



LET'S VISIT

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DOES JESUS DISTURB YOU?

When you read the Bible, you read of Jesus as the prince of peace. However, have you ever **thought** of Jesus as a disturber of the peace? What would you think of the idea that Jesus came to divide men and women? In Luke 12:51, we read that Jesus said, *"Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division."*

More than once Jesus demonstrated His power to disturb. One Sabbath day he spoke to the Synagogue at his hometown, Nazareth and made his countrymen so angry they cast him out of town and almost threw him over a cliff.

Often, Jesus disturbed religious-minded people. Perhaps no one was more respected than the rich young ruler, and he must have felt quite secure and at peace with God. But he heard of the self-giving Man of Nazareth, and his complacency was so disturbed that one day he asked Jesus what was lacking. When Jesus told him, the young man became even more disturbed; but the price was too great. The Lord had not been unkind to the man, for he must disturb him by telling him the truth about his soul.

The Lord even said he would disrupt family peace, dividing people against their own kin. He and his disciples encountered the violence of bitter men full of hate, who were disturbed by Jesus and his teachings.

It is clear that the prince of peace is also the great disturber. This is true because of what he is. Perfection always has critics whose envy, jealousy, or pride strike out in misguided self-defense. To view the self-giving life of the Master and stand in awe at his unequalled ability to live up to the high truths he taught is to become uncomfortable for our own half-

hearted efforts to live as we should. Neglecting to study the Bible, attend worship, and pray makes us feel a keen sense of embarrassment when God's wishes for us in these respects are mentioned.

There is another way that Jesus disturbs people today. He upsets them because of the doctrine that he taught. The doctrine of the resurrection disturbed the Sadducees, and his lessons on sincerity and obedience to God instead of tradition brought the Pharisees much unrest. His words, *"Except a man be born again. . .of water and the Spirit , he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven."* (John 3:3-5). Those words shook the Jewish pride in His great Hebrew ancestry.

All these doctrines, and many others, are still disturbing the self-satisfied complacency of many religious people today. Many refuse to read the Bible or hear gospel sermons because they "don't want anybody disturbing them".

If the word of God disturbs you, do not feel that you are an exception. Think how Saul must have been disturbed when Jesus revealed him as a persecutor of the Lord! Remember, Saul was not just satisfied, he was zealous in his erroneous pursuits. Yet, do you think he ever regretted being disturbed

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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 -Shreveport - 7:30 a.m. Sunday
KSLA 12 -Shreveport - 11:00 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 373 - 7:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 83 - 7:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



*Give Me That
Old Time
Religion!*

**For The Pantry. . .
June 2 – Hamburger Helper**

Offering – May 26, 2024. \$1,926.00

The Lord’s plan of giving ...”as ye have prospered”

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by Jesus? Not for a moment.

Remember Jesus said, “Except a man be born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.”? Those words disturb many in our world today who have been led to believe that God wants us to do nothing toward our salvation. The statement in Mark 16:16 is equally confusing to the individual who isn’t ready to take Jesus at His word. Jesus said, “*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, He that believeth not shall be condemned.*” Then, there was what Peter said on the day the church began, “*Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins*” (Acts 2:38). That is too much for those who teach that baptism is not essential for salvation.

When Jesus insisted on consistent loyalty to His service saying, “*Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life*” he brought encouragement to the church at Smyrna. (Revelation 2:10). Yet, he left a word of disturbance to those who doubt that one can lose their crown of life once they have become a Christian.

When the words of Jesus disturb us, He is not trying to rob us of anything we ought to have. Neither does he desire to leave us in a state of unrest. What Jesus is doing is destroying a false peace to give us the true peace that only He can give.

Peace is not something we can bet by the pound, yard or dozen. Peace comes about as a consequence of having escaped danger. Only when we are free from real danger is there real peace. When our eternal souls are at stake, we must be disturbed by the true teachings of the Savior; and we must remain disturbed until we have followed his formula for peace.

May we never take the disturbing words of Jesus lightly. It is only when we have become concerned enough about our soul to seek the true will of Jesus Christ and follow His teachings that we can find real “rest unto our souls”.

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On The Lighter Side. . .



It's from the church. We've been called up for "Active Duty"!

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Wearing your halo too tight gives others a headache too.



QUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP TODAY!

Today is the day for our quarterly fellowship meal and we hope you are planning to stay! We will

be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries for the months of June, July and August We will also be honoring Liela Klein upon her High School Graduation.

Hospitality Group 1 is in charge of this dinner. Those members are: Marsha Bounds, LaResa Livingston, Betty Miller, Lisa Miller and Melonia Molloy.

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal June 26th 6:00 P.M.



Plan to come and join us!

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Upcoming Events

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING – June 9, 2024 in the church office. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!

- September 8, 2024 – Friends & Family Day
- December 8, 2024 – No Excuse Sunday
- December 15, 2024 – Christmas Party

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

LaJuan Baugh has been hospitalized at Medical Center in Nacogdoches this past week.

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Martha Jean Golden, Geneva Graves, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

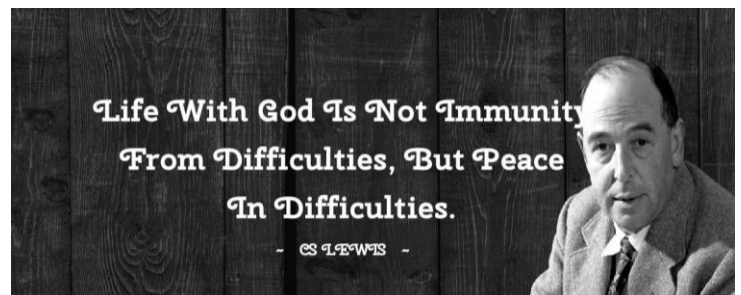
Cody Anthony (LaResa Livingston's nephew) **Mitchell Anthony** (LaResa Livingston's brother), **Alton Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's cousin – cancer) **Curtis Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's brother) recovering from a stroke. **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Bobbie Gray** (Jerry Pate's Aunt) **Geneva Harrison** (Mike Bostick's mother) **Glynn Hartt** (friend of Cissy Amos) **Joe Hughes** (Cissy Amos' father); **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues)

Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Kutter Milford** (Cissy Amos' grandson) **Vervyn Pate** (Jerry Pate's brother) is being treated for stomach cancer. **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; **Michael Smith** (Debra Pate's cousin) is being treated for lung cancer in Green Acres; **Buddy Sowell** (friend of Debra Pate) **J. C. Tate** (Jana O'Brien's father) **Clark Paul Williams** (LaResa Livingston's cousin)

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

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Across The Preacher's Desk

How important is God in our lives? Is Jesus Christ the Lord and Master of your life? You see, if Jesus Christ is not Lord of ALL of your life, He is not Lord AT ALL in your life. Yet, how many times do we let the cares and concerns of life in our modern world crowd out the things of God? How often do we seem to have time and energy to engage in activities for our pleasure and enjoyment but seem to have little or no energy when it comes to things that involve the service and worship of God?

How would we feel. . .

If God gave us the same amount of time and attention that we devote to Him?

If God put as many things ahead of us as we put ahead of Him?

If God offered as many excuses as we do? And if the excuses were no more justifiable than ours?

If God's promises were no more certain than ours?

If God withheld His blessings from us as we withhold our offerings from Him?

If God loved Himself as much as we love ourselves and gave as little thought to us as we give to Him?

Tragically, so often we loudly proclaim our love and devotion for God and our words ring hollow. They ring hollow because our actions belie our verbal proclamation. Let's make sure our devotion to God is real.

it's something to think about.....tbp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
54 in '24!**