

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

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Back To The Basics

If you happen to be listening to our radio station, **FM103.9 Fort Payne Christian Radio**, at 12:30pm weekdays, you will hear Gary Colley teaching on the *Fundamentals of Christianity*. These lessons come from a book written by his father, the late Brother R.L. Colley, over 80 years ago. Practical teaching on some 46 different, yet related, subjects is covered. Every congregation ought to use it at some time.

So what are the fundamentals of Christianity that we need to know? Here is a list of just some of them:

1. The establishment of the one true church — Acts 2
2. The preaching of the kingdom of God — Acts 1:3; 8:12; 28:31
3. Baptism Specifically — Acts 1:5; 2:38-41; 8:12,36; 10:47; 16:33; 18:8; 19:5, etc.,
4. Christian living in general — Acts 2:42-47; 5:1-11
5. The Resurrection — This is probably the most preached theme in Acts — see especially Acts chapter 4.
6. Church discipline—Acts 5
7. The name of the Lord Jesus — Acts 8:12; 28:30-31
8. Missions/Evangelism — Acts 13:1-21:17
9. The existence and character of God, as well as His creation of all things — Acts 17:22-34
10. The Conversion Accounts — There are no less than ten de-tailed accounts of such in the book of Acts alone.

In 1993, brother Dennis Gullede had an interview with preacher Perry Cotham. Part of the interview touched on this very subject:

How do you think the emphasis in preaching has changed since you began? Has the change been for the better or worse? *“The emphasis has changed from the fundamentals of the New Testament church wherein the distinction between the Lord’s church and denominationalism was clearly drawn and many people were converted to simple New Testament Christianity to a more or less general attitude that all sincere, religious people are Christians and the church of our Lord is just another denomination. Due to this type of preaching the church has not been growing as it did some 50 to 75 years ago. Of course, there is a need for Christians to be taught the importance of living the Christian life and adding the Christian graces, but the lack of preaching on other basic principles of the faith has weakened, and continues to weaken, the glorious plea for a return to “the Old Paths” as given by the pioneers of the gospel...The brotherhood needs to return to the type of preaching that was done many years ago. If our young people are not taught the truths of New Testament Christianity, we will go again into digression.”*

Sobering thoughts from the past. I can’t disagree with what Brother Gotham said.

(Note: Source for some of this material comes from *Mel Futrell, Shades Mountain church of Christ*)

Think about it.

Here’s hoping you’ll make the “*most of your minutes*” this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland