

Capitol Baptist

CAPTIONS

Church Activities

MARCH 13, 2015

- › **SATURDAY, MARCH 14**
Mandatory Workers' Training from 8am to 12:30pm; breakfast and lunch will be provided
- › **FRIDAY, MARCH 20**
CBS Spring Performance/PTF in the Shubal Stearns Chapel at 12:30pm
- › **SATURDAY, MARCH 21**
"Lovely in Silhouette" Ladies Seminar; 8:30am to 1:30pm; \$10 per person until March 14, \$15 per person after March 14
- › **SUNDAY, MARCH 22**
Business Meeting for all church members after the evening service
- › **SATURDAY, MARCH 28**
Easton Literature Distribution; meet at the church at 8am; Faithful Rubies Meeting at 10am in the fellowship hall

Weekly Events

SUNDAY

Early Service	8:30am
Sunday School	9:45am
Morning Service	11:00am
Choir Practice	4:30pm
Prayer Meeting	5:30pm
Evening Service	6:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Teen Meeting	6:15pm
Children's Service	7:00pm
Bible Study & Prayer	7:00pm

SOUL-WINNING & VISITATION

Wednesday	3:30pm
Saturday	10:00am

HOW TO AVOID DECEIVING OURSELVES

James 1:19-27 | Pastor T. H. Moore

For the past several weeks, we have been looking at the danger of self-deception from James 1:19-27. Twice in this text (vs. 22, 26), self-deception is mentioned. To "deceive" means, "to mislead the mind", or "to cause to believe what is false, or disbelieve what is true". Self-deception is when we mislead our own minds in order to please our flesh. God wants the believer to live in the realm of truth, not deception. In John 8:32, Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." It is the truth that will make us free. The Holy Spirit of God Who dwells in every believer is called "the Spirit of truth" in John 14:17. We read that Jesus Christ Himself is the truth in John 14:6. It is the devil who is both a liar, and the father of lies (John 8:44) and "no lie is of the truth" (1 John 2:21).

Self-deception is when we live in a false reality and willingly blind ourselves to our own condition and believe our own lies about ourselves. The root of self-deception is pride and God hates pride (Proverbs 8:13). So how can we avoid the damaging sin of deceiving ourselves? Last week we began looking at one way to avoiding self-deception:

I. Receive the Word of God (vs. 19-21)

Verse 21 of our text tells us, "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word...". There is a big difference between hearing the Word of God and receiving the Word of God. The word "receive" comes from the Greek word *dechomai* which means "to

receive by deliberate and ready reception what is offered, taking hold of" (Vine's). It is the same Greek word used in Hebrews 11:31 to describe Rahab's reception of the spies. Rahab did not just acknowledge the spies, she physically brought them into her house.

We "receive" the Word of God when we not only acknowledge and agree with what is read or preached, but when what we hear is lived out in our lives. This is what it means to "receive"

We receive the Word of God when we live it out in our lives!

the Word of God. We read in 1 Thessalonians 2:13, "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." Notice again, the word "received".

James goes on in verses 19-20 to give us instructions that will help us to receive the Word of God and not deceive ourselves. He gives us two commands:

A. Close our Mouths and Open our Ears (vs. 19a) "let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak."

We like to hear ourselves talk. We like to voice our opinions and give counsel to others. We also use our tongues to make excuses for our behavior, to reason away what God says, and

to act like we're not responsible or accountable for what God says. And God is telling us here to "Be quiet and listen to Me!" A person in self-deception will often ramble on, justifying his disobedient actions.

Many of us have heard the old adage, "We have two ears and one mouth, which ought to remind us to listen more than we speak". If we truly believe that we are reading or listening to the Word of God, we would be quiet, listen intently, stay alert and hang on every word!

B. Don't Get Mad (vs. 19b) "...slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God."

Many Christians will get mad instead of get right when the Word of God convicts their lifestyle. How we respond to being confronted by the Word of God is critical to our spiritual well-being and growth.

When King David committed his sin with Bathsheeba and had her husband Uriah killed, he lived for nearly a year in self-deception. He went on about his usual business in the kingdom until God sent His prophet, Nathan, to confront him. When Nathan the prophet said to David, "Thou art the man" (2 Sam. 12:7), David was at a spiritual crossroads. He could either deny his sin, get mad at Nathan and continue in a life of self-deception, or accept the truth. David chose to accept the truth, repent of his sin and get right with God.

The Word of God cannot work in our lives unless we receive it the right way. When we receive it as truth, we avoid self-deception.

Join us in prayer for...

- EASTON BAPTIST CHURCH: Reid family; financial support; literature distribution; Get-Acquainted Meetings (March 29th - April 2nd)
- BUILDING RENOVATION: God's guidance and wisdom
- NOEL BUCKLEY: recovery from heart catheterization
- PAM CORDREY: cancer and mother's cancer
- SCOT & KATIE DAKU: safety while on furlough; increased support
- IAN GONZALEZ' COUSIN, IRIS: heart transplant needed
- TORI FRAUSTO: suffered a miscarriage; recovering at home from emergency surgery
- HEISHMAN'S GRANDDAUGHTER, ELLIE: heart complications
- DON JOHNSON: recovering at home
- MADLANGBAYANS: safe travels to the Philippines
- HEATHER REECE: radiation treatments
- RICK SCHROETER: in Rm. #236 Genesis Rehab in Milford recovering from stroke

Sunshine Corner

NOEL BUCKLEY
96 Lynnbroom Ln.
Dover, DE 19904

Noel is recovering from a heart catheterization. You can be a blessing to him this week by praying, calling, and/or visiting him.

Harvest from Heaven

CHURCH SERVICES
1 baptism

Easton

BAPTIST CHURCH

Week of 3/8

SUNDAY AM - 17

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From the Mission Field

MARK & KATIE MCELREATH - ETHIOPIA

Another Laborer is On the Way

It is our prayer that "the Lord of the harvest...would send forth labourers into His harvest". We want to see that more laborers come to Ethiopia, and we are happy to announce that our third child is due November 12!

Please keep Katie and the baby in prayer. We are in the process of finding a reliable doctor here.

JOY Conference

Missionary Ray Hoover held a JOY conference the first week of March and Mark had the honor of being one of the three special speakers. About 80 people came from churches within the city and from several countryside churches as well.

Muhammad Comes to Know Christ

This past Sunday a young man named Muhammad came to our church for the second time. Our guard, Annee, is from

March 2015 the same area of Ethiopia he is from and invited him to come. Both Annee and Muhammad speak Hadiyya (less than 2% of Ethiopians speak Hadiyya). Muhammad heard a gospel message out of Luke 12 and received Christ as Savior during the service! The Holy Spirit was truly at work because Mark was preaching in English, which was being translated into Amharic, and another man was sitting in the back translating in Hadiyya!

Katie Started at a New Language School

We are so thankful for James and Carletta Downs who are fellow missionaries here. Mrs. Downs is helping us by watching Macy and Mackenna in the mornings so that Katie can begin at the same language school that Mark is studying at. Katie is making great progress!

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