

Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

April 15, 2018

Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 13:1-13

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Message: *Behavior Unbecoming A Believer* (Titus 2:1,2)

Announcements:

Sandy Stewart is in St. Mary's Hospital in Hobart with congestive heart failure. Please keep her and Dave in prayer

Next Sunday Pastor Tim Board will be here to tell us about *Things To Come Mission*. Tim is a member of TCM's board of directors. Afterward Pastor will give the message.

You're invited to a bridal shower for Jeremy's fiancé Sarah on May 12th at Lori Stalter's house. See her for details.

Midweek Bible Study: Wednesday night at 7 with Assistant Pastor Steve Schwieger. Call him to confirm: 773-320-2139

Our offering box is located just left of the kitchen door.

Pick up today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone
II Timothy 2:15 *Practical Dispensationalism*

People sometimes say that "rightly dividing the word of truth" is *interesting*, but not very *practical*. But it affects which gospel you have to believe to be saved! Christians sometimes say there is only *one* gospel, "Christ died for our sins" (I Cor. 15:1-4). But the Lord sent the 12 out to preach the gospel (Luke 9:2-6), and two years later they didn't even know He had to die (Luke 18:31-34). They preached "Jesus is the Christ" (John 20:31).

When Abraham believed the gospel that said he'd be a blessing to all nations (Gal. 3:8), God saved him (v.6). God didn't explain to him *how* he'd bless the nations, that it would be by fathering a race of people who would one day give us a Savior (Gal.3:16), or that He would die for our sins.

He just told him he'd bless the nations, and when he believed that, God saved him.

There's only one way to be saved in the Bible. Men have always been saved by the blood of Christ. But men haven't always been saved by *believing* in the blood. When they believed the gospel God gave them, God applied the blood to their hearts. Men are always saved by the blood, but they believed different gospels to *access* that blood. I'd say it is practical to know how to be saved, wouldn't you?

It's also practical to know which day to go to church. Jews under the law worshipped on the 7th day. Today men say we should too because God said to do it "for ever" (Ex.31:15-18). But God told them to sacrifice a red heifer for ever also (Num.19:1-10) and we don't do that because Christ fulfilled that type with the sacrifice of Himself. But He also fulfilled the type of the Sabbath by doing the work needed for our salvation so we can rest in Him. So we worship on Sunday (I Cor.16:2) to illustrate we are saved by resting in Him and then work for Him (Eph.2:8-10), whereas Jews had to be saved by faith plus doing works

like sacrifices, after which they could rest in knowing they were saved. So they worked 6 days then rested to illustrate that.

Rightly dividing also affects what you eat. Under the Law you couldn't eat meat that died in sacrifice to an idol (ICor.10:27), but you can under grace (I Cor.10:27,28). But you won't be able to in the Tribulation (Rev.2:20). You also couldn't eat *unclean* meat—but that too was symbolic of how *the Gentiles* were unclean (Lev.20:24,25 cf. Acts 10:13-28). So to say some meats are still unclean, you have to say the Gentiles are still unclean. Paul knew we aren't, so said all meats are clean (ITim.4:4,5). Meats are sanctified by our prayers of thanksgiving, but not by the word in Leviticus 11, for *that* word said certain meats *should* be refused. Unclean meat is only sanctified by the Word of God through Paul!

If you don't rightly divide, you'll think God disapproves if you go to a doctor as He did under the Law (IIChron.16:12). Under grace its different (Col.4:44). I'd call that practical!

If you don't rightly divide and you get a disease, you might think God is *chastening* you, as He did David under the Law (Ps.38:1-8). But punishing someone when they are bad is how you treat young children, and Paul says we are adult sons (Gal.4:1-7). He chastened the Corinthians during the transition period when tongues and such were also still in effect (ICor.11:30cf. ch.12-14). But to chasten us, God needs an apostle or prophet to tell us when we are being chastened. David had Nathan, the Corinthians had Paul, but there are no apostles or prophets today to connect your sin to your sickness, and you'll drive yourself crazy trying to do that.

If you don't rightly divide, you are going to be confused about what God says regarding *divorce*. Under the Law, if a man married an unbelieving wife, the spiritual thing to do was to divorce her (Ezra 10:1-3). But under grace, Paul says the exact opposite (ICor.7:12). More practical information!

If you don't rightly divide, you can't know how to give to the Lord's work. Under the Law, God told the Jews to pay their tithes to "prove" or *test* Him to see if He wouldn't bless them mightily in return (Mal.3:10). But Paul uses the word "prove" in the opposite way. He says God has already blessed us mightily by having Christ die for us, now He is proving or testing *us* to see what we'll give Him in return (IICor.8:7-9). Don't fail this test!

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Thornton Harrison, Dave Stewart

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Ricky Kurth

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

Myrtle Harrison

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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