

Good News From Chardon

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Paul Speaks on Mars Hill

A local preacher friend told a story some years back, and I believe it was told as a personal account, of encountering a man one day who requested to be baptized. This sort of request doesn't happen often, so the preacher made inquiry as to the reason for the blunt request.

The man responded that he had been reading his Bible and believed he needed to be baptized in order to be saved. However, not knowing which baptism was the one he needed to receive, he had traveled the county and been baptized several times that day! In other words, he was trying to cover his bases.

This was exactly what was going on in Athens when Paul visited there in Acts 17. Luke records the city was completely given over to idolatry (v 16). Paul's statement concerning the extreme religiosity of the Athenians is borne out in the writings of ancient historians. With some 30,000 gods in Athens, Petronius said "there are so many gods that it is easier to meet one than it is to find a man!" (Satyricon, Vol 1, ch 17). Though there were 30,000 gods in Athens, they feared they might have overlooked one, (Hey, with 30,000, it would certainly be possible!), so they erected an altar to "the unknown god."

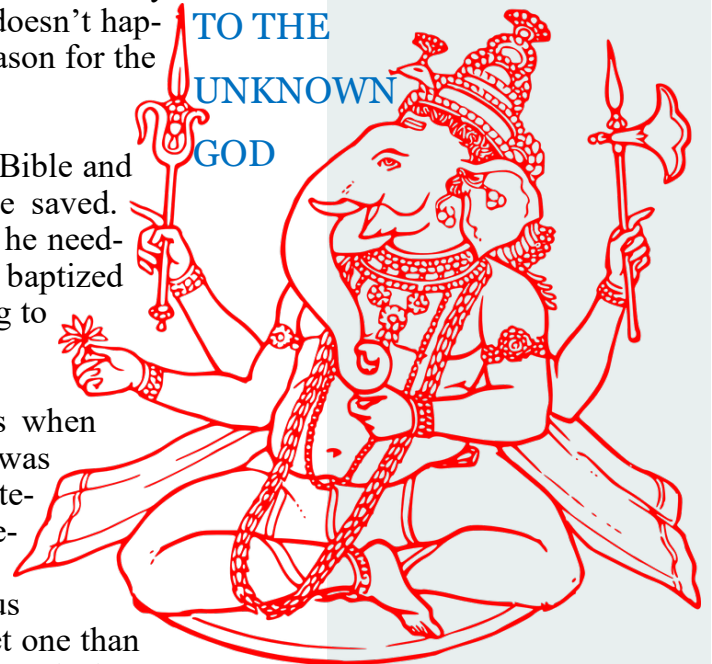
Seizing his opportunity, Paul said, "Therefore, the One you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you" (v 23). Paul then revealed to them the God who made all things, does not dwell in man-made temples, and is not served by men's hands "since he gives all life, breath, and all things."

This was a particularly astonishing statement, given that he was standing near the Greek Parthenon with its frieze depicting many of the primary Greek gods being provided creature comforts by human hands. These depictions can be found online.

Regarding the practice of baptism, some have contended that any baptism is acceptable and pleasing to God, provided it is practiced properly and done with the intent to please God. This is not far removed from covering one's bases.

Baptism is an act of faith, based upon a proper faith and expectation of the forgiveness of sins and associated blessings (Col 2:11-13).

Taken from the Burluson church of Christ website.



Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom
Song Leader: Ray
Opening Hymn:
437—Where Could I Go
Opening Prayer: Dale
Hymn:
68—Count Your Blessings
Scripture Reading: Ryan
Colossians 2:11-19
Hymn:
300—Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone
Lord's Supper: Tom
Hymn:
573—I Shall Not Be Moved
Sermon: Tom
Invitation Hymn:
636—Only A Step
Closing Hymn:
473—Further Along
Closing Prayer: Larry

PRAYER LIST

- *Bonnie and her family .
- *Margaret and Albert.
- *Wanda and her family.
- *Kathy, her sister and friends.
- *Zarna’s family and friends
- *Larry and Ruth.
- *Pat and Ron and their family.
- *Juanita’s sister Betty and the rest of her family.
- *Mary and her family.
- *Robert and Sara and their children. Congratulations to Robert on his new job position.
- *Ray and Barbara and their family.
- *Dale and his family. Dale’s cousin Joshua who has heart problems and also Dale’s 4 year-old cousin who has COVID.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- *Myron & Carole and their family.
- *Mark and his family were out of town last week.



CALENDAR

- Aug. 1—Worship 11 am.
Speaker: Tom
- Aug. 1—Bible Study 6pm
on-line with
Dale
- Aug. 6—Business Meeting
7 pm on Zoom
- Aug. 6—Ladies Brunch at
Betty’s home.
- Aug. 8—Worship 11 am.
Speaker: Tom
- Aug. 8—Bible Study 6pm



Answer to Puzzle: buried with Him in
baptism, in which you also were raised with
Him through faith in the working of God,
who raised Him from the dead.

Not Legalism but Christ

Colossians 2:11-19

Against	alive	Christ	circumcision
Contrary	cross	disarmed	drink
Festival	flesh	forgiven	handwriting
Having	judge	nailed	powers
Principalities	public	putting	regarding
Requirements	sabbaths	shadow	spectacle
Taken	things	together	trespasses
wiped	without		

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Hidden Message: _____

The problem is not the problem. It is your attitude toward the problem.

SUNDAY: Worship — 11:00 am; Bible Study — 6:00 pm (on Zoom)
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