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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Nov. 11	If Jesus came to your house
Nov. 18	Light and salt of the world
Nov. 25	Guest speaker
Dec. 2	Guest speaker

SUNDAY PM

Nov. 11	Faith, grace, and works (#391)
Nov. 18	The good treasure (#392)
Nov. 25	Guest speaker
Dec. 2	Guest speaker

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

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To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Phyllis Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryll Akers, Kathy Briggs, Robert Van Alstine, Jo Matheny, Jim Loper, Jewel Warfield, Ed Warfield, Bill Arnold, Marilyn Smith, Bill Richard's father, Charles' mother, Carol Wilson, Lillian's brother

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: 1 Pet. 2:21-23 **PM:** Eph. 2:8-10

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Nov. 18 – Potluck, Business meeting, Military packages
Nov. 25 – Singing at 5 p.m..

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Charles Coats

Hosea 4:1; Eze. 34:9; Jer. 31:10; Isa. 1:10. What do these verses have in common? There may be other things, but one thing all these verses, as well as other verses, have in common is this statement: "hear the word of the Lord". It was necessary for Israel and the nations around Israel to hear the message that would bring salvation to them. This message was the word of the Lord.

In Acts 15:7, we find Peter telling the church that it was by him that the Gentiles "should hear the word of the gospel and believe". Peter understood that his work was to take the message of God to the world giving them the hope of salvation.

Why such an emphasis on the word of God? In the

world in which we live today so many people are trying to tell us that we do not have to follow all of God's word, just keep the "spirit" of the law. They want us to believe that as long as our hearts are right, then it does not matter if we do not follow the law to the letter. In fact, they decry what they call "commandment keeping".

Yet, we see that God and the church in the New Testament expected people to keep the commandments of God, that is, to follow his word. Again, why such an emphasis on the word of God? Note the following:

1. It is the power of God to salvation (Rom. 1:16).
2. It is the means by which men will be saved (1 Cor. 1:10).
3. It is through our obedience to the word that we will be born again (1 Pet. 1:23).
4. If we continue in the word, we will be found righteous in the end (Col. 1:22,23).

Need we go on? I believe now we can understand why there was such an emphasis placed on keeping the word of God. It (God's word) is God's power to salvation!

Since it is necessary for us to hear the word of the God, then it must also be understood that we preach the word so mankind will have access to God's saving message. To preach anything else would be a great disservice to mankind. God taught us to preach the word (2 Tim. 4:2) and to spread his word throughout the world (Matt. 28:19; Mk. 16:15).

It is not our "right" to change the message of God. We must obey God and we must be faithful in our concern for the souls of others. We will, by what we teach, either contribute to their eternal salvation or their eternal damnation.

Let us preach the word in its fullness (Acts 20:27) that what others hear from us is nothing but the word!