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Radical Transformation, Radical Confrontation

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Romans 1:16 boldly declares that God's power for salvation is within the gospel of Jesus Christ. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul teaches that the basis of the gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. What does the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus represent but radical transformation? Could there be a more radical transformation than that of a lifeless body into a body filled with power and immortality? This is exactly the focus of the gospel—radical transformation. Paul writes in Romans 12:2,3 "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Here is radical transformation in action. Notice that radical transformation is focused at sin, *NOT* at **God's** solution to sin. We fail to radically transform people when we make God's will the object of the transformation. We succeed to radically transform people when we are obedient to God's will and focus the transformation upon man's will. But radical transformation requires something radical of us as well—radical confrontation.

Now, I am not speaking about a Sam Kinneson approach to confrontation where we are "in the face" of those who need transformation. I am speaking about an honest and up front discussion of the information that is contained within the gospel of Christ. If we engage our neighbors in a loving and kind way, there is no need to fear the confrontational element within the gospel. It is something that comes from the gospel itself—not from us. The confrontation is as natural as the confrontation between darkness and light. It is something which we should be comfortable in presenting. So why are we so often uncomfortable in

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Kevin's Korner



There are several things to discuss in my corner this week. Of course, (as everyone knows) last week I was very ill with some type of serious stomach virus. In addition to that, I also had the standard "crud" that everyone else seems to have as well and still have a little of that hanging on. I regret that I was not able to be in attendance Sunday due to my illness. It always causes me angst when I am not able to attend. However, as of this writing, things are definitely started to look better and I feel MUCH better. I want to offer a word of thanks to everyone for remembering me in prayers.

There are several others who have not been doing well health wise this past week either. Hugh Atchley has been to the doctor to have some tests run. He doesn't have any results, but he requests that we remember him in our prayers. I was also concerned to hear that Dena Williams also fell this past weekend and suffered a concussion. It was good to see her at our Wednesday evening services. We do also extend our sympathies to Glenn Williams in the loss of his grandfather. The memorial service was held last Saturday. Let's also always remember all of our shut-ins and our sisters in the nursing home.

Today we have great opportunity to rejoice. This past Wednesday evening, Donna Brown mentioned to me that she wanted to be restored to the congregation. As many of you know, sister Brown was lax in her attendance for several months. She stated to me that she wanted to ask for forgiveness in this regard and that she wished to be restored back into our fellowship. All I can say is this is wonderful! Thank you Donna for your great example! Thank you FATHER for lov-

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ing us all in extending Your forgiveness when we have erred from Your path.

The weather has changed! We are now in the season that is called autumn and winter is drawing nearer each day! Seems like just two weeks ago it was still hot and humid and now it is very cool. Things can sure change fast when the Sun starts heading south for the winter. Some of this cold/dry air is no doubt responsible for the crud everyone seems to have right now. Let's remember the health of our congregation in each of our prayers as many are more susceptible to illness during the changing seasons.

Our gospel meeting of two weeks ago was a great success! I wanted to issue a formal word of thanks in our bulletin to **David Deffenbaugh** for the outstanding job he did in presenting God's word. He brought some very timely and relevant lessons for our hearing. If you did not have an opportunity to hear brother Deffenbaugh while he was here, we have both audio and videotapes available. Please let Glenn Williams know about your needs in this regard and he will get you squared away.

I am sure that by now you have heard many stories regarding the trip that Rusty and I made to Costa Rica. Well, it is time to set the record straight. Rusty and I wanted to present our videotape and give a report to the congregation on our trip to Costa Rica. So, the last Sunday night of this month, after our evening services we want everyone to stay for the presentation. We will order pizza for those who want to stay and watch and then Rusty and I will do a joint presentation of the highlights of our trip.

Speaking of Costa Rica, the time for Moises and Maritza to come is drawing near! They are scheduled to be in Berryville next month from Tuesday November 19th to Saturday December 7th. They will be staying at Bill and Lucille's house during their time here. They are going to be available to spend time with everyone who wants to spend time with them. Please contact Bill Fort to be placed on their schedule.

Well, the Holidays are coming up very soon. You may be wondering what the holiday schedule looks like around here and what all is going to be happening. Well, I will share with you what I think I know at this point. The Christmas party is going to be hosted by Ken and Debbie Smith and held as usual at Quigley's castle. The date for that event is Friday, December 6th, 2002. The Halloween party is going to be at Rusty and Tiffany's house (I guess you could call this Tiffany's Castle) on Saturday October 26th!

Election time is here! Perhaps you have noticed the increased political ads during the evening programs, news, late night shows, etc. About the only place I haven't seen the ads is on PBS. It just indicates one thing--November elections are just around the corner. Now, I am not going to suggest how any one person vote, but I do want to suggest that you vote. We have a tremendous amount of blessing in this country when it comes to matters of political choice. Christians of the first century and of subsequent centuries had little or no blessing in this regard at all and the Bible tells us that we should respect the law (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17). It is incumbent upon us, therefore, to exercise our due respect and to participate in the process as that shows our respect for our country and for God's word. Let's all make an effort to get out and do our patriotic and spiritual duty in this regard.

AMAZING JESUS!

Carl Hansen

As we learn more and more about Jesus and understand the great blessings that are ours because of Him, we should quickly admit He is most amazing. Jesus should continue to captivate our focus in ways in which we would not cease to marvel at His life and accept His Lordship. But is He amazed with us? To answer this questions let us consider two passages which mention what amazed Jesus.

