

THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

Christianity is the religion of desire.
Knowledge, and practice, we know.

Like the Bereans who searched
the Scriptures daily,

To see if what they heard was so.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like
The merchant seeking fine pearls;

He went forth with courage and
determination,

Out into this world.

The world had many pearls to offer,

But none could pass the test.

Knowledge and experience allowed him

To choose nothing but the best.

Why, there were pearls of pleasures and

Countless pursuits of worldly things.

“Love not the world or its wisdom,”

In his heart he heard the Scriptures ring.

He found pearls of little value and

Imitation pearls;

Pearls that mean so much to those

In this sinful world.

These pearls were not important,

For none could give him life.

So on he searched until he found

The Pearl of great price.

He gladly sold all that he had

To buy the precious Pearl;

Oh, for Christ’s kingdom, it wasn’t hard

To give up this sinful world.

You, too, must find the precious Pearl,

The Pearl of great price;

Be careful how you choose it;

You could gain the world

And lose eternal life.

— Theresa Norman and Linda Lemoine

**DAILY BIBLE READING
MARCH 2016**

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| 1. Mark 7:14-37 | Numbers 23-25 | O |
| 2. Mark 8:1-21 | Numbers 26-27 | O |
| 3. Mark 8:22-31 | Numbers 28-30 | O |
| 4. Mark 9:1-29 | Numbers 31-33 | O |
| 5. Mark 9:30-50 | Numbers 34-36 | O |
| 6. Mark 10:1-31 | Deuteronomy 1-2 | O |
| 7. Mark 10:32-52 | Deuteronomy 3-4 | O |
| 8. Mark 11:1-18 | Deuteronomy 5-7 | O |
| 9. Mark 11:19-33 | Deuteronomy 8-10 | O |
| 10. Mark 12:1-27 | Deuteronomy 11-13 | O |
| 11. Mark 12:28-44 | Deuteronomy 14-16 | O |
| 12. Mark 13:1-20 | Deuteronomy 17-19 | O |
| 13. Mark 13:21-37 | Deuteronomy 20-22 | O |
| 14. Mark 14:1-26 | Deuteronomy 23-25 | O |
| 15. Mark 14:27-53 | Deuteronomy 26-27 | O |
| 16. Mark 14:54-72 | Deuteronomy 28-29 | O |
| 17. Mark 15:1-25 | Deuteronomy 30-31 | O |
| 18. Mark 15:26-47 | Deuteronomy 32-34 | O |
| 19. Mark 16 | Joshua 1-3 | O |
| 20. Luke 1:1-20 | Joshua 4-6 | O |

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
AND POTLUCK LUNCH**

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| 21. Luke 1:21-38 | Joshua 7-9 | O |
| 22. Luke 1:39-56 | Joshua 10-12 | O |
| 23. Luke 1:57-80 | Joshua 13-15 | O |
| 24. Luke 2:1-24 | Joshua 16-18 | O |
| 25. Luke 2:25-52 | Joshua 19-21 | O |
| 26. Luke 3 | Joshua 22-24 | O |
| 27. Luke 4:1-30 | Judges 1-3 | O |
| 28. Luke 4:31-44 | Judges 4-6 | O |
| 29. Luke 5:1-16 | Judges 7-8 | O |
| 30. Luke 5:17-39 | Judges 9-10 | O |
| 31. Luke 6:1-26 | Judges 11-12 | O |

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Eric Flores 12th

Mollie White 12th

The Lincoln Light

**"I am the light of the world, he who follows me
shall not walk in darkness, but have the light
of life" (John 8:12).**

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SERVICE TIMES SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 am, Worship 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

RADIO PROGRAM

KAYQ 97.1 FM Sunday 9:30 am

SUNDAY TV PROGRAMS, Channel 10, Springfield, MO

“In SEARCH of The Lord’s Way” 7:00 am

“The Living Word” 7:30 am

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Do You Drink From Broken Cisterns?

