

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

**Pleasant View church of Christ**

## Have This Attitude

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I am not Jesus. I do not look like Jesus, aside from the fact that both of us had/have a normal appearance (Isaiah 53:2). Jesus lived in Palestine over 2000 years ago; I live in Tennessee today. He was the only begotten Son of God—fully divine and fully man; I am only human. Jesus was sinless; I am sinful. He is the Savior; I am the saved.

Even though none of us can perfectly emulate the life of Christ, the Bible still commands us—not suggests, *commands* us—to be like Jesus in one particular way: We must have His attitude. In Philippians 4:5, Paul writes, “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus...” God

never commanded us to do anything we are incapable of doing; otherwise, He would be a cruel, manipulative God. So, since the Bible commands us to have the attitude of Jesus, we know it’s possible.

Paul went on to describe Jesus’ attitude. Among other things, “being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 4:8). In order to have the attitude of Christ, we must humble ourselves. As the saying goes, if you don’t humble yourself, someone or something will humble you. After Jesus humbled Himself, “God highly exalted

Him” (4:9). Your Christ-like humility will have the same effect. James wrote, “Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you” (James 4:10).

How was your attitude today? Did you rejoice with those who rejoiced, or were you jealous? Did you consider others as more important than yourself (Phil. 4:3), or did you wonder why others weren’t serving you? Did you judge others by their actions while judging yourself by your intentions?

Our faith is more than just what we do. We must also have the right attitude.

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- Rick Reed had a pace maker successfully implanted Thursday and he is resting at home.
- Randy Baker’s latest biopsy went as well as possible.
- Thanks to those who participated in our annual singing last week.
- Pray for Mildred Walker, Addie Farmer, Paula Lee, Maxine Hearn, the Newells, and all those affected by terrorism.

**VBS Will Be June 19-23**  
**Gospel Meeting July 24 (Evening)—July 27**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Gupton

Pray: Brown

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Reed

Serve: J. Demonbreum, Trent, E. Simpkins

Pray: Baker

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Sunday School: 9:30  
A.M. Worship: 10:30  
P.M. Worship: 6:00  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm  
Phone: 924-9714

*Bible Bowl This Year Will Cover The Following  
Chapters From Leviticus: 6-11, 17, 19, 23-27.*

*“You may delay, but time will not.”*

*Ben Franklin*

Proverbs 16:9

“The mind of a man plans his  
way, but the Lord directs his  
steps.”

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## To Be Persecuted

As modern Christians, we have the privilege of being able to know the whole story of redemption. We live on this side of the book of Revelation. There will be no more gospels, no more inspired writings, no more revelations. The story has been told. Man will either obey the gospel or reject the gospel.

But have you ever thought about how you would react to Jesus and His apostles if you were living in the first century? How would you respond to the Sermon on the Mount if you were sitting on that hillside as Jesus preached? What if you saw over 5,000 people fed with only five loaves of bread and two fish—would you have followed Jesus? “Of

course,” you say. “I am a Christian today. I would’ve been a Christian then.”

Oh, really? Early Christians were forced from their homes, driven from their hometowns, and harassed for their faith. Christians were fed to lions and imprisoned in disgusting dungeons. Confessing Jesus as Lord was not a casual expression—it cost believers their lives.

Americans have been able to practice their beliefs with relative ease since the founding of this country. Outspoken believers have been able to maintain employment, get elected to public office, and raise their children as they see fit. In other words,

it’s been easy to be a Christian in America for 240 years.

But we have seen that the prevailing opinion of Christianity in America is changing for the worse. Some of that negative opinion has been self-created—some Christians have not loved the Lord and their fellow man as they should have. No matter who is causing the change, we know that times are changing nonetheless. So the question is, where will your faith be when the heat turns up?

“But if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name” (I Peter 4:16).

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