

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

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How did He do it? How was He so popular among so many? What was it about Jesus that drew others to Him? There's no doubt He performed great miracles. One cannot dispute the fact that His deeds outshined all the rest. He cast out demons on numerous occasions. But was this the only reason people flocked to see Jesus by the thousands? Is this the reason they pushed and shoved their way to find *THE WAY*? Granted, Jesus' actions were substantial and I'm sure this was part of the power that drew others to Him, but I would suggest that the main reason people were attracted to Jesus was the love He exhibited. Think about it, why else would children want to crowd around Him? Why else would women and men of all ages clamor to be close to Him? Miracles can be counterfeited. Magicians of Jesus' day performed great deeds. Gifts can be imitated; even duplicated. History is chalked full of folks promoting their "talents". But, love is something that cannot be feigned! People aren't naïve. They can spot a fake a mile away. When one shows love to another human being it manifests what a person IS...not what a person DOES. Jesus set the record straight when He said, "*By their fruit you will know them!*" Miracles have a tendency to fade, but love; genuine, heart-felt, through thick-and-thin love can't be faked. It's a fruit of the spirit which is internal and remains everlasting. Of the three: faith, hope and love, love is the only one which shall stand the test of time. Prophecies, tongues, spiritual deeds will all fade away but love never will! THIS is the reason I believe Jesus was so irresistible. The power of Jesus wasn't really in the miracles He performed as much as it was in the message He left for us! Our day and age is marked by the fanatic, the 'impressive' or the imaginative. Jesus' day (and every day since) is marked by love; true, unmitigated, genuine, everlasting love. Remind yourself: we will be known and remembered by what we *are* rather than what we *do*. The beauty we portray shouldn't come from outward adornment, instead it should come from one's inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight (1 Peter 3: 3-4).

Have a blessed day and remember the One who gave it to you!

Kevin

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Prayer Requests ♥

- ♥Please keep Peggy Miller, daughter of Robert Tonkery, in your prayers. She had an infection in her foot due to diabetes and had surgery this past Monday.
- ♥Kim Osborne had surgery on Wednesday to remove a cyst from her spine.
- ♥Continue to keep Edwina Summers in your prayers.
- ♥Prayers are requested for Keith Kisner and his family. Keith is going through his chemo treatments in Cleveland and is getting ready for treatment #5 soon. Also, Marsha and Reegan are just recovering from Hand, Foot & Mouth virus.

News & Notes

- Christ's Beautiful Bride:*** Lessons on the Lord's Church is the theme for this year's Cold Harbor Lectures October 30th-November 2nd. Details on flyer in foyer
- Giving Tee*** - Remember the donations on the giving tree out in the foyer. These items benefit Hope Domestic Shelter. Tammy Ross initiated this benefit, so if you would like to contribute or have questions please see Dianne Tonkery or Tanya Robe. All items are due in by TODAY, Sunday, October 26th. If you would rather make a monetary donation to purchase items, you may give them to Tanya Robe or Dianne Tonkery.

Upcoming Events

Singing Class – TODAY at 5:00 PM. Everyone welcome! Please see Ed Carpenter for more details.

Senior Saints Bible Class will begin on Wednesday, November 5th at 11:00 AM in the Upper Fellowship Hall. This class will be taught by Kevin Lough. Topic: A Study of Proverbs. All senior's are welcome to attend! If you have questions, please see Kevin.

Anniversary Party - There will be an Anniversary Party in honor of Kim & Buck Osborne's 25th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, November 8th from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the Lower Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!

Thank You!