

The Huge Difference Two Letters Can Make

By Don Ober

By now I'm hoping the praise team has adopted and performed my new favorite hymn for the congregation or that at least we have begun the process.

I found this hymn by accident while researching a book given to me by Cindy Bills called *The Prodigal God*, by Timothy Keller. In the book, near the end of a great discussion on the pitfalls and traps of both the prodigal son's view as well as his older brother, the writer mentions an old Presbyterian hymn. Legalism verses liberty can be a daunting discussion for the most studied theologian, and I'm certainly not up to that task! But in preparing this song, God placed His hands on mine and gently taught me why this song meant so much to me.

This simple old hymn in the recording was titled, "To See The Law **By** Christ Fulfilled," which is also the number one line of the chorus. However, when I first sat down to decipher the chords and lyrics, I found it was not available anyplace in the style and format of the version I had fallen in love with. So, I had to listen over and over again and pick out all the chords and pull out my word processor and place the chords over the lyrics. In doing this I inadvertently, by habit, changed the lyrics and title to, *To See The Law **OF** Christ Fulfilled*. There as I was typing and saving a word document it stood as plain as day for anyone to see, I had changed the song to the perspective of the older brother in this famous biblical story and did not see right away that I had become the older son.

By changing the word **BY** to **OF**, I became the older brother, seeing Christ AS the law and obsessed with the need to follow the law in

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Picnic and Pool Party



Good food, fellowship and swimming at the annual Windsor Chapel picnic, this year at the home of Joe and Randi Herry.

“The Huge Difference,” continued...

order to follow Christ. I do not mean to diminish God’s law, since the Son always was and always will be the eternal author of the law as well as its fulfillment. I can’t seem to find anywhere in the Bible where He brags about being the author of the very law that the Pharisees were so attached to or makes His coming to fulfill the law about Himself; but instead, He always points to the Father, and speaks of love and unity over judgment and division. He chastised our judging others and, dare I say it, even comparing ourselves to others. Is Christ concerned with our following the law as best as we can? I believe He is! However, I also believe He more so wants to know WHY we want to follow the law. Is it to win His approval? Approval we already have, IF we truly love and worship Him. Or is it because He already won that battle and in thanksgiving and love we want to do our best for the giver of salvation, to be closer to Him? The difference between the two reasons may seem trivial to you, but I believe they are not!

Christ came to fulfill the law. He did so. He won our reprieve from sin, and there is not a thing in this world we can do to add or subtract from that. Looking at the vilest sinner and casting down our dispersions on such a person is no different than looking at our brother or sister next to us in the next pew and feeling superior OR inferior, based on the degree of maturity in our walk and the following of the law is equally missing the mark. Either way we compare, we miss the point! Just two letters, made all the difference. Two simple letters! By making this simple error I was reminded how gently God can speak to us in the most subtle of ways if we stay focused on Him.

***For in the same way you judge others,
you will be judged, and with the measure
you use, it will be measured to you.***

Matthew 7:2

**Happy Birthday!**

Blessings to all who celebrate a birthday this month. May you feel the love, joy and presence of the Lord as we all celebrate your special day with prayers and warmest wishes.

Elizabeth MacQueen	September 1
Dmitri Morozova	September 1
Esther Dada	September 8
Yvonne Ritchie	September 10
Jean Warner	September 15
Emily MacQueen	September 23
Elena Morozova	September 26
Cindy Shaw	September 26
Anna Yang	September 11
Jessie Yang	September 14

***Now I urge you, brethren, keep your
eye on those who cause dissensions
and hindrances contrary to the
teaching which you learned, and turn
away from them. For such men
are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but
of their own appetites; and by
their smooth and flattering speech
they deceive the hearts of the
unsuspecting.***

Romans 16:17-18





Elders' Corner

By Ed MacQueen

Greetings from the elders. I hope this edition of the Chapel Challenge finds you well, enjoying the final days of summer and looking forward to the coming fall season. For my family the summer was great: periods of rest interspersed with memorable events and activities. Likewise, I praise God for the special times Windsor Chapel shared together this summer: 5-Day Club, baptism in June, women's fellowship meeting, pool party, youth group party, and a heartfelt funeral. God was faithful to us this summer, proving over and over that He is the one who sustains us and keeps us by His grace. I also praise Him for the speedy recovery of Pastor Andy from surgery, for which we are all grateful.

May we not take our fellowship of believers for granted; God has brought us together at this point in time to worship Him together, to support one another, and to labor together in service of the Gospel. As elders, we pray for opportunities for our church to participate in how God is building His kingdom. As a parent, it has been especially encouraging this summer to see the number of children at church grow as new families get to know our church. As we enter the fall season, let us be open to how God is moving among us, and may He grant us the courage to serve Him as opportunity arises.

