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Sacred vs. Profane

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In Leviticus 10:10,11 God, after the fiery death of Nadab and Abihu, teaches an important lesson to Aaron regarding coming before God. We read, "Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations: And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean." The prohibition against alcoholic beverages was for a specific reason so that Aaron and his sons would know how to tell the difference between the holy and the profane. Ezekiel instructs the priests in his day to observe this same distinction. We read in Ezekiel 44:23 "And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean." God was concerned that the people understand the difference between the holy and the unholy, between the sacred and the profane.

The New Testament reflects this teaching as well, although not couched in such specific words. In the Greek New Testament the adjective "holy" and the verb "sanctify" are all from the same stem-word, "hāg—" which has the idea of being set apart for a special purpose. When God sets something apart for a special purpose, it is divinely sanctified—divinely holy.

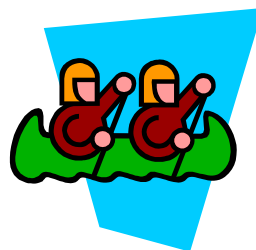
God spells out some things that are holy—that are sanctified. In Romans 1:2 we see that the scriptures are holy; they are set apart by God for a special purpose (see also 2 Timothy 3:15). In Ephesians 5:27 we read that the church is holy. In Hebrews 7:26 we read that we have a holy High Priest. And in the epistles of Peter, we read that Christians are to be holy and that they are a holy nation (1 Peter 1:15, 16 and 1 Peter 2:9). God is still concerned about holiness in His

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Kevin's Korner

A lot has happened since the writing of the last bulletin. We started our ladies Bible class last week and it was very well attended. We also had our youth devotional this past Sunday night and everyone had a wonderful time. As many of you know, my in-laws have been staying with us for the past week and we have so very much enjoyed their company. At the time of this writing, Foy and Mary should be almost all the way home. I am sure that they are going to stop to spend the night somewhere and then complete the their journey back to Marlin, Texas on Saturday.

Monday, my father-in-law and I took his canoe and floated down the War Eagle creek on the south side of Withrow Springs State Park. It was a most enjoyable and pleasant trip. We saw several ducks, hawks, and one Bald Eagle. We admired the beauty of God's creation and the wonderful effects of the great flood upon our earth. We were able to avoid the rain while on the boat, but walking back to the car we got just a little wet.



Thursday we took a trip up to Stark City, Missouri. My in-laws are good friends with J.R. and Joy Burr who live in that town. J.R. is the local evangelist for the church in Stark City. While we were there, we ran into A.J. Hendrix. A.J. had many things to say. He wanted me to tell everyone "Hi" for him. So I am saying "Hi" from A.J. He also did pass some news of concern. As many of you know his wife has bone marrow cancer. She is not expected to live very much longer. Please remember this beloved family in your

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people today.

God is still concerned with those who profane holy things. We read in 1 Timothy 1:9 and 2 Timothy 3:2 that there are some men who are unholy. We also read in Hebrews 10:29 that holy people can profane themselves and regard the blood of Christ profane by rejecting it. God still maintains the distinction between the holy and the unholy—between the sacred and the profane.

Having these things in mind, we ask the question, what does God think about those who

profane holy things today? We hear the reply loud and clear—it is unacceptable! It is wrong! It is evil to take that which is sacred and turn it into something that is profane! To which we give a resounding,

“But just as it is wrong to make profane that which is holy it is equally as wrong to attempt to make holy that which is profane.”

Amen! Now, let’s make application of this principle.

The name of God is holy and sacred. Yet, there are some who profane it by bringing it down to every day ordinary use. We profane God’s name when we use it in an unholy way. The church that Christ built and for which he died (Acts 20:38) is a holy and sacred thing. Yet, when people regard the church as merely a social club or fraternity setting; when people ignore the call to assembly as if it were just an optional matter, they profane that which is holy. The worship of the church is a holy and sacred thing. When men bring in additions to the worship; when they neglect the specified aspects of worship; when men do not worship in spirit and in truth, they profane that which is holy.

But just as it is wrong to make profane that which is holy, it is equally as wrong to attempt to make holy that which is profane. Some today take ordinary every day water and try to make it holy. Some take ordinary buildings and houses which are profane and try to make them holy. Some take profane words (words uttered by men) and try to make them holy (1 Corinthians 1:18-31). Some even take profane music (instrumental music) and try to make it holy (by singing holy words). Now, it is not wrong to drink water, live in a house, study men’s words, or to listen to music. These things are all GOOD in their context. However, to attempt to make any of these pro-

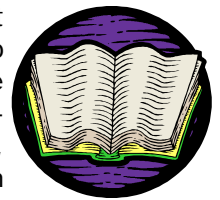
fane things holy, is an affront to God. All such attempts to make holy the profane, fail and show a disrespect and irreverence toward things that God HAS made holy.

God is a holy God and we are to be a holy people. Let us respect the holy as holy and let us leave the profane as profane. “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (2 Corinthians 6:17, 18).

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prayers.

As we mentioned several weeks ago, we are now planning for our vacation Bible school. Our meeting this past week had to be cancelled due to weather conditions the week before and the need to have the youth devotional a week later. However, we have had several flyers come in with good ideas on vacation bible school lessons. If you are interested in looking at these flyers, please come by my office and let me know and I will be happy to share this information with you. We will plan on having another meeting next Sunday night (March 24th) after worship to finalize the material for our VBS.



