

Welcome Visitors

We here at the Biddeford Church of Christ pray your visit with us today is enjoyable and uplifting. Please stay around after services so that we can get to know you better. We all strive to put Christ first in our lives and make the Bible our principle guide for living.

This Week's Events

Today Life Groups

Wednesday 7/20/16 Bible Study

7 - 8 p.m. (Biddeford)

Thursday 7/21/16 Bible Study

6-7 p.m. (Sanford)

Sunday 7/24/16 Scripture Reading

Happy Birthday!

Mary Witham - July 22

Mike Wickwar - July 26

Linda Barnes - July 27

Lenny Spano - July 28

Ian Sampson - July 28

Happy Anniversary!

Brad & Brenda Shaw - July 27

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, Larry

Butler, John Carter

Prayer - Robert Balsamo

Scripture Reading - N/A

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Barbara Lemay

What Is It Worth?

What will a man give in exchange for his soul (Matthew 16:26)? What an amazing question Jesus asked. Have you ever considered such a question? Well, today I want to plant a seed in each of our minds in hopes to stimulate our thinking and possibly cause us to consider Jesus's question. In order to do so, we need to first mention some familiar teachings.

*...for all have sinned and
fall short of the glory of God.
Romans 3:23*

For the majority of us, the understanding of sin is intellectually understood. Sin is lawlessness (1st John 3:4). This sin problem has created a divide between man and God (Isaiah 59:1-2). As is noted above, we all have had a sin problem; a problem that left unchecked, leads to spiritual death (Romans 6:23). I shouldn't make it past tense, because according to Galatians 5:17 there is a battle between the flesh (NIV, sinful nature) and the Spirit given to us at conversion.

*If your right eye causes you to
sin, pluck it out and cast it from you;
for it is more profitable for you that one
of your members perish, than for your
whole body to be cast into hell.*

Matthew 5:29

Where does sin reveal itself in your life? Better yet, can you see it? Is it in conversation with co-workers,

when the tongue ushers words it should not. Is it in the car as you keep up with traffic even though it exceeds the posted speed limit. Is it in the music we listen to, the movies that we watch, the magazines that we look at. Is it revealed in our lack of being a functioning part of the body of Christ as we are called to be. You might be thinking, "Isn't this being a little legalistic? [More about what it means to be legalistic later.] Well, it is our Savior that calls us to strive towards perfection (Matthew 5:48) and the apostle Peter who quoted the Old Testament, exhorting the Lord's church to "be holy, for I am holy" (1st Peter 1:16; Leviticus 20:26).

I am thankful for the gift of Christ who through His redemptive work has enabled me to lay claim to "the righteousness which is from God by faith" (Philippians 3:9). Trying to live righteously is my response to His gift of righteousness. The question I am confronted with is not an easy one to answer. What is it worth? What am I willing to give up because He gave up His life for me? James Coffman writes that Christ's metaphor is "applicable to the individual who should give up the most cherished friendship, indulgence, or habit, if such hinders spiritual life." So, is there something that hinders your spiritual growth? Is it worth it?

Dennis