

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Sunday morning worship (Bible study)	9:30 AM
Sunday morning worship (Preaching)	10:30 AM
Sunday afternoon worship (Preaching).....	4:00 PM
Wednesday evening worship (Bible Study).....	7:00 PM

NEWS AND NOTES

VISITORS: If you are visiting with us, we welcome you and ask that you please sign our guest book and fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection basket or give it to one of the men in the congregation.

SCHEDULE: The schedule for November is posted on the bulletin board so the men can see what their responsibilities are for the month.

SICK AND SHUT-INS: Helen Sparks is now at home and continuing her recuperation from her broken ankle. Virgie Waddle has had her cast removed and is wearing a brace. Zola Basham is doing better as a result of receiving a shot for her back and hip pain. Donna Criswell's aunt, Nell Barrett, is out of the hospital and doing better, but Donna is having to spend a good bit of her time taking care of her.

TEACHING PROGRAMS: Our teaching bulletin, the **EASTSIDE EXAMINER**, was inserted in the **Red Bay News** the week of Oct 7. Remember our TV/Radio program on local Cable TV channels 12 and 97 at 6:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Sunday and various times through the week as well as two local radio stations 1430 AM and 97.9 FM. It is also on Facebook live at times. Jerry is also on the radio on 95.5 FM about 10 AM each Sunday. Please pray for these efforts that they will reach people who will be interested in reading and listening to God's word.

GOSPEL MEETINGS / SINGINGS: Jackson Drive (Athens) Nov 4-7 with Bill Hall Mon-Wed 7 pm. Highway 157 Cullman, AL Nov 4-7 with Marshall Reid Mon-Wed 7 pm. New Georgia (east of Florence) Nov 4-7 with Joe Corley (time unknown). Midway (Florence) Nov 4-7 with Bobby Graham (time unknown). South Cullman Nov 4-8 with Brett Hoagland Mon-Thur 10 am & 7 pm. Helton Drive Fall Bible Series with Tony Mauck Nov 11-15 (time unknown). If you know of any other meetings in the area, please tell the one making announcements.

POINTS TO PONDER

- Sooner or later we must learn that God makes no deals.
- We cannot strengthen our character by whitewashing it.
- The greatest need is not to add years to our life, but to add life to our years.
- If the going is easy, beware, you may be headed downhill.

THE EASTSIDE REMINDER

2 Pet 1:12-15

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MATTHEW 28:18-20: THREE IMPORTANT "ALL'S

By R.J. Evans

When we come to the last chapter in Mathew (twenty-eight), we read of the resurrection of Christ. Some forty days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended back into heaven to be seated on His throne at the right hand of God. Just before He ascended, Jesus spoke His final words to His disciples.

A person's last words before departing from the earth should be very important to us all. The last and final words spoken to me by my beloved father-in-law before passing away was: "Keep up the good work." I'll never forget those words! The seven utterances of Jesus while on the cross before dying for our sins, are very profound and meaningful. The same is true of His words recorded for us by Matthew. Jesus gave what is generally referred to as "The Great Commission" at the very end of the chapter and book (Matt. 28:18-20). As we consider what He said, I would like to focus on a small, three-letter word - "ALL". This word covers so much. Please consider what "all" includes:

ALL AUTHORITY

The first "all" is in Matthew 28:18: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." It is very important that we stop, consider, and appreciate this fact. He has been given authority over all humankind, the universe. He is truly "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:16). He has the absolute right to speak and command, and He is the head over His body, the church (Eph. 1: 22-23; 5:23-24; Col. 1:18). Thus, whatever He commands, we must obey. The Apostle Paul summed it up well when he said, "And whatever you do in word or deed,

do all in the name (by the authority, rje) of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 3:17).

ALL THE NATIONS

He continues in Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The supreme authority of Jesus gives Him the right to order anything He desires. What did He call for? Go make disciples of all the nations by baptizing them in the name of or by the authority of God. He desires that all people of every nation obey His gospel plan of salvation and walk in His steps. Mark records a parallel account in Mark 16:15-16: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." Isn't it ironic, and truly sad, that so many are not willing to acknowledge the need for being baptized in order to be saved. But when you study every example of conversion in the book of Acts, they were all baptized "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), beginning on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2. The inspired Apostle Peter plainly said, "even baptism does also now save us" (1Pet. 3:21). This is true and necessary because the One who has all authority has commanded it!

ALL THINGS THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU

The third "all" is found in the last verse, Matthew 28:20: "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." He just commanded them to "go" make disciples. Thus, we must seek to teach the gospel to all that we have opportunity to teach. This is comparable to what we read about in Acts 8:4: "Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word." The command to be baptized had just been commanded by Jesus. Therefore, we must obey His command in order to become one of His disciples. All who are baptized penitent believers are the sons of God. Notice how this fact is stated in Gal. 3:26-27: "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." This helps us to better understand why Ananias asked Saul of Tarsus, "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). If you have not obeyed the command to be baptized so that your sins can be washed away, and you are a penitent believer, why are you waiting? The King supreme has commanded you to do so. Please don't wait any longer!

Yes, "ALL" is a small word with a very important meaning Matthew 28:18-20.

POPULARITY WITHOUT PRINCIPLE

By Jere Frost

"Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets." (Luke 6:26, KJ) "You are in trouble when everyone says good things about you. That is what your own people said about those prophets who told lies." (Luke 6:26, NIV)

People do not characteristically want unpleasant truths. They prefer comforting lies. The false prophet understands this, and like his political counterpart he seeks out that message he believes most people will approve. Politicians do it by polls. They actually pay people to take samples of what positions and platitudes people most want to hear, and then they go out and say those very things. It is shallow in substance but profound in effect. Preachers do the same thing, except that they do not need polls. Truth unsettles us. We may be comfortable and satisfied, and then truth rebukes us and "unsettles" us. A man of conscience will repent and change his life. But sin-loving, self-willed men will oppose that truth. However, they want to appear to love truth, so they seek out preachers who will preach what they like. As Paul said: "...after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears." (2 Tim. 4:3b)

It is a "self-feeding" process. There are plenty of preachers and politicians who want to say what people want to hear, and there are plenty of people who will reward the preachers and politicians who do it. So, the reality of it is that they are actually looking for each other! It is therefore no compliment to a preacher or politician to be particularly popular, and certainly such should never be the goal. Consider Jeremiah's comment about his generation: "The prophets prophesy falsely and my people love to have it so .." (Jeremiah 5:31)

The empowerment and credibility of the false prophet (and politician) is in the fact of his popularity. "Look at his following!" they say. "That many people cannot be wrong!" "He must surely be doing something, or a lot of things, right!" So it goes! It is once again a "self-feeding" situation where preacher, politician and people make each other feel good, all kinds of sin, corruption and abuses notwithstanding.

But do not altogether blame the preacher or the politician. It could not happen if the people did not "love to have it so." Or if it was not for the fact, as Jesus said, that "men love darkness rather than light." (John 3:19)

Whatever else is true, popularity is more of a sign of desertion of duty than a rendering of right. Remember, Jesus said, "Woe unto you when all men speak well of you."