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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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Colossians 1:17-18

“He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is from the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.”

“Wealth consists not in having great possessions, but in having few wants.”

Epictetus

“Money often costs too much.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Every time you borrow money, you are robbing your future self.”

Nathan Morris

Rejecting Biblical Teaching On Marriage

Mark Regnerus, a sociologist at the University of Texas, has confirmed through scientific study what faithful preachers have been proclaiming for centuries: Those who reject certain biblical teachings on sex and marriage will likely reject *all* biblical teachings on sex and marriage.

He asked this question regarding gay marriage: What is the sexual and relational morality of Christians who accept the moral legitimacy of same-sex marriage? He published his findings in *Relationships in America Survey*, and they are staggering. Only 4.6% of churchgoing Christians who oppose gay marriage think that viewing pornography is okay, compared to 33.4% of churchgoing Christians

who support gay marriage. About 7% of churchgoing Christians who oppose same-sex marriage support abortion rights; a whopping 39% of churchgoing Christians who support gay marriage also support abortion rights. Regnerus draws an obvious conclusion from his findings: “Churchgoing Christians who support same-sex marriage look very much like the country as a whole. What would a pro-gay marriage Christian sexual morality look like? The national average—the norm—that’s what.”

What a shame. Many Christians have chosen to conform to the world instead of prove what the will of God is (Rom. 12:2). They have

chosen to give into social pressure of not being “on the wrong side of history” when it comes to gay marriage. They are condoning an activity that God condemned. They are refusing to be salt and light, choosing rather to be bland and typical and common.

Given the digression of social morality in America, gay marriage will likely be legal in all 50 states within the next decade. But that will not change God’s standard for marriage: one man, one woman, for life. May all Christian people teach and practice that standard.

James Hayes

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No Laughing Matter

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Robin Williams died last week of an apparent suicide. The country knew Williams as a man who was always entertaining others, in TV shows, stand-up comedy routines, and movies. He laughed for a living, and his talents afforded him things that others couldn't afford. That's why his suicide was so shocking. How could a man who seemed so happy kill himself? How could such a wealthy man not be thrilled to be alive?

After his death, news reports shed light on the real Robin Williams, the one who was battling the early stages of Parkinson's Disease, the one whose finances were stretched to the limit, the one who had

been in and out of drug rehabilitation, the one who was severely depressed. That Robin Williams had been hidden from his adoring fans. He only showed us what he wanted us to see.

In that way, Robin Williams was no different than anyone else. We often hide behind gleaming facades of peace and security while struggling mightily with hidden sins and insecurities. We don't want to seem weak. We try to avoid saying things like, "I need help," and "I don't know how to do this." Such false bravado will only lead to more misery. And such pride does not represent Christianity.

Faithful people should know that they fail (Rim. 3:23). They readily admit they are weak (II Cor. 12:9). They know who can save them (Rom. 7:24-25). And they know that when sin is confessed, it is forgiven (I John 1:9).

Williams' life would have been more fulfilling had he avoided drugs and alcohol and run to Jesus when he was weak. That's the lesson for us to teach others.

"I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Morgan Craig's surgery has been moved to September.
- Bible Bowl practice at the White House church of Christ this afternoon.
- Building Fund contribution will be this month on the 31st.
- Please pray for Mildred Walker, Addie Farmer, Rick Reed, J.R. Mitchell, the Newells, and the situations in Ukraine, Iraq, Ferguson, MO.

Happy Haven Contribution Today Bible Bowl On September 6

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Baker

Pray: Gupton

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Billingsley

Serve: Reed, Trent, J. Walker

Pray: Shelton