

Announcements & Prayer Requests

- Let's keep the following in our prayers:
 - Bernida Wolfe: cirrhosis, home from hospital
 - Kim Self: Cancer and stomach ulcers
 - Angie Self: Arthritis and Parkinson's
 - Darrell Austin's mother on hospice
 - Rick Parks' parents: Roy has prostate cancer; Helen has dementia, on hospice
 - Joann Larkin: Advanced dementia
 - Barb Agee's son (James)
 - Dorothy Macon, Sandra Perez's grandmother: Dementia
 - Frank Wineinger, Sandra Perez's uncle: Stage 4 cancer

THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

- Hear Gospel – Rom. 10:17; Acts 8:30-31
- Believe – Heb. 11:6; Mk. 16:16
- Repent of & Turn from Sins – Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess our Faith – Rom. 10:10; Mt. 10:32
- Baptism – Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Live Faithfully – Rev. 2:10

Let us draw near with a **true heart in full assurance of faith [Believe]**, having our **hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience [Repent]** and our **bodies washed with pure water [Baptism]**. Let us **hold fast the confession [Confess]** of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to **stir up love and good works**, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. – *Heb. 10:22-25*



CHURCH OF CHRIST

Invitation

'Therefore, go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' – Mt. 22:9

Address

5080 Highway 70 East
Rockwood, TN 37854

Assembly Times

Sunday Bible Study – 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship – 11:00 AM

Please text/email any announcements, questions, or concerns to Bill Fix, (865) 934-9239 or fix.bill@gmail.com

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We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and members. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please let one of us know.

**Adult Bible Class – Legal Principles and the Bible:
Petition/Prayer**

Sermon Topic – Unless One Is Born Again

The Day Everything Went Wrong

By Robert Turner (TRUTH MAGAZINE, Dec. 1964)

It was Monday morning. I arose from bed feeling as sick as I had said I felt yesterday—to excuse my absence from worship. At the breakfast table my wife growled at me the way I usually growl at her—and I was stunned into silence. She read the paper while I gulped a cup of coffee, then she stormed off to do shopping without even saying good-bye.

On the way into town, another car ran a red light, the same one I ran as I came home Saturday—and crumpled my left front fender. The driver's liability insurance had expired—by some strange coincidence, on the same day I had dropped mine.

When I finally got to work, the office force had already taken the easy jobs, and I was saddled with the tough-decision tasks. During the day an internal revenue man called on my boss, and then informed me that I must actually pay all the "expenses" I had dreamed up for income tax report. To top it all, my boss cut my salary to conform to the gross income I claimed.

Through the day, people did unto me as I had done to them—talked about me, short changed me, and tried to beat me to every parking place.

That evening the preacher called, and assured me that the Lord would bless me in keeping with my liberality—which meant a cold year ahead. When I prayed for forgiveness, God said He would treat me like I had treated those who trespassed against me.

How much worse can things get??? I'M CATCHING UP WITH ME!!!

Conveying the Message

By David Smitherman (PLAIN TALK, May 1983)

It's Saturday morning, the children are watching TV, their rooms are a mess, and mother needs their help in getting things cleaned up. The problem? How to convey that message (and hopefully not incite a riot.)

Mom has an idea. She begins by setting an **example**: doing what she wants them to do in hopes that her example will be followed. No luck.

Another approach is taken. This time mother makes a **necessary inference**. She says, "Children that don't help with cleaning their rooms

don't get to go outside and play. You all are not helping clean up your rooms, so..." The kids just change positions on the couch.

But mom doesn't give up. She makes a simple **statement**: "Your rooms need to be cleaned up and I need you to help me." You would think the kids were deaf.

Finally, in a tone of voice that can no longer be ignored, mother issues a **command**: "Get up from that couch, turn off the TV, and help me clean up your rooms." Success at last.

Example, necessary implication, statement, and command. What other forms of communication could this mother have used in order to cause these children to understand what she wanted them to do? What other forms of communication are available to all of us as we seek to cause others to understand what we want them to know and do? "Getting the point across" means we must set examples, we must necessarily infer, we must make statements, or give "orders." A man is reading his Bible, wanting to know what God's will is. His desire is to know what kind of conduct meets with God's approval. But how is this man to know God's will?

As he reads the life of Christ and notices His teaching methods, he soon realizes that Jesus communicated His will to others in various ways. When He wanted to teach about humility, He set an **example** of one way in which it could be demonstrated (Jn. 13:15). He used **necessary inference** when teaching important truths about Himself (Mt. 22:41-46). When talking about entering the kingdom our Lord made a simple **statement** (Jn. 3:3-5). And, when giving the Great Commission to the apostles, He gave **commands** (Mt. 28:18).

This man also sees that the teaching methods in the epistles are no different. Inspired men urged following of **examples** (Acts 20:35; Phil. 3:17); taught by **necessary inference** about the priesthood of Christ (Heb. 7:11-17); made **statements** about what baptism does for us (Gal. 3:27); and gave **commands** regarding disciplinary action (2 Ths. 3:6).

Examples, necessary inferences, statements, and commands: God communicates His will to us in the same way we communicate ours to others. Thus, understanding God's revelation and establishing authority for religious practices should pose no problem to the man truly desiring to know and do the Father's will.