Notes

LAKE COUNTRY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Worship 6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00pm

Ladies Bible Class is discontinued for summer

JUNE 25, 2017

Six Things about the Bible

Clay Bond

Psalm 19:7-9 gives the Scriptures six very significant titles: Law, Testimony, Precept, Commandment, Fear, and Judgments. Let me suggest that Holy Spirit uses so many descriptive terms for the Bible because God is helping us to understand the nature and sufficiency of His Word.

Law: As you open your Bible you will notice that it is divided into two major sections, the Old Testament (or Law) and the New Testament (or Law). Both of these laws are perfect and complete in that each accomplishes its intended purpose, which is to restore the soul. The Old Law and its system of worship have been fulfilled and done away with by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Colossians 2:14 & Hebrews 8:1-13). Since the death and resurrection of Christ mankind has lived under the New Covenant, also known as the "perfect law of liberty" (James 1:25). This law is perfect in that it furnishes us with all things pertaining to both life and Godliness (2 Peter 1:3). This law liberates us, setting us free from the law of sin and death (John 8:32; Romans 8:2).

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Testimony: In the Scriptures we see God bearing witness about Himself both in terms of His nature and His will. In this age of over inflated expectations built on deception and false advertisements, it is refreshing that all we know of God traces back to His Word and is completely true (Romans 1:20). God's creation cries out to each and every person that He does indeed exist (Psalm 19:1-6).

Precept: God's precepts are those rules that He gives us to guide us through life. Just as we lovingly guide our children, establishing rules and boundaries to keep them safe, God has given us precepts by which we must live. As Christians, we must operate within the boundaries of God's statutes (Galatians 5:17). By looking to God's precepts we know that He desires for us to come out from among this world and live soberly, righteously and godly (Romans 12:1-2; Titus 2:12; 1 Peter 1:13-16).

Commandment: The God of Heaven and Earth has spoken! His commands ought never to be seen or treated as mere suggestions. He has revealed the basis of our fellowship with Him and established commandments designed to maintain that fellowship (1 John 2:3-4). In Jude 1:21 Christians are encouraged to keep themselves in the love of God and Jesus told us precisely how to do this when He said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). If we want to enter that beautiful city, whose builder and maker is God, we better not wander away from God's commandments (Hebrews 11:10; Revelation 22:14; Psalm 119:10).

Fear: In our society this word has only a negative connotation, however, Biblically it can mean either "*terror*" or "*reverence*" depending upon the context. Psalm 19 speaks of the reverence we should have for God when we worship Him (Psalm 89:7). This type of fear motivates us to worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). It is clean and keeps our worship pure by helping us to avoid religion that is tainted with the doctrines and commandments of men (Matthew 15:7-8). This sober reverence does not change over time or alter to fit society. The fear of the Lord endures forever.

Judgments: We say it to our kids all the time, "Make good choices." That's exactly what God's Word, His judgments help us do! It trains our consciences so that we can discern what is good and what is evil (Hebrews 5:11-14). Through God's judgments we are able to test all things and hold on to the things that are good and acceptable (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22). This last term reminds us that Christianity is a learned lifestyle, "I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments" (Psalms 119:7).

The very purpose of God's Word is to help us through this life so we will be prepared to live with Him in eternity. If we want to experience the abundant life we must allow God's Law, Testimony, Precepts, Commandments, Fear, and Judgments to work in our lives.

Order of Service

Opening Remarks		Ray Parks
Song Leader		Tom Barr
Song #*682*	*Heaven Came Down*	
Song #*362*	*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*	
Prayer		Don Petrosky, Sr.
Song#*444*	*Nailed to the Cross*	
Communion		Russell Haydon Luke Haydon
Song #*760*	*Who Will Follow Jesus*	
Song #*967*	*Our God Reigns*	
Sermon		Clay Bond
Song #*772*	*Why Do You Wait*	
Offering		
Closing Remarks		Ray Parks
Song #*467*	*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*	
Dismissal Prayer		Wendell Harrison

Announcements:

- Tuesday Bible Study at 7pm at the Phillips' home, 309 Columbine, Meadowlakes
- July 2nd there will be a potluck fellowship

Wednesday Devotional

June 28th	Ray Parks
July 5th	Luke Haydon

...Prayer List...

Gay Kyle, Lee Myers, Roland & Juanita Coffman, Don Petrosky, Sr., Butch Crownover, Eugene Haydon, Ray Parks, Melvin Wright, Olivia Medina

Remember our brethren in Kenya and around the world.

Attendance: Sunday AM: 38 PM: 25 Wednesday: 21 Contribution: $2894.00