

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER
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THE LORD'S DAY
February 8, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Romans 14:6-12 (on opposite page)
Psalm 147 responsively

Scripture
Prayer
Hymn 677 "Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy"
Pastoral Prayer
Hymn 358 "Because He Lives"
Message Inward Temptations
James 1:12-18 Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 552 "I Am Thine O Lord" Benediction

THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

Quest. 48. What are we specially taught by these words, before me in the first commandment?

Ans. 48. These words before me in the first commandment teach us, That God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God. Ezek. 8:5-18.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up
Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm- Ernie Beck
Precept study Tuesday at 6:30pm - Wendy Baldwin
Wednesday Bible study at 9:30am with Jim O'Rourke
Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. - Margaret Was
Choir practice Thursday at 7pm – Soprano, Tenor, Alto, Bass
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!
Sunday messages are available on CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz
Community Prayer Meeting at Whitehaven Baptist Monday at 7pm
Ladies luncheon Saturday, Feb 14th at 12 noon

In verses 6-7, we find that it is the motive that God looks at. In both cases, the one who regards the day does so for the Lord. The one who does not esteem the day regards it to the Lord, and hence both have the proper motive. The same is done regarding eating and abstaining from eating—both are OK if the motive is that it is done to the Lord. However, there are some familiar with these verses that excuse their sins because they did that sin unto the Lord. Sin is never honoring to the Lord, and thus the context does not support their claim.

Verse 7 is familiar and applied to many situations. Most would say that the phrase "we do not live to ourselves" means that our actions affect others. That is true, but that does not fit the context. Paul is carrying out the thought of the sixth verse—no true Christian lives unto himself. He lives to the Lord and that is the thought. vs 8 Whether we live or die, it is for His glory. We have the same Lord whether we are weak or whether we are strong. This is amplified by verse 9—even Christ died and lived again in order to glorify God and that He might be the Lord of the dead and the living.

Paul then in verses 10-12 urges Christians to not judge fellow believers. We will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. All believers will stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Verse 12 makes it clear that each of us will give an account of what we did—not an account of someone else's faults. Note also that we will stand there and give an account, but the passage does not say that we shall receive a penalty or punishment for that account.

In summary, we have one aim—to glorify the Lord. We have one Lord—Jesus Christ. We shall all stand before one common judgment seat—both weak and the strong.