After traveling through various places, teaching and healing, Jesus visited Nazareth, the town where he had grown up. And as Jesus began teaching, many of the people in His "hometown" were amazed. They wondered where He had gotten such knowledge, wisdom, and the power to perform miracles. But they remembered Him as

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Deacons: Ken Smith, Brent Stevens, Rusty Windle.

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Times of Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:.....9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:6:00 PM
Ladies Bible Class: 10:30 AM
Wed. Evening Bible Class:.....7:00 PM

the son of a carpenter. They knew His folks, the parents who had reared Him. They knew the rest of His family. How could this be possible? So, Mark recorded that the people "took offense at him." (Mark 6:1-3) Note Jesus' response to the situation. "But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house. Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled (was amazed) because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching." (Mark 6:4-6)

On another occasion, as Jesus was entering Capernaum, a centurion who had heard about Jesus, sent some elders of the Jews to Him with the request to heal his servant. These messengers told Jesus the centurion "deserved" to have Him do this because of his kindness and help offered to the nation of Israel. This centurion's highly valued servant was sick and about to die. But when Jesus was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Jesus with the message that he did not deserve to have Jesus come under his roof. He trusted that all Jesus had to do was "say the word" and his servant would be healed. (Luke 7:1-7) What was Jesus' response to this situation? "And when Jesus heard these things, he marveled (was amazed) at him, and turned and said unto the multitude that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole." (Luke 7:9-10)

Amazing! Jesus was amazed at one who showed GREAT FAITH and at those who had a LACK OF FAITH. So whether we have FAITH or NO FAITH, it appears Jesus can be amazed at us. Either one can be marveled at when displayed. The question then is: "For what do we want Jesus to be amazed at us?" May we let it be for the POSSESSION OF FAITH. And may it be a FAITH that is an example and model worthy of being taken note of as in the case of this centurion.

Sunday's Sermons

For October 20th

Morning **The Blood of Christ**
 Scripture.....Hebrews 10:22-24
Evening **Q&A**
 Scripture.....

If we truly acknowledge the amazing grace extended to us, should we not be compelled toward the continued development of an amazing FAITH in the Lord? Let it be so! The world needs that kind of example pointing to the Lordship and reliability of our Savior.

Have a great day AIMING TO AMAZE OUR AMAZING LORD IN FAITH!

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presenting it? Perhaps it is because so often we don't take the up front approach with the gospel. Instead of talking frankly (but kindly) we "hint" at things. Instead of speaking candidly, we hem and haw. In essence we set ourselves up for the uncomfortableness by not setting the expectations of those with whom we study.

How do we get over this without delving into the Sam Kinneson school of confrontation? We must simply be direct with those with whom we talk. Let them know up front that we are not speaking out of malice, but simply letting them know what the scriptures teach. When discussing the gospel, speak openly and freely and don't act like the subject is uncomfortable for you to talk about. Other people can sense when we are uncomfortable and that makes them uncomfortable. That awkwardness will always be there if we don't take the necessary step into candidness. This confrontation is not between two people, but between the presentation of the truth and the need for change in one's life. Without radical confrontation there cannot be radical transformation.

Now, whose life do you know that needs radical transformation today? Look around you and I am sure that you can spot one or two individuals who have such a need. Now calmly, gently, quietly, humbly, meekly, and patiently walk up to them and say, "Have you been radically transformed?"

Our Record

Week of 10/13

Sunday Class	66
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Contribution.....	1754.40

News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Hugh Atchley, Austin Cauley, Opal Hull, Dena Williams.
- Lucille Wright is in room 504 of the Berryville nursing home.
- Jessica Lovelady is also in the nursing home in room 307.
- Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs.
- We rejoice that Donna Brown was restored this past Wednesday evening.
- Rusty and Tiffany will be hosting our Halloween party this coming Saturday! Rusty will have more details in the announcements.
- Tonight will be our regular elders and deacons meeting.
- In lieu of my illness last week, we will have our question and answer period this evening.
- Our monthly potluck is today!
- There is an updated letter from A.J. Hendrix posted in the back foyer.
- If you have not had a chance, please look at some of the photographs from our trip to Costa Rica posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.
- Next Sunday night after worship services, Rusty and I will be presenting a video and talk concerning our trip to Costa Rica. We hope everyone stays to watch and learn more about this great work in which we are involved.
- The second Saturday in November, the 9th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon we will be having an personal Bible study workshop for all members who are interested. Bring a pencil and some paper. Please make your plans to come.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Rice. It is only about three months until the children's home comes to pick up food. Let's stock up!



Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sunday Morning:	October 20, 2002	October 27, 2002
Song Leader:	Ken Smith	Bill Fort
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Bruce Foster	Bob Moore
Scripture:	Leon Duncan	Matt Bassing
Lord's Table:	Larry Elliott	Bill Fort
	Rusty Windle	Bruce Foster
(assist)	John Gass	Ray Duncan
	Matt Bassing	Perry Foster
Closing Prayer	Glenn Williams	John Gass
Sunday Night:		
Songs:	Glenn Williams	Rusty Windle
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Larry Elliott	Ken Smith
Scripture:	Brent Moore	Bruce Foster
Lord's Table:	Leon Duncan	Dale Pinkley
	Ray Duncan	Brandon Foster
Closing Prayer	John Gass	Brian Scheller
Wednesday		
Songs:	Glenn Williams	Bruce Foster
Opening Prayer:	Leon Duncan	Matt Bassing
Invitation:	Bob Moore	Glenn Williams
Closing Prayer:	Charles Pogue	Brent Moore
Monthly Assignments		
Announcements	John Gass	
Worship Coordinator	Glenn Quigley	
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