

Let's Visit

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“They Say”

More people have lied and gotten by with it by using this term than any other. This has been the means of spreading gossip and destroying the good name of many people. It has been the method used to destroy good churches. It is one of the most used expressions in the English language, and actually says less than any other. Who are “they”? Over the years, I have often “tracked down” who “they” were and found that “they” often were one person! In the church, I have had people tell me that “they” were opposed to a certain way of doing things, and later found out that “they” happened to be the wife of the person doing the complaining. There have been many complaints made by people who did not have the nerve to say that they were complaining, but would lie by saying “they say”.

In the long ago, God told us what he thought about those who use the term “they say”. *“Behold I am against the prophets, saith the Lord that use their tongues and say, He Saith.”* (Jeremiah 23:31) These were stating falsehoods but making God the author of them. God will not tolerate such loose use of the tongue. You see, God knows the heart, and no one need think that he or she can hide behind a cloak of innocence in the matter. In questioning the use of the term “they say” I have never found anyone who could tell me who “they” were. In such a case the person must know that is a sly way of telling an untruth. The person who allows himself to develop the habit of passing on what “they say” will find that he has become the medium for spreading false rumors. Surely no right thinking person wants to be found in this kind of situation.

“they say” has kept people from obeying the gospel. I have known many people who knew the truth of God’s word and wanted to obey it, but did

not because of what “they” would say. Often “they” were members of their own family. There are cases where people are small enough to say critical things about someone for obeying the gospel. Because of this, people are often so afraid of what “they” will say that they put off obeying God until they will be forced to face eternity without him. Jesus must come first in our lives, regardless of what “they say”.

Sometimes what “they” say keeps Christians from being true to the Lord. They are more concerned about receiving the approval of man than of God. Actually, such people approve of you only because you do as they want you to do. In reality, what is such approval going to get an individual in the day of judgment? The individual who does not have the intestinal fortitude to do what is right because “they” want him to do wrong is weak indeed. You see, to do what “they” want is to oftentimes forget what God wants.

“they say” is a dangerous phrase because the facts are usually distorted or untrue. God condemned those prophets who falsely represented His word. He will just as surely condemn Christians who falsely represent Him or others. Information and knowledge based on “they say” should be carefully checked for accuracy and even then may not safely be repeated. We should never base our doctrine or our decisions on “They Say”.

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In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSLA 12 – Shreveport -7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239-6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 -6:00 a.m.

Gathered Here and There

A Case of Mistaken Identity!

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard, when suddenly the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing and stopped, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman hit the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After several hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, shaking your fist at the driver in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the "choose life" license plate, the "What Would Jesus Do?" bumper sticker, the "Follow Me to Sunday School" bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk.

Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car.

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FOR THE PANTRY....

Canned Green Beans

Jesus Is Still The Great Physician

Jesus is the "Great Physician" the "world's teacher", and the climax is reached in his being a "friend of sinners".

Jesus was not the "friend of sinners" in that he encouraged them in their sins, but in the fact that he was willing to save them from their sins.

A humble, penitent, contrite heart always appeals to Jesus. Such a condition of heart and life will receive a blessing from the "Great Physician"

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On The Lighter Side.....



DEAR GOD, PLEASE GIVE ME PATIENCE ...
AND I NEED IT RIGHT NOW!!!

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There is one thing to be said for ignorance – it causes a lot of interesting arguments!

The best way to prevent a nose-bleed is to keep it out of other people's business!



There is nothing so deluding as feelings. Christians cannot live by feelings. Let me further tell you that these feelings are the work of Satan, for they are not right feelings. What right have you to set up your feelings against the word of Christ?

Charles Spurgeon

Miscellaneous



Those To Remember In Prayer

SINGING AND DESSERT FELLOWSHIP –
Wednesday October, 30th will be our 5th
Wednesday Singing and Dessert Fellowship.
Make your plans to be here and bring a guest!

Getting Something From Worship!

A person complained about getting nothing from worship. The listener remarked: “Did you take a sack?” The implication of course is we must expect something and be prepared with a container.

The tragedy is millions miss something tremendous on Sunday. It isn't that they do not go to worship, but they do not get anything from it. So many arise on Sunday morning very lazy, decide if they will or will not go, then hustle to make it, coming in late and frenzied, then fidget until it's over, then rush away. It is little wonder they get little or nothing.

