
Pleasant View church of Christ
2500 Highway 49 East
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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
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Proverbs 17:1
“Better is a dry morsel and
quietness with it than a house
full of feasting with strife.”

*“Anyone who does not take truth seriously in
small matters cannot be trusted in larger ones
either.”*

Albert Einstein

*“The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may at-
tack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end,
there it is.”*

Winston Churchill

Confession

From Timothy Peck: *In 1818 one out of six women who had children died of something called "childbirth fever." A doctor's daily routine back then started in the dissecting room, where he performed autopsies, and from there he made his rounds to examine expectant mothers. No one even thought to wash his hands...at least not until a doctor named Ignaz Semmelweis began to practice strict hand washing. He was the very first doctor to associate a lack of hand washing with the huge fatality rate. Dr. Semmelweis only lost one in fifty, yet his colleagues laughed at him. Once he said, "Childbirth fever is caused by decomposed material conveyed to a wound...I have shown how it can be prevented. I have proven all that I've said. But while*

we talk, talk, talk, women are dying.. I'm not asking for anything world shaking, only that you wash your hands." Yet virtually no one believed him. And Jesus is not asking anything earth shaking from us. John writes, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We only need to confess our sins, to regularly wash our souls before God. It's essential. The failure to confess our sins will result in spiritual infection that will hinder our ability in the spiritual journey.

You may have heard the adage, “We judge ourselves by our intentions, and we judge others by their actions.” There is truth in that statement. It is easier to condemn the

actions others than to condemn our own actions. We rationalize and explain away. We often live in a world of “meant to” and “woulda, shoulda, coulda.” But the Bible teaches us to live in a world of honesty and confession.

Thankfully, as Christians, God's forgiveness is not limited to one confession. When we confess, He forgives. We can fool everyone else most of the time. We can fool ourselves sometimes. But we cannot fool God.

Confession heals a contaminated soul.

James Hayes

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Good Enough

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Think about what you would do in this scenario: You own a 15-year-old car that has more rust than paint. One day you hear a knock on the door and it's the owner of the local Mercedes dealership. He says, "Hi. It's your lucky day. Once a year we give away a new Mercedes to a local resident based on a random drawing. You won! Here are the keys. Your new car is in the driveway!" Would you say, "Thanks! This is great! This is a brand new, expensive car!" Or would you say, "No thanks. My car is good enough"?

Here's another scenario: Your boss at work doesn't know your name. You work twice as much as you were

told you would have to work, and your pay is disrespectful. One day you get a phone call from the rival company, begging you to work for them for twice as much pay, and your work hours would be greatly reduced. Would you say, "Wow. Just what I've been looking for"? Or would you say, "No thanks. My job is good enough"?

Spiritually, many people think of themselves as "good enough." Why? Because they only notice their good deeds. They consider how generous they are with their friends, how dedicated they are rearing their children, and how supportive they are of their spouses. Graded on a

curve, they think, "I am spiritually healthy."

But all of us have one thing in common: sin. Jesus did not die on the cross because of our good deeds. He did not forgo the joys of heaven because we were such wonderful people. Jesus died for our sins. None of us were good enough. None of us were worthy of that sacrifice.

Jesus is offering salvation to all people who will obey the gospel. Millions of people are aware of that eternal gift, but they look at Jesus and say, "I'm good enough." And that belief will condemn their souls.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Sue Clymore is being treated for shingles.
- Sheila Crouch, Patricia Stroud's daughter, is in the beginning stages of cancer treatment.
- Addie Farmer continues to recover at home from anemia.
- Worship this afternoon at 2:30 at Hillcrest Nursing Home in Ashland City. If you have never participated, it's a great way to encourage those who can't attend our service.

**We Have Exceeded \$51,000 In Our Building Fund!
Continue To Generously Support This Effort!**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Walker

Pray: J.L. Shelton

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: M. Reed

Serve: Demonbreum, Rose, F. Brown

Pray: Gupton