

Christian Apostolic Church

Weekly Bulletin for Sunday, January 21, 2007

Last Sunday Morning...

Pastor Joseph taught Part II of “The Tongue”, which completed our Lesson #37 in the ongoing series entitled “Teaching the Apostolic Faith.” Points dealt with (under the general topic of godly speech for Christians) included: **The Sin of Lying** (Exodus 20:16; Psalm 15:1-4; Proverbs 6:16-19; 19:5; Revelation 21:8, 27). We noted I Samuel 16:1-3, Exodus 1:15-21, and Joshua 2:2-7. **Swearing** (Matthew 5:33-37; James 5:12). If we always tell the truth, there is no need for a special assurance by an oath. **The Sin of Reviling (Railing)**, which is harsh, abusive language (see I Corinthians 5:11; 6:10; II Peter 2:10-11; Jude 9), and/or cursing (Romans 12:14). **The Sin of Taking God’s Name in Vain** (Exodus 20:7). **The Sin of Filthy Speech** (Eph. 4:29; 5:4, 11-12; Colossians 3:8).

Last Sunday Night...

Before his sermon, Pastor Joseph ministered to us in song. The presence of God was so strong. He preached from Daniel 7:8-12 and Revelation 1:10-18, 4:1-4, 10, 11. The Ancient of Days that Daniel saw in his vision, and the Lord Jesus Christ that John saw in the Revelation, are one and the same. In Heaven there is one divine throne, and the one seated on it is Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega, the Ancient of Days. Revelation 4:11 says the elders worship Him saying, “for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” The Lord’s countenance is shining and glorious. Men who have seen the Lord in all His glory have fallen at His feet as though dead. Moses saw a small amount of God’s glory, and God’s presence caused Moses’ face to shine. If we spend time in God’s presence, we will shine. We have a forerunner—faith—that is gone before us into the Holy of Holies. Faith is an anchor. Where ever one’s anchor is, he can get there eventually. Our faith is in Jesus, so our anchor is in the heavenly Holy of Holies, and we will get there, by faith. In the Old Covenant, only a few chosen men were privileged to be in God’s presence. The Jewish high priest entered once a year into the physical Holy of Holies in the tabernacle. But ever since Jesus’ death on the cross, the veil has been torn asunder, and the wall keeping men away from God’s presence is gone. We can be in the God’s presence here on earth, and petition God directly! And one day we will get to be in the heavenly Holy of Holies with Him in person. Praise God!

Last Wednesday Night...

Pastor Joseph taught on the topic “Origin or Personal Preexistence?” Jesus “came from” the Father, and He is “from above.” This means that the origin of the human man, Jesus, is God. Such verses do not prove that the Son existed as the Son, before the point of His origin as a human. God existed, of course, before the man Christ Jesus was begotten. Therefore we can say that God pre-existed the Son. But since Jesus is God manifested in flesh (i.e., God revealed as a genuine human), we can also say that Jesus pre-existed the Son—but as God, not as the Son. As regards His humanity, the Logos (the Plan of God, translated as Word of God) pre-existed the Son. The writers of the Bible understood this clearly, and the proof is in their writings. The term *Son of God* (when referring to the *monogenes*, i.e. only begotten Son, Jesus, and not as pertains to angels, or redeemed humans) refers specifically to the Incarnation, and is biblically applied directly to, and can only refer to, the human man in whom the fullness of God was revealed—God expressed in flesh, i.e. in a human man. In John 8, the Lord told the Pharisees where they came from: “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world” (v. 23). So, being “from” a place means exactly the same as being “of” that place. This addresses origin, which is the proper sense of the words in focus. Jesus said many wonderful things proving the union of one God and one man in the singular person of Jesus: “The one who sent me is with me” (John 8:29). “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30). “The Father is in me, and I in him” (John 10:38). Jesus asked the Pharisees: “Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?” (John 10:36). In context, John 10:36 reveals that the term *Son of God* (for Jesus) refers directly to the Son’s having been “sent into the world” by the Father. It explicitly means that—because of His having been begotten in Mary’s womb by God, for purpose of dying for our sins—God is His origin or, to use another word, God is His Father. This proves origin, not preexistence as a second divine person.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

<i>Natural Birthdays</i>	<i>Spiritual Birthdays</i>
• Kieran Joseph (1/31/1999)	• None to be listed at this time*
<i>Wedding/Anniversaries</i>	
• None to be listed at this time*	

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*Note: Please be sure that Sis. Reneé Bargo knows each of the following:

- When your natural birth date is.
- When your wedding anniversary is.
- When your spiritual birth date is (the date you completed your new birth of water baptism *and* Spirit baptism).

Important Announcements

- CAC Men's Ministry presents "**Every Man's Battle**" an 8-week study course for men. Starts this Thur (25); Cost: just the price of workbook & book. Retail is ~~\$21.98~~ but with the discount through CAC's mini-bookstore, the price is just \$17.98 (that gets both). No shipping cost. Get yours now. See Bros. Joseph & Colombo.
- The **CAC Food Pantry Ministry and staff would like to thank everyone** who helped to make 2006 a blessed year in helping needy families that reached out to CAC for assistance. We would especially like to thank Elder and Sister Les Benedum for being a special wonderful blessing. We look forward to everyone's continued help as we assist needy families in 2007.
- We are occasionally selling freshly-popped **popcorn for \$1 per bag** to raise funds for the **Missions** account. Please help us raise Missions money, and enjoy the popcorn!
- CAC Pantry is in need of **toothpaste**. All help is appreciated!

Special Prayer Requests:

- Sis. Diana Todd
- Bro. Jack Murphy
- Jonas "Cubby" Carter
- Sis Ella Mae Davis

Today's Featured Bible Verse:

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).

Did we miss a birthday, anniversary, or other event or information? Please let Sister Rhonda DeMoss know at: news@clarksburgcac.com

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Christian Apostolic Church Community of the Redeemed



Yesterday: CAC hosted Bible Quiz Tournament!

- Upper left: Jr. Quiz
- Upper right: Sr. Quiz time-keeper & score-keepers
- Middle (both): Sr. Cool Springs (far side) quizzes against Princeton (near)
- Above: Two of Beckwith's Jr. teams compete against each other!

Photos by Pastor Joseph. Submit your pics to paster@clarksburgcac.com