People often get little out of worship because they put little in. Worship is participation not spectation. You watch a play or opera but YOU worship. The preacher, teacher, song leader, etc, may lead the service, but YOU worship. One can inspire another to loftier worship but YOU still worship.

Worship is GIVING, yet not necessarily the contribution. You give your time. You plan to come; you reserve a time for worship. You expect something, you come for something. Worship then is action. Having come with a definite purpose and intention, then you can sing from the heart, pray and commit from the heart. Each aspect of worship is you expressing yourself to God.

Have you ever worshipped? Really tried to gain the most from simple worship? Do you leave inspired, forgiven and directed? Do you want to return? Worship to God transcends all other human experience. Make your plans to worship God every Lord's day and encourage others to join you.

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Our Church family to remember in prayer

LaJuan Baugh, Anne Burson, Dale Fincher, Martha Jean Golden, Rodney Golden, Sonya Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted Holt, Dora Livingston, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Permenter, Mike Permenter, Janice Willaims, Melvin Williams, Betty Willis, Alda Yarbrough.

Our “extended family” to remember in prayer:

Krysta Andrus (Norma Perkins' niece) **Leyton Bell** (Ryan Perkins' grandfather) **Jacob Benton** (friend of Ann Burson) **Edward Lee Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's Brother) **Pauline Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's sister-in-law), **Bethany Bridges** (Debra Pate's friend), **Jennifer Britt** (friend of Thelma Hinton) **Kaden Butler** (Debra Pate's great grandson) **Marcus Cruz Cranford** (Sue Hagler's-great-great grandson) **Ronnie Emanis** (Sue Hagler's nephew) **Mary Fleming** (Mike O'Brien's aunt) **Hugh Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother) **Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's sister-in law) **Mike Fults**, **Jonica Glaze** (student from Tenaha injured in serious car accident) **Virginia Goodrum** (Debra Pate's sister-in-law) **Buddy Hancock** (Martha Jean Golden's brother) **Allison Harbison**, **George Holder**, **Larry Landry** (Glenna Noles Brother) **Vickie Lee** (friend of Sue Hagler) **Juston Lout** (Patricia Lout's son) **Shirley Lout** (Mike Lout's mother) **Glynn McCleod** (brother-in-law to LaJuan Baugh, Sherry Burgay and Trish Lout) **Mitchell McLeod** (LaJuan Baugh, Sheri Burgay, Trish Lout's nephew), **Elsie Lee McDaniel** (Alice Hall's sister-in law) **Roger Scott** (LaJuan Baugh's son-in-law) **Robert Shull** (friend of Sue Hagler) **Winston Smith** (Thelma Hinton's brother) **Margie Weaver** (friend of Debra Pate)

Those being treated for cancer:

Guadalupe Beltran (friend of Sue Hagler), **Laura Cuzzi** (Ann Burson's niece) **Harold Dawkins** (friend of Thelma Hinton) **Reita Doty** (friend Ann Burson) **David Greer** (son of Gene Greer, former minister here) **Carla Holt** (Ted and Joyce Holt's daughter-in-law) **Dora Livingston**, **Connie Mettauer**, **Tem Morrison**, **Teresa Richard** (Friend of Norma Perkins) **Bobbie Smiley**, **Ronnie Stanfield** (friend of Tim & Norma Perkins) **Tina Vaughn** (Sue Hagler's daughter) **Jo Windham** (Betty Miller's sister-in-law)

Also remember **Leland Bradshaw** and **Amanda Bradshaw**, (Gene and Martha's son and granddaughter) in Iraq.



Across The Preacher's Desk

King David could not build a temple, but he wrote a psalm! Three temples, one after another, crumbled in the dust, but the psalm lives today in the hearts of millions. Through three thousand years, the Twenty-Third Psalm has been a source of inspiration. It is the Christian's great symphony, the theme of which is God's care for His own.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."
Or, as Paul says it, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

After announcing the theme, the writer gives us the three R's of the abundant life. They are Rest, Refreshment and Restoration. First, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." Second, "He leadeth me beside the still waters." Third, "He restoreth my soul."

Rest and relaxation are essential to our well being. Many a man or woman is in the hospital today because they could not afford to rest or could not rest. God makes us rest and then he leads us beside the still waters for refreshment. Restoration just naturally follows rest and refreshment. How wonderful are the still waters that God leads us to. Perhaps today, you will be rested, refreshed and restored by being in Worship.

it's something to think about. . . .tbp

**Great Churches are built with
Commitment!**