The scripture says tells us to seek first the Kingdom of God, knowing that all things needful will be provided by the Lord. This word is true; when Christians set their hearts on Jesus and His purposes, everything else will fall in place better than we could ask or imagine. May this be our experience in the weeks to come, as the heat finally breaks and the nights come sooner. Fall is usually associated with an uptick in activity and busy schedules, but by God's grace, may it also be

a time of recalibrating our priorities to what matters most—to know Christ and to make Him known.

11th Hour Sunday School

Our adult Sunday School class will begin its fall/winter term on Sunday, September 18, at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary basement. All men and women are invited to join us as we take a pilgrimage through the Old Testament looking for glimpses of Christ and signposts that point to His incarnation.

No commitment or preparation is required. The teachers will be Larry and Janet Berrill, Ken and Cindy Bills.

Perisseia

Our women's growth group will begin a six-week fall series on Thursday, September 22, 7:00-8:30, in the Chapel House. All women are welcome as we investigate the way Christ has modeled prayer-driven and Spirit-filled relationship for us.

For more information, please contact Cindy Bills (cynthialbills@gmail.com; 609-275-8557).

Financial Update

(Through July, 2022)

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want..."

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$114,318	\$137,401
Expense	\$135,917	\$137,403

Windsor Chapel has sent \$16,790 to our missionary partners this year. That is 15% of your giving!

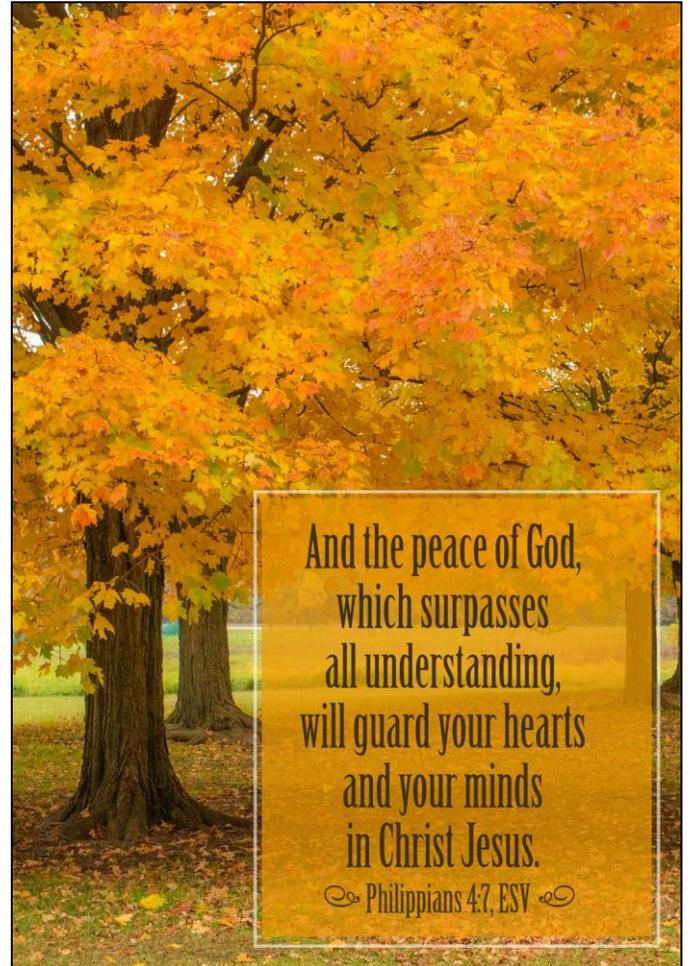
Women's Fellowship

The women of Windsor Chapel, as well as friends from her home church in East Brunswick, enjoyed hearing Michelle S. Kim's testimony that she wrote about in her book, *Non-Stop Love: A Journey Towards Joy*. This first women's fellowship event held in several years was a welcome and well-attended get-together.



Important Prayer Chain Reminder

If you would like to submit a prayer request to our faithful prayer warriors, please remember to email it to prayer@windsorchapel.org. Clicking on "Reply" to a previous prayer request may delay your prayer request, since wcpayerchain@windsorchapel.org is mainly used for sending out prayer requests and not monitored for new requests. If you would like to join the prayer chain ministry and receive prayer requests, please note your interest on the enclosed chapel card or send an email to chapel@windsorchapel.org. We thank you for the privilege of praying for you and your loved ones.



ISI Garage Giveaway



The ISI Thirty-Eighth Annual Garage Give-Away, that assists international students and visiting scholars by



providing them with large and small items to help ease their transition to Princeton, held another successful and much appreciated event in August. Thanks to all who donated their time and items!

Further Up and Further In

*Inviting dialogue to encourage growth in
and among us*



By Cindy Bills

Beginnings

September may be heading us toward the end of the year, but it is more often considered to be the harbinger of new beginnings: the start of a new academic year; returning to “normal” life and work after summer schedules and vacations; initiating new ventures. But despite the feelings that often accompany beginning, the truth is that beginnings are not the whole story. And sometimes, beginnings are not the story at all.

