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Seeing Sundays Differently

by Ken Weliever

What does Sunday mean to you?

Some people grew up where Sunday was just another day of the week. Nothing special.

Others look at Sunday as a day to enjoy sports. To watch football or basketball.

For some Sunday is a day to play hard, engaging in some form of recreation. And ending the day exhausted.

Maybe for others, it's a day to get caught up on work around the house.

Christians intellectually know God didn't create Sunday for any of these reasons. It's a special day to worship HIM. Yet, if we're not careful the feeling of mandatory attendance can make Sunday feel like an obligation we must fulfill. A duty we're demanded to meet. A responsibility that's our burden to bear.

What if we looked at Sundays differently?

What if we saw Sunday as a day...

...To reconnect with God when He may have become distant and nebulous in our lives.

...To remember there are so many things more important than work, recreation, and sports.

...To acknowledge our utter dependence on Him.

...To reflect on what's really important in life.

...To connect with our family on a

deeper spiritual level.

...To join with those of shared faith and common values to encourage one another.

...To participate in a wonderful opportunity, instead of discharging a rigid requirement.

...To enjoy a respite from the world's cares, pressures, and problems.

...To recognize the answers to our greatest needs are not political, social or economic, but spiritual.

...To refocus on our most important priorities in life.

...To reaffirm our trust in God's providential care regardless of the politics of the day.

...To celebrate and memorialize the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus in a personal way.

...To say "thank you, Lord," for His bountiful spiritual blessings.

...To translate the Truth we hear and emotions we feel into the life we live.

What if we saw Sundays differently? I wonder how it would affect our Mondays?

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Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends.

We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

Important Dates

Our meeting with Mike Walls has been tentatively rescheduled for October 24-27.

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.

We Are Christians First

By Warren Berkley

Are you a Christian? If you are, that relationship to God should govern everything you do about everything all the time. When you first obeyed Christ in baptism, you were making the commitment to be a Christian and to be a Christian first.

You have a job, but you are a Christian first. Everything you do as an employee should be governed by your higher calling. "...obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God," (Col. 3:22).

You are a neighbor, but you are a Christian first. Your treatment of your neighbor should be based on your love for the God who made your neighbor (Jas. 3:9; Matt. 22:36-40).

You are a member of a local church, hopefully, one that exists and works with full respect for the teachings of Scripture. Your ultimate loyalty is to Jesus Christ, the head of the universal church (Eph. 1:22-23). If there is ever a conflict between the group and the Head, your commitment is to the Head (Col. 2:19).

You may be a citizen of the United States, but you hold higher citizenship in Christ's kingdom (Col. 1:13; Phil. 1:27, 3:30). Our higher citizenship should rule over all our involvement in our American citizenship. Everything we do as good citizens here should be a function of our higher citizenship.

In all that we do, we are Christians first. Our relationship to God through Jesus Christ ought to empower and enable all that we do from baptism until death. Our first identity is, a Christian.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you," Matt. 6:33.

Prayer Requests

Jack Wilson has improved some but still has limited mobility.

Jerry Richardson is still undergoing cancer treatments. He also has Covid.

Nancy Richardson is doing better but still dealing with breathing problems.

Karen Hallmark has improved but is still struggling with her health and her eyes, as well as asthma.

Dinah Williams is back home but still has very limited mobility.

Don Simmons is ill with covid and has been taken to PAM Health Rehab in Round Rock.

Zola Fisher passed away this past week. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Danny Crumley has covid.

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

"praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,"
(Ephesians 6:18 ESV)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord's body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord's will.

We are not a part of any larger organization - we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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