

THE BULLETIN

Are you willing to be a spoon?

You may have heard about the time Pa was being irritable at a family restaurant.

The waiter brought him a bowl of soup. As she turned to walk away, Pa stopped her, "Waiter!"

"Yes, sir, is there something wrong with your meal?"

"I want you to taste the soup," replied Pa.

"I beg your pardon?"

"Taste the soup."

"But, sir, I can assure you the soup is excellent!" answered the waiter.

"Taste it."

"But, sir, the soup was made this morning from the finest ingredients," countered the waiter.

"Taste it!"

The exasperated waiter finally relented. "All right, sir, I'll taste it."

The waiter leans over the table for the soup bowl and, after an uncomfortable pause, asked Pa, "Where's the spoon?"

To which Pa triumphantly replied, "Ah ha!"

It didn't matter how good the soup tasted, how good it smelled, how good it looked; if Pa doesn't have a way to get the soup from the bowl to his mouth he'll never enjoy it.

On October 23-25 we'll have a Gospel Meeting with Doug Hamilton. Gospel meetings work great—**if we work them**. They aren't magical or miraculous. They depend on all of us willing to be a spoon.

Will you commit yourself to invite 5 friends to come to our Gospel meeting on Saturday evening or Sunday morning? Will you make every effort to come yourself on Friday evening and Saturday morning?

Be a spoon for the saving Gospel of Jesus. You and your friend will be glad you did!

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(illus. from Tom Hagan)

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Our Family News

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household," Ephesians 2:19, NAS95.

If you're a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please don't hesitate to ask Park Linscomb our minister (the really tall guy) or any other church member.

THANKS

For nursery audio work done this past week. This will make things much better for the mothers with babies.



Pantry improvements just keep looking better and better. It has been a lot of work with a lot of helpers. Thanks to everyone who's contributing

THIS AND THAT

A GOSPEL MEETING: Brother Doug Hamilton will be our special speaker from Friday, Oct. 23, through Sunday, Oct. 25. Mark your calendar, and save the date. He will be teaching us about personal evangelism for the first couple of sessions and then making appeals to the lost with his



Saturday evening and Sunday lessons. Gospel meetings work, *when we work*—pray, invite, encourage, and bring the lost to hear the soul-saving Gospel (Romans 1:16).

"TRUTH BE TOLD" VIDEO—This Sunday, the West Side small group will be showing Apologetics Press' video regarding Creation v. Evolution.

HARDING UNIV. SPRING BREAK MISSION will be back this spring to work with us. Philip Baird is planning on being one of the leaders.

NURSERY AUDIO—We've had audio in our nursery for a while now, but we put in a volume control this week. Mom's rejoice! :)

A CHANCE TO BE INVOLVED

Don't forget to bring a friend to our Gospel meeting, October 23-25.

Monday Night for the Master is tomorrow evening. We always have a meal and plenty of good things to do together—pray, do cards, make visits, fix things around the building, etc.

Sign up sheets...

- **SNOW REMOVAL:** We've had snow in late Oct. in recent years. Please volunteer by signing the sign up sheet in the foyer. Please don't make us beg. :)
- **THERE IS ALSO A NEED FOR MEN TO SIGN UP TO TAKE COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS.** Usually, this includes only Penny, but occasionally others, too. Please volunteer for this real and important ministry.
- **And since the Wed. meals are restarting,** we also needing cooks. There's a sign up sheet to volunteer to do this.

HEALTH UPDATES

SOME HEALTH UPDATES: Penny Ranger's mother has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. Please pray....Gage Dumas is recovering remarkably well from his eye injury and surgery....Dave Lovering (Barbara Lovering's husband) continues to decline in his fight against cancer...

PRAYER LIST:

Good Works: Our Gospel Meeting, Bible studies in progress, the Men's Leadership Training, our website, MNFM, food pantry, Penny Ranger's evangelistic efforts online

Health: Jennifer Dutch, Lynn Millette, Louise Linscomb, Brian Day, Peggy Mailloux, Penny's niece Chelsea,

Mary Jane Parker, Dave Seguin, Gary Chase Jr., Natalie Cleavitt, David Lovering, Linda Tetrault, John Matthew and Anni

Struggles: Deniza Chase's niece and her children, Randy Stevens, Mark Brown & Emma, Jim Kenison, and brethren who have forsaken the assembly.

Leadership: Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Teachers, Parents



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

DATE	ACTIVITY	WHERE
Oct 5 - 6 pm	MNFM	Church Building
Oct 7 - 6 pm	Wed. night supper	Church Building
Oct 14 - 6 pm	Wed. night supper	Church Building
Oct 17	Ladies' Day	Concord Church of Christ
Oct 18	Fellowship Lunch	Church Building

A Word of Encouragement

"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it." Hebrews 2:1, NAS95.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST PART 3, WITNESSES OF HIS DIVINITY

In our last two articles we spoke about Jesus Christ as the second Person in the Godhead, and we briefly explored His two natures as God and man. But the whole notion of God condescending to be a man is a little bit of a stretch for many in the world—a real sticking point for some. It is the reason why there are so many, even some who call themselves Christians, who will recognize Him only as a good man. Yet, it is a critical, uncompromisable issue of faith for Christianity and a matter of salvation—

"And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life." (1 John 5:11, 12)

So, in brief, what evidence is there that Jesus really was God in the flesh?

