

Sunday, August 1, 2021 – Choose You This Day...

Joshua 24:15 - And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

I was listening to one of my brother's sermons the other day and his text was Joshua 24:15: a call for the Israelites to be faithful to Jehovah God. In the 7,000+ years since Joshua issued this challenge, our call is still the same.

The last year has been unfortunate because my wife and I had to leave the congregation we had worked and worshipped with for 9 years because gutless "elders" would not fulfill their God given responsibilities. How can anyone at this point considered them elders in the church? They refused to rebuke and correct the individual who fills the pulpit when he stated he was unsure whether instrumental music was a salvation issue or not. He also stated that in his mind, members of the christian church were brothers and sisters in Christ. (I have both these comments on tape)

The "elders" also welcomed a man to the congregation who was a former "preacher" at a small congregation of less than 20 members by the time it closed the doors. He came bearing the gift of land and property that the previous congregation held. They didn't care that he teaches that baptism sanctifies an adulterous marriage. He now teaches one of the adult classes and fills the pulpit when needed.

The multiple articles on these subjects can be found at <https://www.christcenteredlessons.com/leaving-wylie.html>.

I have been told I am vindictive and mean spirited in calling out such blatant error. Paul never said we should respect each others beliefs. He said if anyone preach a different gospel let them be ACCURSED (Gal.1:8)!

Titus doesn't tell us to reach an understanding with false teachers so everyone can get along. Titus 1:11; 13 states, "Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake; This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith." What would be mean and unchristian is to NOT EXPOSE the error! I cannot, and stand before God, let you believe what is happening at the Wylie church of Christ is of God. It is NOT!

The call for those still there, and I have no doubt it is most of them that were there when we left, is choose you this day whom ye will serve, God, or continue fellowshipping the error at Wylie. Please remember, you will stand before God and give an account of your decision.

I will correspond no more on this subject. I feel I have done all I can. Remember the words of Paul in Ephesians 4:17-24 as he describes how we are to conduct ourselves as New Creatures after baptism:

“17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

Make sure of your surroundings and influences. Bad influences will slowly kill you spiritually.

In Christ, Chuck