

same theme. Why would a true Christian have to make alterations in his house before he could let Jesus in? Shouldn't those changes have been made when we obeyed the Gospel? Granted, some of them could happen later because we did not know the truth about them until we had been in the church for some months. But still, the changes should have been made. Is our house a den of thieves? Do we rob God of the title "Christian" when we really do not deserve it? Do we deceive the church about what goes on in our house?

I began this article talking about Jesus coming to our worship services in person. He sat next to you for the entire period. When you were glad services were over He jumped into your car to go to your house. Just as the church should be a house of prayer so should a Christian's home. But there is one more place that Jesus needs to visit, and that is your mind.

The Christian's mind (heart) should be a sanctuary as well. Our thoughts should be on pure things. Would we be uncomfortable if Jesus looked into our minds. Perhaps He would see that we are not really focusing on Him when we pray. Maybe He would see that our goal is money and not heaven. It could be He would see our first love is our job, family, or hobby, and not Him. What would He find in our mind if He looked into it? Would it be a house of prayer or a den of iniquity?

Things like this make us think about how insincere we are in our faith. It encourages us to make changes in our level of devotion as we see we are not living up to the commitment we made when we first became Christians.

Of course, the reality of it all, is Jesus does not need to physically join us in worship, in our home, or in our mind. He already knows the answer to all these things. Why should we rush around and try to hide things. We should hurry up to clean up our own space before judgment day.

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Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

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Announcements

Our sympathies to the Russell family after the passing of Johnny. He was a good Christian and a great influence on the church at Mooreville.

Our meeting with David Mcpherson is next week. Fliers are available. The meal list is posted.

The Roberts are in St. Leon for a Gospel meeting. Dusty is preaching for us in both services.

The adults will begin studying the Parables of Jesus today. Books are on the desk.

Tell Randy if you could keep the chemical balance in the baptistery. The task involves checking it every week or two and adding chemicals as needed. See Randy for details.

Do not forget to pray for our shut-ins and also Jill and Julie. We appreciate all of our members, but these need special attention for illnesses.

**It only takes
a little bit of
influence to
contaminate**

“A House of Prayer”

Ron Roberts

When Jesus drove the money changers out of the temple He said, “*It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves*” (Matt. 21:13). The implication is not only did they conduct business in the temple, but that they were crooked in the businesses as well. The temple should have been used for worship. It should have been a house of prayer.

What would be Jesus’ reaction if He came to our assembly? Would He find us worshipping? If He sat next to you during Bible class and worship services, would you behave differently? Would you still run to the bathroom in the middle of the sermon? Would you still doze during the Lord’s Supper? Would you finally take out a song book and join in the hymn singing? Would your contribution go up? Would you sigh with relief after the final amen is said? Or do you already worship properly and need to change nothing if Jesus sat next to you.

If Jesus told you the church building should be a house of prayer you would likely agree. But what if He said He was coming to your house after services. “After all”, He said, “The Christian’s home should be a house of prayer also.” How would you feel about having Him ride home with you and walk into your dwelling? The following poem addresses that idea.

If Jesus Came To Your House

Lois Blanchard Eades

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two—
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you’d do.
Oh, I know you’d give your nicest room to such an honored Guest,
And all the food you’d serve Him would be the very best,
And you would keep assuring Him you’re glade to have Him there—
That serving Him in your home is joy beyond compare.

But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door
With arms outstretched in welcome to your heavenly Visitor?
Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they’d been?
Would you turn off the radio and hope he hadn’t heard?
And wish you hadn’t uttered that last, loud, hasty word?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?
And I wonder— if the Savior spent a day or two with you,
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?
Would you go right on saying the things you always say?
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace?
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?
Would you sing the songs you always sing, and read the books
you always read,
And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?
Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you’d planned to go?
Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends?
Or would you hope they’d stay away until His visit ends?
Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?
Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?
It might be interesting to know the things that you would do
If Jesus Christ in person came to spend some time with you.

I did a sermon some years ago entitled, “Come On In, But Don’t Touch anything.” It focused on the changes we have refused to make in our homes after we have become Christians. The poem reflects on the