

Heaven

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"In my Father's house are many dwelling places... I go to prepare a place for

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Charlestown Road Church of Christ

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Our Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am
Worship: 10:20 am
Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

Our Preachers:

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Jesus: The Master Teacher

Jesus could sit with people and teach the Scriptures in a way that made those words come alive. He taught with authority the crowds said, and not like the teachers of the law. Jesus' teaching was a striking contrast to that of the teachers of the law who often used the Scriptures to exalt themselves and condemn others. Jesus, on the other hand, allowed the Scriptures to lead people to God, not away from Him. Even though his teaching demanded change in their lives, Christ's listeners were willing to make changes because they saw the beauty of the truths He so masterfully explained with his stories and parables.

Perhaps Apollos had the gift of teaching in the early church. Luke described Apollos as well-educated and eloquent, one who taught accurately about Jesus (see Acts 18:24-26). Perhaps the best indicator of his gift to teach was his ability to learn. Even though Apollos was probably better educated than any early disciple, including even Paul, he humbly received instruction from two tent-makers, Aquila and Priscila. A true teacher of the Scripture is always willing to let the Scriptures teach him.

What are our modern teachers in the church like? They are those who find delight in the disciplined study of the word of God, and probably other subjects as well. They love to learn and to help others learn. They find themselves often in discussions about the meanings of certain words or passages in Scripture. Most of all, they search the Scriptures to find Jesus and then are able to open those Scriptures in such a way that others can find him there, too.

Appeal

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

No Blood No Foul

There is a common expression used in pickup basketball games that says, "No blood, no foul." What that means is that not every bump or reach in will be called a foul. Unless it is very obvious, unless "there is blood" there will be no foul. You won't find that rule applying in high school or college basketball. There they call fouls, even minor things.



The principle of "no blood, no foul" goes beyond the basketball court. That is a rule of life that many live by. Unless someone is hurt, they will not call something wrong. The measure of right and wrong is based upon how much damage is done. If nothing really bad happens then it is ok.

This principle is used in areas of morality. This is the plea that the homosexual community uses. As long as no one gets hurt, why is it wrong? This is the argument used by couples who want to live together without being married. As long as no one is hurt, how can it be wrong?

This reasoning is also used when it comes to things affecting the church. What is the big deal, some say, about having a church car wash to raise some money? Why is having a gym wrong? If it helps the neighborhood kids, it ought to be a good thing.

What if a woman gave a lesson from the pulpit on Sunday morning? If what she said is right, what harm could that be? More and more examples could be given using that type of logic. **Does something only become wrong if someone is hurt?**

When Cain offered a different sacrifice what harm was done? Yet God refused to accept that. When Nadab and Abihu offered a strange fire to God, it seemed very innocent. God used that fire to kill them.

Someone does not have to be hurt, damaged or ruined before something is declared wrong. Anything that does not follow the word of God is wrong, whether anyone is hurt or not. **Wrong is not based upon the amount of damage done, but accordance to the Word of God (Phil. 4:9).**

Most changes that have taken place in worship have begun very innocently. No one was hurt. No one raised a voice. Because lightning did not come crashing down, because God did not stop it, everyone joyfully accepts the departures as being right.

No blood, no foul may work on the basketball court, but it doesn't work with God!

Family Connections



News for You

- VBS (July 6-9). See **Mike Nicolson** if you are interested in teaching VBS. Materials will be available soon.
- **Roger Shouse's** new address and home phone number is:
11520 Yorktown Blvd.
Sellersburg, IN 47172
812-748-0365
- A meal list is posted on the bulletin board if you would like to have feed **David Thomley** one evening during our gospel meeting. Invite another family and enjoy the fellowship and company!
- Gospel Meeting flyers are on the table for you to pass out or mail. Let's invite a TON of PEOPLE!!

For your Prayers:

- **Randy Wolfe** has been in the hospital with chest pains.
- **Kirsten Adkins, Carter Jacobi, Lee Quinn** have been ill this past week
- **Daisy Hendricks**, who many knew, passed away Monday

Our Family is Growing

Two more have been identified with the church family here at Charlestown Road. Welcome them and get to know them.

- **Nadera Wolford**
1609 State St.
New Albany, IN 47150
- **Nettie "Jane" Page**
414 Hamlet Dr
New Albany, IN 47150

Group 1 meets at the building today

Don't Forget: Our Gospel Meeting is coming soon

- **April 13-16**
- **David Thomley, Brentwood, TN**