Charles R. Rose

As I was growing up in the hills of Arkansas we had no indoor plumbing or “running water” as it was called. Rather, people got their water which was used for cooking, cleaning and drinking from one of two sources; 1) from a spring where the cool, clean and fresh water bubbled out of the earth or 2) they had a cistern which had been dug by hand to collect rain water. Of our extended family I recall a couple households who had cistern. This water always had a certain taste when you drank from it. The rest of my folks would make almost daily trips to “the spring” bringing the purest and best tasting water by the buckets full into the house.

Can you imagine a person who would intentionally turn away from a sweet-water spring or fountain of clear, cool, pure water and drink from a cistern that contains impure and stagnant water? That's difficult to imagine isn't it. Yet, that is what Jeremiah said the people of God in his day had done. *"For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water"* (Jeremiah 2:13). What Jeremiah had reference to was the fact that Israel had turned away from Jehovah who had done so much for them, and had turned to idols which could do nothing for them.

We have trouble understanding such actions; yet, there are those in our own communities today who follow the same principle. I don't mean that they literally and physically bow down before idols, but they turn away from that which is perfect and partake of the imperfect. The word of God, the Holy Bible, is a fountain pure and fresh. The New Testament is God's *"Perfect law of liberty"* (James 1:25), The Holy Bible is all we need to direct us spiritually, *"As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue"* (2 Peter 1:3). Furthermore, *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto every good work"* (2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJV). The Scriptures were given to mankind directly from heaven as God's message was given to the holy writers, therefore, *"no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit"* (2 Peter 1:20-21).

This being true, why do so many today insist on leaving the Bible for creed books, disciplines, and doctrines of men which contradict plain commandments of God found in the Scriptures? Jesus said, *"In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men"*(Matthew 15:9). Those who follow the creeds of men rather than the Bible are drinking from broken cisterns.

We at the Lincoln church of Christ plead with all who believe in Jesus as God's divine Son to turn away from the man-made creeds and return to the simplicity of the teachings of Jesus and His Holy Spirit inspired apostles. – *"But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed"*— (Galatians 1:8).

TO OUR VISITORS

We are so glad that you are with us today, and hope your visit will be such that you are blessed by it. We hope you will come again soon. Our service times are on the front of this bulletin. Please fill out a visitor's card and drop in in the collection plate.

*****NEWS & ACTIVITIES*****

Pray for the following: Our military personnel, Dave Rushton, Bruce Rushton, Cathy Dalke, Donna Boney, Arthur James, Christy Harms' childhood friend, Robert Schenewark, Chester Reynolds, Marcus Cemenik, Samantha Crawford, Jason Schenewark, Connie Carr, Naomi Parriguet, JoDell Kiefaber

Buddy & Dixie's neighbor has requested prayer for John Randall who had something go wrong with back surgery leaving him unable to walk.

THOSE OF THE LINCOLN CONGREGATION ARE:

Ethel Davis, Opal Massengale, Jimmy and Darlene Coggins, Danny Nothwehr, Edna Johnson, Doug Rose, Kenny Coggins, Charles Rose and Van & Mollie White

Jody Clymer had a CT scan Friday. She will see her doctor Feb. 29th.

Congratulations to Jim and Beverly Leatherman who have a new great granddaughter. Remi Jo was born Wednesday and weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. and is 20 in. long.

LADIES DAY at 39th St. church of Christ Saturday, March 5th

Speakers will be: Chasity Heck and Luvenia Jenkins

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!!!!

Beginning this coming week MOLLIE WHITE will be doing the bulletin while Charles recuperates from surgery. Mollie is new to the congregation and will need your help in gathering news and keeping abreast of events and/or those in need of prayer etc.. Please note her phone number is 660-281-0254.

Kevin Smith will be teaching the adult Wednesday evening class while Charles is off. If you have a subject that you would like to study let Charles know at 660-547-2567.

TIME CHANGE

Daylight savings time will be Sunday, March 13th.

SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR!!!

Thanks so much for your help. A little kindness makes such a difference in a day...

Thank you so much for the support check that was sent. Also, thanks for the monthly support that you're sending. Without Christians like you this work would not be possible. Thanks again!

Kent & Angel Eakins

Note: Kent preaches for the Hickory County church of Christ at Hermitage, Missouri. Their card in on the bulletin board.