne.

Many members of the church have obeyed the gospel, leaving the old man of sin; but they seem to sit at the beginning of the runway revving the engines but never moving. They have been saved but have never gotten engaged in their faith.

Christianity is not a spectator sport; everyone must compete against an enemy who is out to get their souls (Ephesians 6:10-13; 1 Peter 5:8). This is not a competition where winning or losing does not matter. It is a competition with eternal consequences.

Jesus told the church at Smyrna, "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Our faith in Christ is a commitment with no end. Let's not spend our time gunning the engine on the runway. Let's get involved!

Cell phones in church

from Christianity Today, January 2016

One-quarter of Americans who attend church at least monthly now use a mobile device to "connect with faith or inspiration" during the service. Half look up the Scriptures or songs, and one-third take notes. But one-quarter of Americans also admit to using cel phones for unrelated activities such as texting, posting on social media, watching a video, or playing a game.

News:

Dakota Brooks is "with child." She and CodyBo are very happy about it.

Ken Cocke fell and hurt his shoulder. He is expected to have a lengthy recovery.

Ken Knowlton had surgery on his

lip on January 6. He will be having further surgeries.

Bob Banfield is Greg and Louella's son-in-law (husband of their daughter Tracy). He has kidney cancer. Surgery treatment is scheduled for January 25.

Rita Appleton is having cataract surgeries. Next Sunday is a fifth Sunday. The contribution will go to a special cause (TBA).

Extended prayer list:

Sam Appleton—declining health

Robin Richards—depression, back pain

John Cunningham—cancer

Norma Robinson—health

Linda Boling—health

H.L. Boling—general health and complications from leukemia

Ken Knowlton—surgery recovery

Tatyana Knowlton—macular degeneration

Nic and Ani Self—health and personal needs

