

## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE DISTINCTIVE

The great thrust of liberalism is to make the church become like the world around us. In a world so filled with sin and indifference to godliness, it is refreshing and uplifting to notice the distinctiveness of a faithful Christian. A true follower of Christ is:

**Distinctive in speech** — The Christian's speech is "sound speech that cannot be condemned" (Titus 2:8). There is a noted void of profanity and vulgarities. He calls Bible things by Bible names (1 Peter 4:11). His language is the language of godliness not worldliness.

**Distinctive in doctrine** — His consent is only "the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness" (1 Timothy 6:3). The Christian is greatly concerned about abiding only in the doctrine of Christ (2 John 9), and will teach no other doctrine than that which is authorized by the Lord (Galatians 1:6-8; Colossians 3:17).

**Distinctive in worship** — Historically, apostasy makes its inroads by changing the way in which man worships God. A true follower of Christ avoids the vain worship of teaching man's doctrines (Matthew 15:9). He also refuses will worship (Colossians 2:23), and he rejects the idea that man can worship God in ignorance (Acts 17:23). The Christian distinctively worships God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

**Distinctive in manner of life** — A true follower of Christ always conducts himself in a manner which "becometh the gospel of Christ" (Philippians 1:27). The Christian's modest apparel is distinctive from the world's dress (1 Timothy 2:8-10), his entertainment is unlike that of the world's, his priorities in all matters place Christ first.

What this world needs is more distinctiveness! "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6:14).

- Jim Lewis

### What If Jesus Came to Our Congregation?

What if Jesus came into our next assembly?

- ♦ Where would He sit? ♦ What would He say? ♦ What would you say?
- ♦ What would you wear? ♦ How would you act? ♦ How would you worship?

"That will never happen," you think. Yet, in Matthew 18:20, Jesus said, "Where two or three have gathered together in My name, their am I in their midst."

Jesus has already been here! The question is: *How will you act the next time you are in worship — with Jesus by your side?*

- Bulletin Digest (via The Voice of Truth)

*Christlikeness is never out of style.*

## News Notes

**NO BULLETIN LAST WEEK (March 15th) due to major power outage.**

**SYMPATHY:** Word has been received of the passing of **Cheryl Stackpole**.

She was a member here several years ago and was a relative of the Miller family. Also, condolences to **Greg & Liz Collins** (Joe's brother & wife) at the passing of their daughter, Lindsay.

**BAPTISM:** **Katherine Wolf**, 1841 Arner Rd., Chester, WV 26034. Phone: (330) 806-2850. Welcome Katherine to our church family.

**CONVERT'S CLASS:** Each Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

**GRIEF FELLOWSHIP RESCHEDULED:** From this coming Saturday, March 28th to Saturday, May 2nd.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY:** For **Gibson Call**, age 4 (grandson of Andy & Linda Parkes), Saturday, April 11th, 1 - 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Bldg. RSVP - Cindy Miskimen.

**SENIOR DAY:** Chester, April 18th, 10 a.m. Speakers: **Brandon Foresha & Paolo DiLuca**.

**LADIES DAY:** Steelton Church of Christ (N. Martinsville) April 25th, "Bloom Where You Are Planted" Speaker: **Amantha Cole**. Additional details on the Bulletin Board.

**PANTRY:** Canned fruit.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Donna Stevens, Peggy Linger, Scharlotte Jones, Harry Huff, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Isaiah Robinson (Rick & Emily's baby), Ron Miller (Bill's brother), Micheal Sabol (Karen Strum's daughter-in-law's father), Steve Soltesz (Tim Martin's brother-in-law). *Covington Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation:* Nancy Hadley, 100 Covington Dr., Room 304, East Palestine, OH 44413. *Serra Manor, Weirton.* Jean Haught (Skip's mother). *Fox, Chester:* Mary Johnson, Marlene Evans. *Elsewhere:* **Sue Baumgardner** (the McKittrick's daughter), 245 Mark Drive, Paducah, KY 42001. **Christy Claypool**, 204 Rio Pinar Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088. **Jackie Brown** (Rico's mother), 4227 Prince Hall Blvd., Orlando, FL 32811. **Herman McHan**, 29 Jenny Lane, Columbiana, OH 44408.

**BIBLE MEDITATIONS:** Monday-Friday 12:30-12:35 p.m. on WOHI 1490 AM and 103.9 FM.

### GOSPEL MEETINGS

Pennsboro -----	March 22-27 -----	Ed Melott
Steelton -----	April 5- 9 -----	Tim Canup
Hanoverton -----	April 12- 16 -----	Will Montgomery
Weirton Heights -----	April 12- 16 -----	Rick Tincher
Salem (Glen Easton) -----	April 12- 17 -----	Terry Jones
Chester -----	April 26- 30 -----	Will Montgomery