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Begins Today!!

Bible Preaching

by Bob Owen

Tampa, Florida

March 29th to April 3rd 2009

We're looking forward to an excellent series of lessons from Hebrews 2:1-4, which will help us solidify the message of Hebrews in our minds. Brother Owen will be discussing how to remain steadfast in our faith, covering topics such as the danger of falling away, how God punishes sin and the great salvation we enjoy in Christ. Bob is a great Bible student with many years of experience to share. Make plans to be here for each meeting.

Sunday at 9:30 AM

Sunday at 5 PM

A special presentation on Bob's work in Ethiopia.

Monday through Friday at 7:30 PM

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Sunday Morning Assembly

9:30 AM

Sunday Evening: 5:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study

7:30 PM

Classes for all ages.

Private classes arranged

at your convenience.

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Why Attend a Gospel Meeting?

The typical member of Folsom Point church of Christ spends quite a bit of time here at the church building. Some of us drive a good distance to get here. Why should we be compelled to spend even more time and more gas money, and keep our children out late an additional four times this week?

I'm tempted to answer by saying that I know that there are times when we will do just that, for much less worthwhile reasons. For example, our family has put in our share of weeks at Disneyland or skiing, or camping, and literally worn ourselves out "having fun," and didn't think much about it. Reasoning from the much less to the much greater, how much more important is it to spend our time and money doing something that may help us get to heaven?

But I won't answer the question that way.

Let's just think about the value of *daily exhortation*. We just studied about this in our Hebrews class. In Hebrews 3:13, the writer says "But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."

The writer seems to believe that we can help each other avoid the "deceitfulness" of sin. What is that? The world — where we spend most of our physical hours — is full of sin, but it's never labeled by that name. It's called "pleasure," "enjoyment" and "fun." And it's marketed as something we not only have a right to do, but that we *deserve* to do. After all, we work so hard, we have a right to play hard, too.

But when our right to "have fun" leads us to wink at sinful practices, such as sexual trysts, corrupt language or gratuitous violence, we are being deceived. When the pleasure we "deserve" turns into immortality and sensuality and

revelry, the devil is laughing in his sleeve, because he has fooled us into thinking we can be "worldly" and still "Christian." We are deceived.

But we know better and we do better because we hold each other accountable. We exhort each other to better things; we encourage each other to spiritual excellence; we challenge each other to "fix our eyes on Jesus" as we run the Christian race (Heb. 12:1-2). And we seek to do it every day.

The meeting this week is a concentrated effort to do what we try to do every week of the year. Those of you who take advantage of it by being here each time will realize a great benefit. You'll

hear great preaching and will learn a lot from an excellent student of God's word. You'll instruct and admonish through the songs you'll sing, and be instructed and admonished as well. You'll also enjoy the "pleasure" of being in the company of saints for an entire week, and where else would you rather be than with your spiritual family?

Sure, we may spend a little more money, be a little worn out, and our kids might be a little more cranky at the end of the week. But what a small price to pay for such a blessing, don't you think?

And, one other thing — you'll encourage Bob Owen as well. He'll leave here feeling refreshed by being with a large group of people who put God first. And he'll tell others about the faith of the church at Folsom Point — and that's a good thing (see Romans 1:8).

Arrange your schedule to be here each time the doors open this week. On Friday, you'll be able to say, "it was good to be here."

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