

# The Bulletin

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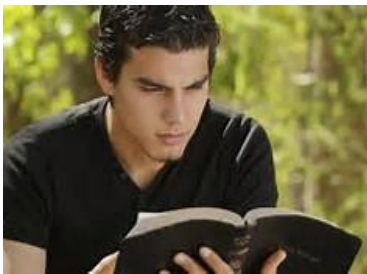
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### ***“What A Faithful Christian Looks Like”***

By Brian Meade



When we think of faithfulness, what characteristics or attributes come to mind? Do we think of the Christian who is full of faith as faithfulness implies? (Acts 6:8; II Cor. 5:7) Is it the Christian who studies his Bible for understanding and strength to live in this wicked world? (Titus 2:11-14)

Is it the Christian who believes what the Bible teaches and diligently applies it to his life? (James 1:22-25) Is it the Christian who is a real and genuine Christian? (Acts 16:15; II Tim. 1:5) Is it the Christian who is dependable and trustworthy? (I Cor. 4:2; Col. 1:7) Is it the Christian who the church can count on to participate fully when needed to do the work of God? (Philip. 2:19-22) Is it the Christian who has more than faith only and obeys God? (James 2:14-26) Is it the Christian who selflessly bears the fruit of discipleship and service to others? (John 15:1-8) Is it the Christian who comes to worship God every time the doors of the church are open? (Heb. 10:25) Is it the Christian who has a body wracked with pain- but still finds the perseverance to be there at the services of the church? (II Cor. 4:17) Is it the Christian who defends the truth when others are saying words against the truth? (II Tim. 4:14-17) Is it the Christian who does not compromise the truth- even though it would be more convenient to do so? (Gal. 2:3-5) Is it the Christian who hates sin and is vexed by sin in the world? (Ps. 119:128; II Peter 2:7-8) Is it the Christian who avoids sinning against God’s word- because God’s word is his life? (Rom. 6:1-18) Is it the Christian who listens to rebuke and makes the needed corrections to be right with God? (Rev. 3:19)

Is it the Christian who sees the entire world going the wrong way and doesn’t follow the same path? (Matt. 7:13-14)

Is it the Christian who warns the sinner of the error of his way? (Ezekiel 3:18-21)

Is it the Christian who warns brethren of apostasy day and night with tears? (Acts 20:28-31) Is it the Christian who is a fisher of men to a lost world? (Matt. 4:19) Is it the Christian who persuades men to obey Christ to be saved? (II Cor. 5:11; II Thess. 1:8-9) Is it the Christian who encourages others, when encouragement is needed? (Rom. 12:15) Is it the Christian who watches and waits for the Lord to return? (Matt. 24:42-47) Is it the Christian that suffers and dies for his faith? (Rev. 2:10) Is it the Christian who endures unto the end? (Matt. 24:13)

If you noticed, as you read this article— every sentence was a question. The right question can drive home a particular point very clearly. Questions get us to think about the right answer as we give a response. Jesus used questions in very powerful ways that made his audience stop and consider what He was trying to say to them (Matthew 5:13;12:12; 12:26;16:13; 21:25;22:43-45).



It was often, His questions lead them to the truth very powerfully!

When it comes to the series of questions we considered today—I would hope we all could agree and say YES to all the questions of what a faithful Christian looks like. Are you a faithful Christian?

## Preach Clear and Simple

Quotes from N.B. Hardeman

“I want to speak to you in tones as clear and statements and sentences as simple as I possibly can. I love to preach so that folks will know what I’m talking about, and if I had all the education in the world, I think I’d still have sense enough not to delve into things concerning which the audience knows absolutely nothing.”

*(Hardeman Tabernacle Sermons, Vol. IV, Page 137- October 1938)*

“Paul said to Timothy: “Them that sin, rebuke before all that others may also fear.” It is pathetic to go into some churches and listen to the long string of announcements which require fifteen or twenty minutes, and then to hear this followed by a little sermonette made up of pretty phrases and smooth sentences which are absolutely void of real gospel truth. “The world seemingly wants a bowl of ice cream with a cherry on it, when in reality it needs a plate of beans with an onion on it.” Such services are responsible for the indifference among churches today. If you want a general revival of old-time religion and one that will stir up the brethren to greater determination, preach to them on the Great Commission, the first gospel sermon, the conversion of the Eunuch, etc. and follow such with real sermons on Christian living. Encourage brethren to stand four-square for the faith once for all delivered to the saints.” *-ibid, Page 148.*

“My attitude toward error depends on my attitude toward the truth. Whenever you see a man that doesn’t care much about the truth, he is always compromising with error. The less regard he has for the truth, the more anxious he is to apologize for error. The man who loves the truth, who is willing to buy it and sell it not, stands foursquare against anything and everything that is contrary to God’s Word. He knows no such thing as compromise, from any angle or from any point of view whatsoever.”

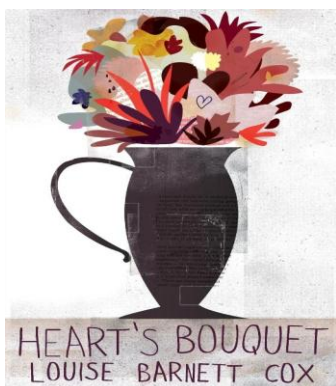
*-The Dallas Lectures for 1943, page 90.*

N.B. Hardeman was also quoted as saying:

*“A good sermon ought to be preached again and again, and a bad sermon should not have been preached in the first place.”*

*Preachers should “stand up to be seen; speak up to be heard; and sit down to be appreciated.”*

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### A Women’s Bible Class

will meet monthly at Miche, Tn.

At the home of

Chris and Kathryn Callahan

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month

at 7:00 PM

**News and Notes:** sick and recovering: Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Chad Harris, Betty Hurst, Janis Johnson, Steve Switcher, Billy Mac Fredrick, Gail Armstrong, Nicky Curtis, Cheryl Ridgeway, Anna Hearn, and Mackenzie Whittemore, and Crystal Harris, & Janell Eaton.

**Those Who Serve:**

**Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:**

**Opening Prayer:** Paul Busby  
**Preaching:** Brian Meade  
**Sermon:** *"The Five Classes of Lost People"*

**Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am**

**Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:** Paul Johnson  
*The Book of Luke (Mike Willis)*  
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**Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:**

**Announcements:** Russell Briggs  
**Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading:** Tim Harris Jr.  
I Peter 4:1-5  
**Song Leader:** Paul Busby  
**Lord's Table:** Paul Johnson  
**Assisting:** Russell Briggs & Brian Meade  
**Preaching:** Brian Meade  
**Sermon:** *"How to Approach the Lost"*  
**Closing Prayer:** Adam Harris

**Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.**

**December 6<sup>th</sup>:**

**Auditorium Bible Class:** Russell Briggs  
*1 & 2 Samuel (Mike Willis)*  
Start New Book (1<sup>st</sup> Lesson)

**Invitation:** Chris Callahan  
**Song Leader:** Paul Busby  
**Closing Prayer:** Tim Harris Sr.