

# The Reminder

The weekly newsletter of the church of Christ in Bellaire, TX

## “See Yourself As God Does”

“God knows everything there is to know about us. He created us, and He has knowledge of everything on the inside of us as well as on the outside. As the Hebrew writer said, “No creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account” (Hb. 4:13).

While God’s all-seeing eye may be a somewhat fearful thought, it also ought to be comforting and encouraging. God knows who we really are — there is no chance that He will misunderstand us. Unlike even our closest friends, who can know us only imperfectly, God knows everything He needs to know to think of us exactly as we should be thought of. What God sees is the real truth about us, with all the facts taken into consideration.

We ought to want to see ourselves in this way. *It is good to see ourselves as God sees us.* When we see what God sees, we will see some things that need to be changed, of course. Making these changes may require some pain and difficulty. But even with the imperfections, what God sees about us is that we are worth saving.

Though we have fallen into sin, God knows that He created us in His love and that He gave His only begotten Son to save us. He sees us as having worth and value.

When we see ourselves as being valuable to God, we will think and live differently. We will lift our vision to the great and good things God wants to do with us, and we will be grateful for the honor God has bestowed upon us in His Son, Jesus Christ.

In Christ, there are no “inferior” people. All have equal need of God’s grace, and all who have been reconciled to Him have been reconciled in the same way: by His grace. Consequently, all are immensely valuable to God Himself. “For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith . . . And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise” (Gal. 3:26,29). Knowing this surely ought to make a difference in our view of ourselves. As we engage in our various activities throughout this week, it will encourage us to remember that we are privileged to be “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession” (1 Pt. 2:9). The fact is, we are special to God — so we need to live like the special people that we are!

Genesis 1:26,27 - Having been made in God’s image, we have inherent worth and value.

1 Samuel 16:7 - God’s estimate of us takes into account what He sees in our hearts.

- Gary Henry – WordPoints.com (edited)

**SUNDAY**  
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### Schedule of Services

**SUNDAY:**  
9:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Bible Study  
5:00 PM Worship

**WEDNESDAY:**  
7:30 PM Bible Study



## “Good Works”

### Morning Lesson

“Timeless Lessons from Ezra”  
Jack Smith

### Evening Lesson

“Lessons to Learn”  
Steve Garrett

### News and Notes:

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn and Don Hurd.

We've had several out lately with sickness; flu and respiratory problems. Chloe, Martin, Alyssa and Matt have been sick. Fortunately, healthy people can recover quickly from these difficulties. Hope to see all these on Sunday.

The third weekend is a busy time. Tonight is the Youth Devo. at the Smith's house; and, the Ladies Class at the bldg. Make a note on your calendar for these events each month.

The third Saturday is the men's Bible study breakfast. If you missed it yesterday, plan on it in Feb. March, etc.

No meetings in the area that I am aware of. We have one coming up in March. More on that later.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them (Ephesians 2:10).

Christians are made and formed by God. If any man be in Christ he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come (cf. 2 Cor. 5:17). The person we were, and the way that we lived are gone--put to death, Paul says (cf. Rom. 6:6-7). We have a new purpose we're to strive for: good works for the glory of God, but not good works by our estimation. No, they are the works He has determined for us to do--works that He has prepared beforehand for us to walk in. If we are truly Christ's, if we truly *believe* Him and believe *in* Him, the works He did, we will do also (cf. Jn. 14:12). We haven't been left to guess as to what a good work is or what's acceptable in God's sight. We have the example of His Son, and that which equips us for every good work: All Scripture (cf. 2 Tim. 3:16-17). How have we been determining what works are good and which ones aren't? The enemy masquerades as an angel of light, seeking to convince the world his works are "good". Many have been duped. Practice the good works you can find in the Word of God, and dispense with anything else.  
- Jason Garcia

## ASSIGNMENTS

### MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - J. Smith  
Hymn Director - W. Hodge  
Scripture Reader - D. Gorski  
Mark 16:6  
Opening Prayer - J. Martinez  
Closing Prayer - J. Smith

### EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - S. Garrett  
Opening Prayer - M. Pharris  
Closing Prayer - J. Smith

### EVANGELIST

Jack Smith  
Steve Garrett

### ELDERS

Mark Mann  
Matt Miles  
Mike Pharris  
Jack Smith

### BIBLE CLASSES

- Acts
- Holy Spirit
- Exodus and Deuteronomy
- Graded Classes for Children