We'll start with the prophetic witness as evidence to His deity. One that Jesus Himself cited is Psalm 110:1-4: *"The LORD says to my Lord: 'Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.'" After which Jesus asked this penetrating question, "If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his son?" (Matthew 22:45). The obvious answer is, He is divine. Isaiah 9:6, likewise, asserts that the Messiah would be divine: Isaiah 9:6 *"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."* And Jeremiah 23:6 tell us, *"In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, 'The LORD our righteousness.'" The prophecies of the Old Testament—which "cannot be broken" (John 10:35)—tell us that Jesus, the Messiah, was indeed the Son of God, divine, and part of the eternal Godhead.**

Another of the evidences showing Jesus to truly be God in the flesh are His miracles. While it is true that the miracles were wonderful acts of divine compassion, their main importance were as proofs that His claim of Godhood was neither foolish nor blasphemous. And there were many, many miracles—witnessed by hundreds and even by thousands at a time. Once, when given the opportunity to heal a paralyzed man, He deliberately began by telling the paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven. When Jesus' critics heard this, they accused Him of blasphemy; because only God can forgive sins. But Jesus wisely and revealingly responded,

"Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven you,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But,

so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,—He said to the paralytic—'I say to you, get up, and pick up your stretcher and go home.' Immediately he got up before them, and picked up what he had been lying on, and went home glorifying God. They were all struck with astonishment and began glorifying God; and they were filled with fear, saying, 'We have seen remarkable things today.'" (Luke 5:23-26)

Jesus' claim to be God in the flesh may have been "unbelievable", but He proved its truth by performing this and many undeniable miracles.

Yet another evidence is His baptism—or rather the Father's own audible witness from Heaven of Jesus' identity as He was baptized by John. John himself recognized Jesus' superiority and probably His divinity before the baptism: (Matthew 3:14) *"But John tried to prevent Him, saying, 'I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?'" But it is after the baptism, as Jesus came up from the water, that the Father in Heaven made Jesus' divinity an ironclad conclusion,*

"After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.'" (Matthew 3:16, 17)

Of course, not everyone heard this testimony from the Father, so it could be said that the Father gave us one final testimony for all to "hear", Jesus' resurrection: (Romans 1:4) *"[Jesus] was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord."* There have been a handful of people who've been raised from the dead, but Jesus' resurrection was different—others died again, Jesus is the firstborn of the ultimate resurrection, in which death will never visit again.

So what? Well, while it is true that "Jesus is Lord (King)", it is because "Jesus is LORD (YHWH God)". So, if it is true that as King we must give Jesus due honor, it is especially true and even more important that we know that we cannot afford to be selective about our obedience, careless about our loyalty, or casual about our appraisal and worship of Him. Because He is God.

Park Linscomb

Our Congregational Calendar for October 4 through October 17

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Worship 9:30 BC 11am 6pm @ bldg	5 MNFM 6-8pm Sterling H. BD	6 Moser anniv.	7 Bible classes 7pm	8 Will Hamel BD	9 Melissa T. BD	10 David S. BD Justin Silva BD
11 Worship 9:30 BC 11am 6pm @ bldg	12	13 David Girling BD Diaz anniv.	14 Bible classes 7pm	15	16 ONE WEEK TO GOSPEL MTG.	17 Marcia F. BD

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week		
Sun	Oct 4	1 Chron 13-14
Mon	Oct 5	1 Chron 15-16
Tue	Oct 6	1 Chron 17-18
Wed	Oct 7	John 6
Thu	Oct 8	1 Chron 19-20
Fri	Oct 9	1 Chron 21-22
Sat	Oct 10	1 Chron 23-24

Week of Oct 4			
	Sunday	Sunday pm	Wednesday
Call to Worship	<i>Park L.</i>		
Song Leader	<i>Steve Johnson</i>	<i>Steve Johnson</i>	<i>Steve Johnson</i>
Scripture	<i>Stuart Peacock</i>		
Lord's Supper	<i>Gary Diaz</i>		
Closing Prayer	<i>Dave Skerry</i>		
Worship Tech	<i>Barry Fogal</i>		
Coordinator	<i>Rich Therrien</i>		
Devo		<i>Park L</i>	<i>Fred Hillhouse</i>



The next devotional will be Saturday October 17th at the Therriens' House. We will be having a cookout that night as well.

The Gospel meeting is coming up from October 23-25, Please try to attend a few sessions! It is a great opportunity to learn about reaching out and spreading the Gospel.

The registration forms for the Manchester, CT youth rally are DUE by November 1st. Please turn them into Mark or Ann anytime between now and then.

Trunk or Treat is around the corner! Be thinking about and preparing for this outreach event! It will be a lot of fun!

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