The Old Testament gives us many examples: God’s creation began in perfection, but marred by the sin of Adam and Eve (and all generations after them), it quickly devolved into a world of hardship, suffering, and pain. The beginnings of Noah’s life would have given him no clue that his life would become forever known by his faithful obedience in building the ark. King David’s beginnings were as a humble shepherd. And then the New Testament continues the theme: Mary and Joseph, focused on beginning life together as a married couple, were surely blind-sided by the Lord’s other plans for them. The Pharisee Saul, raised by good Jewish parents and at the height of power in the Jewish community, found himself turned around by the God he served to become an Apostle of the Christian faith that he had dedicated himself to eliminating.

Real life continues the theme we find in the Bible. While most, if not all, newly married couples expect to be personally changed by marriage, I will confess that I was totally shocked that marriage to Ken made me not only a baseball fan, but a Yankee fan. And whatever you think about the game of

baseball in general and the Yankees in particular, they, too, offer numerous examples of beginnings that have little relationship to subsequent events and outcomes. Babe Ruth is one of the most celebrated Yankee sluggers of all time, and indeed, the old Yankee stadium was known as the house that Ruth built. But Ruth began his professional baseball career as a pitcher for the Yankee’s archrival, the Boston Red Sox. And in a recent game, the Yankees found themselves down 5-2 in a game against the Kansas City Royals. After the game resumed in the eighth inning after a rain delay, Yankee star Aaron Judge came up to the plate. He struck out: a terrible beginning in the attempt to rally from behind, and without doubt personally disappointing for Judge. But Judge’s teammates persisted and took a 7-5 lead. Judge unexpectedly found himself with a second at-bat in the inning, and with bases loaded, he hit a grand-slam homerun, breaking the game open and giving the team an 11-5 lead.

Beginnings are an unreliable predictor of the future. But even as we know this, it can be all too easy to allow them to dominate our expectations of the future. As we head into whatever beginnings September brings, it would be wise to shift our expectations and place them into our Lord’s hands, to strive for excellence but to also look with expectancy and anticipation to the Lord as He does His loaves and fishes work with our efforts. We would also be wise to prepare to be surprised!

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Please feel free to contact Cindy (609-275-8557) or cynthialbills@gmail.com to continue the dialogue....

Just Say No

By Janet Berrill

"You are last. She took care of everyone else before considering you. She didn't want you there. Everyone else is more important to her than you are." The thoughts raced through my mind. I was hurt by someone close to me; someone who in the past was like the sister I never had. Sadly, things are different now; the fellowship we once shared is no longer there. But this article is not about the lost relationship, rather it's about the thoughts I was having when she hurt me.

In the past I would have dwelt on those thoughts. Over and over again I would have run them through my mind and even expounded on them. The thoughts would have consumed me whenever my mind wasn't occupied with something else. I would have replayed the hurt again and again imagining all the things I could have or should have said.

But this time I didn't. This time I said "NO" – "NO" to assuming what her motives were for her actions, "NO" to continuously thinking about it, "NO" to making up in my mind what would have happened had I spoken up. I made a choice and said "NO."

Titus 2:11-12 says, *"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age."* This verse has changed my life, literally. The verse starts by reminding us that God's grace offers salvation to everyone. None of us deserves to be saved, but God chooses to save us because of His great love for us. This is grace – God giving us good things we do not deserve. And what should our response be to His grace? If we truly understand and receive His grace, we will want to live a life that is pleasing to God. In this way grace teaches us to say "No" to ungodly behavior. Instead, we will desire to live godly lives, lives not characterized by sin but rather by the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (see Galatians 5:22-23).

It is because of Titus 2:11-12 that I said "NO" when the negative thoughts entered my mind. I decided I wasn't going to let those thoughts fester, so I literally said "NO!" But the thoughts came back, and as I found myself thinking about them I said "NO!" again. The thoughts didn't go away immediately, but each time they came I said "NO!" until they stopped coming.

As with a muscle that gets stronger the more you use it, I have become stronger in saying "NO" the more I do it. I am much quicker to recognize negative thoughts and to respond by saying "NO." Now when I do, the thoughts go away and don't come back. God's grace has taught me to say "NO" to ungodliness, and as a result I am living a more self-controlled, godly life.

Do you struggle with thinking thoughts you shouldn't be dwelling on? Is there a particular sin in your life that you allow yourself to indulge in? Do you want to change? Change is never easy, but with God it is possible. May I suggest you write out Titus 2:11-12 on an index card and keep it with you. Better yet, if you can, memorize the verse. Then when a temptation comes your way, literally say "NO" to the ungodliness, and trust that God will give you the self-control you need to live a more godly life.



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