

Who Can Deny It?

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The first time that Jesus explicitly revealed that He would suffer, be killed and rise again the third day was when Peter confessed his unambiguous faith in Jesus as the Christ of God. Then Jesus said to everyone, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever would save his life shall lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels” (Luke 9:23-26).

When we hear the word “denial” our minds race straight to that night when Peter, as Jesus had foretold, plainly disowned his Master three times. When first accused of having been with Jesus, Peter said, “I do not know what you mean.” The second time he said with an oath, “I do not know the man.” In the third instance he began to curse and swear as he said, “I do not know the man” (cf. Matthew 26:69-75).

Carl Etchison wrote, “We do not seem to have any problem understanding what it meant for Peter to have denied Jesus three times, but when it comes to denying ourselves, that can be another matter altogether” (“Redeemed in Christ,” *Carolina Christian*, Aug. 1995, p.8). Though we don’t want to follow Peter’s example in this case, perhaps we can transform his methods into service.

A person following Jesus and denying himself can say when Satan entices him toward sin, “I don’t know what you are talking about,” because “no one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God” (1 John 3:9). Sin is no longer his habit. Experiencing the grace of God, he says “no” to ungodliness and worldly lusts, endeavoring with all the strength God gives him never to entertain such thoughts and actions in his daily life (Titus 2:12).

A person following Jesus and denying herself will be tempted by the devil to return to her old ways. Though she recalls the past and has learned from her mistakes, she may say to Satan, “I don’t know the woman.” Since she is in Christ, she is a new creature and the old things have passed away (2 Corinthians 5:17). She lives a new life because her old self was crucified with Christ (Romans 6:1-7).

Self: who can deny it? “And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires?” (Galatians 5:24)

Danny Boggs

His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14



Pam Babb, Joyce Clarkson, Heather Cobb, Lee Crabtree, Glen Crumbliss, Faye Haught, Mae Hill, Wilma Hill, David Hofer, Bette Sinden, Helen Swem, Terry Tolles, Bobbie Tuggle, Ruth Ann Wilson.

Sympathy: Our hearts go out to Wayne and Vera Douthitt and the rest of the family in the loss of their great-granddaughter Lenora Douthitt last week.

Welcome!

- Lowell and Twyla McInturff have recently moved to Neosho and want to work under the oversight of the elders at Hillcrest. They live at 2209 Sunset Circle in Neosho. Reach Lowell at (417) 489-8329 and Twyla at (417) 489-8328.
- Coralee Risley has moved back to Neosho and has also expressed her desire to be part of the Hillcrest family. She lives at 1705 Cash Street. Her phone number is (405) 401-8313.

One Word: Remember to read about “baptism” this week.

Every "One" Counts: Don't forget to give an extra dollar in the offering this week! Please let Luke know if you have any people who could use some encouragement and financial help as we do this good work in our community.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *Make It Last*
(1 Cor. 7, Danny Boggs)
P.M. *One Word: Baptism*
(Danny Boggs)

Dale and Mebyl Privett would love for you to celebrate their **65th wedding anniversary** with them this Saturday at 2:00 in the activities center!

With the start of school, **Devo and Donuts** has resumed every Tuesday morning at 7:00 in the activities center. All students in 5th-12th grades are invited.



Thursday morning ladies' Bible class will begin at 10:00 September 6. Join us in a unique study of God's Word in concert with Joan M. Haselwood's book *Behold the Birds: Spiritual Insights from God's Design*. Invite someone to come with you!

The Anderson church of Christ invites you to a gospel meeting September 2-5 with Jake King.

Would you like to grow your marriage and at the same time grow in friendship with a long-married Christian couple? See Danny for more information or to be paired in our **12 Conversations marriage mentoring project**.



Our gospel meeting with Chris McCurley is only a month away, September 23-26. Make plans to build your faith with this good series and to build faith in others whom you can invite.



Who We Are & What We're About!

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, August 26

- AM Opening: Mike Kidwell
- AM Closing: Benny Haught
- PM Opening: Bill Reiboldt
- PM Closing: Tony Flint

Wednesday, August 29

- Opening: Jared Thomas
- Closing: Bob Murray

RECORDS	8-19-18	8-22-17
Bible Study	144	135
AM Worship	189	209
PM Worship	85	124
Wednesday	132	126
Contribution	\$7,005.15	\$6,772.19
Budget	\$7,643.38	\$7,630.58