

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE



"The Ashamed Cow"

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Sermons Needing Tipped

My wife, Pennie, was telling me about cow tipping, I had never heard of it. So I did what every modern day "teacher" (Ephesians 4:11) of God's Word would do, I got on the internet, found my Google search and typed in "cow tipping." Sure enough, there is such a thing as "cow tipping." Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia, has this information: Cow tipping is the purported activity of sneaking up on an unsuspecting cow and pushing it over for entertainment." According to Wikipedia, popular culture grasps cow tipping. "In the 2006 animated movie Barnyard, a group of tough talking cattle from New Jersey go 'boy-tipping' in response to similar behavior against cattle. A website in the 1990s provided a virtual cow tipping game. In the 1989 black comedy Heathers, two teenaged characters attempt to tip a cow when drunk. In the 1995 Paramount Pictures movie Tommy Boy, Tommy attempts to tip over a cow, only to slip in cow manure. In the graphic game Day of the Tentacle, Purple Tentacle indulges in some cow tipping as the beginning of his crime wave." (Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia, Cow Tipping, Popular Culture). The research I have done personally, indicates that most attempts to do cow tipping is usually done under the influence of a mind-altering drug or under the peer pressure from foolish friends. My wife also informed me that most attempts to cow tipping are unsuccessful. I would propose to you, there is a sacred cow that needs to be tipped in most modern day

institutionalized churches: the Ashamed Cow. After reading church articles, church news releases and hearing the sermons spoken today, I understand why Christ-appointed overseers (Ephesians 4:11) are asking, "Why are so many church attendees so ashamed of God's Word?" There's a great concern among those who understand the exegesis of Scripture, the art of teaching Scripture, line upon line, precept upon precept, is seldom

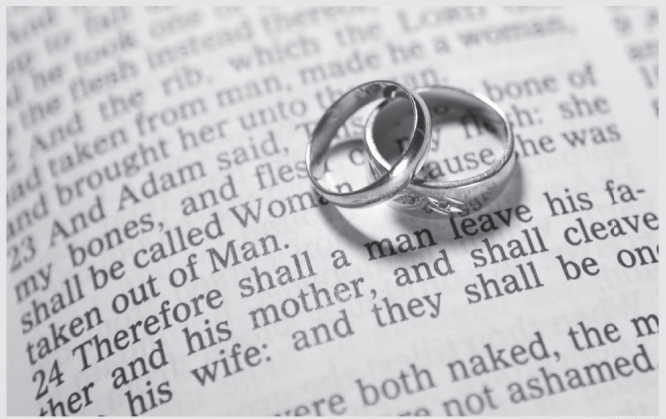
seen in the modern day teachings of God's Word. The call to the soldier of Christ is, "In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of His appearing and His Kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction." (2 Timothy 4:2)

"Careful instruction" requires exegetical studies so one can explain true Biblical theology under the illumination of the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ. All passages of Scripture must be taught under the rules of grammar as well in its historical context. This takes time and hard work.

Sadly, Christians are taking the lazy route, using religious-sounding language to cover up their laziness. Most Christian handouts have little to no Scripture, lots of modern day terminology and pictures, indicating the lack of faith of God's word. Most church attendees quote movie stars, present statistics and try human reasoning while presenting a case. In return their opponents quote movie stars, present statistics and use human reasoning to present their case. According to the Bible, God's charge for Christians is to teach the literal, grammatical, historical truths of the Scripture and let Him deal with the responses. (Isaiah 55:8-11; 1 Corinthians 3:7-9)

The Biblical truth is Christians who are not ashamed of God's Word are used of the Lord to guide and give eternal comfort to people through the hardest trials of life. Are you one of the few who are like Dr. Billy Graham, can you unashamedly say, "The Bible says." Do you unashamedly prepare to 'preach' the word? Like cow tipping, in the last days, tipping the ashamed cow will be very difficult. However, the Holy Spirit of Christ can, if you seek Him in Spirit and truth. (John 14:15-16; 26)

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A bride, a groom, vows and rings carefully chosen. What can place this new family on a firm foundation? Included in the beautiful wedding ceremony is a line from the book of Ecclesiastes 4:12 which says... "A cord of three strands is not easily broken." If the bride and groom weave their life together with God, His power will strengthen their relationship and He will give them guidance and wisdom in their future lives together. Whether or not you are married, god can be the strengthening strand in your life. Visit your house of worship this week and weave yourself with Him.

Weekly Scripture Reading						
Psalm	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah
93	11.1-16	35.1-10	51.1-23	52.1-12	54.1-17	55.1-13
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society						
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,) Case No. 13-1172-)
v.) RDR-)
KENNETH L. CLARK,) KGS)
JANE CLARK, LESLIE L. CLARK,)
STATE OF KANSAS acting through the)
SECRETARY OF THE KANSAS)
DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN)
AND FAMILIES,) Defendants.)
NOTICE OF MARSHAL'S SALE
By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, at Wichita, Kansas, in the above entitled case, I will, on Monday, the 6th day of January, 2014, at 1:00 o'clock P.M., at the front door of the Norton County Courthouse, Norton, Kansas, offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the right, title and interest of Defendants in and to the following described real estate, located in Norton County, Kansas, to-wit:
A tract of land commencing 210 feet South of the NW corner of Lot Seven (7) in Block Twenty (20) in the Hillside Addition to Norton, Kansas, running thence East 168 feet, thence South 40 feet, thence West 168 feet, thence North 40 feet to the place of beginning, less 14 feet off the West side of said tract and 14 1/2 feet off the East side of said tract, taken for street and alley purposes, Norton County, Kansas, being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section Thirty Four (34), Township Two (2) South, Range Twenty Three (23) West of the Sixth P.M.
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United States Marshal's Office, Topeka, Kansas, this 20th day of November, 2013.
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