

Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Margaret and John.

Joel's work in India

Joyce and her son
Keith.

Elle

Those have Fallen
Away

Bob And Sylvia.

Val And Family.

To all our members who
are not here for one
reason or another.

That God may open
people's hearts to the
gospel and that God will
add to our number.

Study

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"Doesn't everyone have a right To their own belief?"

If we had a pound for every time we heard that self serving statement, we could be vacationing on a beach in the Caribbean.

One of the most important things to consider about "rights" and "obligations" where religion is concerned, is to realize that God has always wanted man to be self surrendered and submissive to His Will.

God established the New Testament covenant demands for man when He volunteered His Son to die for the world. He outlined them and man cannot change them, no matter how much TV hawkers call upon God to accept their versions.

On one occasion with His disciples Jesus had to remind them of their necessity to dedication by saying, "And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him." John 8:29
It is not a question of commending ourselves, as many do, but rather constantly trying to please God and Christ by repenting and changing our ways to be like Them.

The world is full of actors devouring awards and high praises from their peers at special events. The Christian's profile is to be so mild mannered that when he/or/she is praised for righteous works, we should almost feel ashamed to receive the applause.

Offering our praises to the Father and His Son, is not optional, because Moses warned us 3500 years ago - "THE LORD GOD SHALL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED in everything He says to you." Acts 3:22

We were not given a right to chose what we called ourselves. We were not given a right to chose a certain kind of church to attend. No scripture offered a choice of baptisms, degrees of faith, tasks to serve each other, or even which Bible tickles our fancy.

Under our covenant agreement, no one is ever forced to serve God. When God made man, He placed within him a conscience to

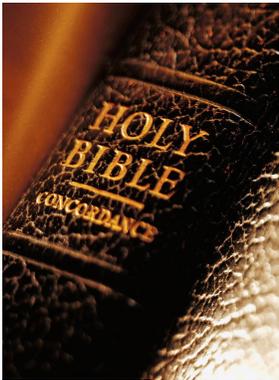
work 24/7 sifting out the evil deeds and embracing the good ones from our hearts. King David's sins were set aside by God because God knew David's heart and whatever David did most of the time, God was pleased and David found acceptance in God's Court.

Churches of Christ are not striving to duplicate the church of the first century because they were very flawed and in need of constant attention by the Holy Spirit and the Apostles who were lead by the Holy Spirit. Churches of Christ are striving to duplicate the covenant demands the Words of the Spirit given to the writers through Heavenly Inspiration.

We have a right to accept or reject those demands, but we cannot change them as so many are attempting to do.

Guest Editorial
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Bible Studies for the Week of June 1st 2008



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| AM Sermon | God For 24 Hours (Ricci) |
| Scripture Reading for Sermon..... | Isaiah 55 |
| Adult Bible Study..... | Ecclesiastes(Ricci) |
| Scripture Reading for service | Proverbs 3:1-20; James 3 |
| Sunday School Class | (Rita) |
| Thursday Bible Class | (Trevor) |
| Ladies Bible Class..... | Activities |
| Men's Bible Class..... | Matthew 5:14. (Ricci) |

Can we change the world?

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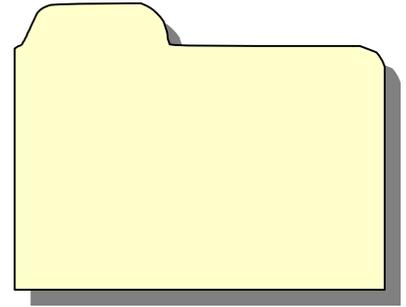
How does a person change the world? Some people are naturally charismatic and can energize multitudes toward action and change. There are others who boldly dare to personally governments by laying down their life. And yet others through armed conflict enact change in their area of the world. But how does the Christian change the world? Do we take up arms? Do we sacrifice our lives for change? Do we move great mobs of people to demand change? Paul wrote some very sound words in 1 Thessalonians 4:11. He wrote in part, “and

that ye study to be quiet. . . .” The New King James Version says, “that you also aspire to lead a quiet life. . . .” It is not through great personal leadership that Christianity advances; it is not through high-profile martyrdom or through waging war that Christianity moves forward, but through the quiet revolutions of the individual mind and conscience. Christianity is a religion focused upon individual faith. Faith does not occur within a mob mentality. Faith does not occur within a democratic society. Faith does not occur within the masses of those in a dictatorial regime. Faith occurs in the individual heart and mind. It is a process

that is solitary and singular within the individual's thoughts and desires. It comes through hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17)—notice, *hearing* the word of God. Hearing is an individual activity. No one else can hear for us. We must hear for ourselves. When the hearing is mixed with simple trust and obedience, the individual has faith. The revolution occurs within the mind on the spiritual level and the heart is forever changed to reflect that new belief. Christianity is a religion focused upon individual commitment. Commitment is not a loud and noisy event. It occurs within the recesses of the heart and soul. **CON>>>**

For The Files: Week Beginning May 25th 2008

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| Sunday Bible Class | 12 |
| Sunday AM Worship | 26 |
| Sunday School | 2 |
| Sunday Night Study - Once in the Month | |
| Thursday Evening Study | 10 |
| Contribution | £107.00 |
| Budget | £100.00. |



Ricci's Corner.

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While its results are seen through action, commitment itself is silent and individual.

Jesus said to those who were contemplating following him, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. . . . So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:28-30, 33). The point Jesus is making is that it is folly to commit to something which you cannot complete. Jesus wants everyone to know that if they make

the decision to follow Him, they must stick to that decision.

But that decision is individual and singular.

It must be a commitment on the part of the individual to take up the cross of Christ—no one else can make that decision for you.

Christianity is a religion focused upon the individual's response to Christ. No one can force another person to be a Christian. There must be a revolution of the heart in order for one to become a Christian. Can others encourage, plead, exhort? Yes! And this helps the individual make the decision that he needs to make, but the decision, nonetheless, still belongs to the individual. So don't look for a noisy display of outward show in true Christianity. That is not how it is done. True Christianity involves

working steadfastly (1 Corinthians 15:58), patiently, lovingly, tenderly, quietly.

How does a person change the world? It changes one heart at a time.

Birthday!

Brethren on behalf of Mandy we would like to thank you all for the lovely flowers and fellowship meal after services last Sunday. Mandy was so surprised, and so happy to spend the time with her brothers sisters in christ on her birthday. We love you all!!!



"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it"?

IMPORTANT INFO

We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!

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Men's Class
03.06.08; 7.30pm-9pm

Ladies Activity, 04.06.08
1.00pm-2.30pm

Bible study at the Gambino's.
08.06.08; 6.30pm start.

Birthday: Non Noted.

Ask A Bible Question, Log onto:

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God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

Welcome!

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Times for Worship and Study.

Sunday Morning Worship11:00 AM
 Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10:00 AM
 Sunday School.....10:00 AM
 Ladies Bible ClassEvery Wednesday 1:00 PM
 Thursday Evening Bible Class.....7:30 PM
 Men's Bible Study Class.....First Tuesday in the Month 7:30 PM

Serving Each Other

June 1st 2008

June 8th

Sunday Morning

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| President | Joe | Edwin |
| Preaching: | Ricci | Trevor |
| Opening Prayer: | | |
| Scripture Reading: | Phillip | Trevor |
| | Richard | Ricci |
| Lord's Table | Roy | Eric |
| | Norman | Edwin |
| Closing Prayer | | |

Sunday Evening: Preacher

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| Flowers | Margaret | Ricci |
| | | Rita |
| Tea | Margaret | Rita |

Building clean for June: 08

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