VBS

Brent Stevens and Rusty Windle have been working hard to get our youth rally going. As you know, it is going to be the last weekend in April, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (April 26, 27, 28). Brent has asked that those who can volunteer to house kids that weekend contact him as soon as possible. We will also be providing a few meals for the kids that come. Please contact Brent for these arrangements as well.

One more note about Brent. Recently Brent was appointed to the office of the deacon and the eldership has assigned to him the great responsibility of benevolence. Brent spoke with me regarding future donations. All those who wish to donate food or clothing items are free to do so. However anything that is neither food nor clothing (such as kitchen appliances, etc.) he requests that you check with him first before donating that item to the church. Also, older style clothing is not very useful for the kids at children’s homes.

One last item of great importance. Georgia Bonner has been moved out of the hospital and into Eureka Springs nursing center. We will add her to our list of shut-ins for whom we intercede before God. Please remember her and her family in her hour of trial.

Christian Hope

Adron Doran (1909-2001)

The hope, which a Christian possesses, is far greater in substance than mere wishful thinking. The writer of the Hebrews letter said, "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). The apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, who had been "called to be saints." "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it" (Romans 8:24-25).

That is why Christians base their hope on the substance of faith and their faith on evidence.

The word hope comes into comparison with such words as desire, expect, anticipate, wait, and look for. My hope is weak if these aspects of my hope are weak. The apostle Paul wrote, "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city" (Hebrews 11:16).

Again, "According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death" (Philippians 1:20).

Further: "For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus which delivered us from the wrath to come" (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10).

Finally: "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of hi in peace, without

spot, and blameless" (2 Peter 3:13-14).

The word hope and comparable terms are used in the Bible to contrast it with despair. The apostle Paul wrote that the Ephesians were at one time "without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12; 1 Thessalonians 4:13). But he adds "now in Christ Jesus...are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13). That is why the apostle was able to write to the Colossian brethren and say, "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27).

The apostle Paul continues to admonish the Galatians: "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9). He is saying to them, in farm language, that in preparing the soil for the sowing of the seed and spending the growing season in watering and cultivating the crop that they should not become weary and faint, because their hope will be realized in the fall at the time of gathering and harvesting the produce.

The Christian's hope becomes "an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" (Hebrews 6:19). When Robert Owen visited Alexander Campbell at his farm in Bethany, Campbell took Owen out to the pasture to show him his prized cattle. Owen pointed out one of the calves and said to Campbell: "I am just like that animal, neither of us has any fear of death." "Yes." replied Campbell, "but neither of you has hope."

Brother N.B. Hardeman would describe hell to his Bible class as a "place where hope is a stranger and mercy has never been found."

The Christian's hope is built upon the desire and expectation that God can and will keep his promise (Titus 1:2; 1 Corinthians 13:7; 1 Peter 3:15).

*From Matters of the Faith
Bossier City, LA*

Sunday's Sermons

For March 17th

MorningChristian Fellowship

Scripture..... 1 John 1:1-7

EveningInspiration

Scripture..... 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Our Record

Week of 3/10/02

Sunday Class	69
Sunday A.M.....	86
Sunday P.M.	61
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Contribution.....	1905.68

News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Trish Foster, Geneva Atchley.

- Lucille Wright is in room 504 of the Berryville nursing home.

- Jessica Lovelady is also in the nursing home in room 307.
- Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs.
- Georgia Bonner has been moved out of ICU and into the Eureka Springs nursing home.
- Glenn Quigley's sister, Evelyn, is recovering from surgery and is now out of ICU.
- Lana Dycus is in the hospital with pneumonia.
- Helen Swink is in the hospital in Arizona recovering from Aneurysm surgery.
- Kevin Youngblood announced that he will be having surgery in a couple of weeks.
- Tonight we need those who work on the House to House and Heart to Heart to meet to mail that out.
- Tonight there will be an elders and deacons meeting.
- This afternoon will be our potluck! Yum.
- Remember ladies Bible class Wednesday morning at 10:30. Our class materials have come in and you may pick them up from me (Kevin).
- There is a gospel meeting this week in Stark City, Missouri. The speaker is Jeremie Beller from Chandler, OK. The meeting is from Monday through Friday each night starting at 7:00.
- Next Sunday evening we will have a VBS meeting after evening services.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Trash Bags.



Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sunday Morning:	March 17th	March 24th
Song Leader:	Ken Smith	Bill Fort
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Bruce Foster	Bob Moore
Scripture:	Leon Duncan	Ray Duncan
Lord's Table:	George Eddings	Bill Fort
	Rusty Windle	Bruce Foster
(assist)	Perry Foster	Brent Moore
	Brandon Foster	Perry Foster
Closing Prayer	Glenn Williams	Rusty Windle
Sunday Night:		
Songs:	Glenn Williams	Rusty Windle
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Brent Stevens	Ken Smith
Scripture:	Brent Moore	Bruce Foster
Lord's Table:	Leon Duncan	Dale Pinkley
	Ray Duncan	Brandon Foster
Closing Prayer	Dale Pinkley	Brent Stevens
Wednesday		
Songs:	Glenn Quigley	Bruce Foster
Opening Prayer:	Leon Duncan	Glenn Williams
Invitation:	Bob Moore	Brent Stevens
Closing Prayer:	Perry Foster	Brent Moore

Elders: Clay Bozarth, Bill Fort, Glenn Quigley
Deacons: Leon Duncan, Bruce Foster, Dale Pinkley, Ken Smith, Brent Stevens, Rusty Windle
Preacher: Kevin Cauley870-423-6707

Times of Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:9:30 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship:10:30 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 PM
 Wed. Evening Bible Class: 7:00 PM

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