

The Bible – Our MOSOP

By Mike Riley

A few years ago, this writer was an employee of a major gas transmission company. Located in every department of that company were two large binders containing its “Manual Of Standard Operating Procedures” (MOSOP). Contained in this MOSOP were the rules and regulations about all operating procedures and functions of the company (company policies and procedures). These rules and regulations were set up by the “authorities” of that company. To fully understand an MOSOP, we must first define the term “standard”. A standard is that which is set up by authority as the criterion, test, or source.

The Bible is our spiritual Manual Of Standard Operating Procedures (MOSOP) that contains the spiritual operating procedures and functions governing the church over which Christ governs (our governing “authority” – Matthew 16:18-19; Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:20-23; Ephesians 4:23-24; Colossians 1:18). For the Lord’s church to function properly, every member (Ephesians 5:30) should have a copy of this spiritual MOSOP not only readily available and accessible but also read, studied and adhered to daily (Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Timothy 3:14-17). Understanding the Bible as our spiritual MOSOP is absolutely crucial to properly answering questions that pertain to man’s salvation from sin. Men do not need merely answers to religious questions; they need the right answers!

Jesus did not come into the world merely to make men religious. Men were religious long before Christ came into the world, but He came so that men might be right with God (Matthew 7:21-23). Consider the following false standards men adhere to in the religious world:

1) Some people use their own “feelings” as their spiritual standard. They answer such questions as, “Why are you convinced that you are saved?” by answering, “Because I feel it right here” (while pointing to their fleshly heart).

The Bible makes it clear that, “There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Prov 16:25). It is clear that it is possible for one to “feel” entirely satisfied about one’s spiritual condition and yet be lost (Matthew 7:21-23). Thus, it is the case that “feelings” simply are not the true “standard” by which to govern one’s spiritual life, even though, if a person is right with God, he or she will have good “feelings” about it (Acts 8:26-40).

2) Some people regard their own “consciences” as the true objective spiritual standard. The conscience is that God-given faculty within each individual that urges him to act in harmony with what he believes to be right. There are no occasions in which it is right for one ever to violate his own conscience. Romans 14:23, Acts 23:1, 1Tim. 1:15.



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer-** Wayne Fowler
Communion- Rick Cook **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Next Sunday

Announcements- Lyle Russell **Opening prayer-** Paul Simpson
Communion- Travis Rogers **Closing Prayer-** Jacob Freeman
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—**Veteran's Home Program:** Our next Veteran's Home event will be held on **June 23rd, at 1:30 PM**, and will be held the 4th Tuesday of every month at 1:30 PM. If you would like to be part of this amazing program, please see Sandy VanLoon or Kari Johnstone.

—**Art Camp:** Art Camp will be held here at Sterlington Church of Christ on **June 15-18th**. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby for more information.

—**Mark Your Calendars:** Sterlington will be hosting a Gospel Meeting July 12-15. Our speaker will be Jerry Keen.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



Please Pray For:

Carol Fletcher, Debbie Walker, Debbie Grice, Kaitlin Simpson, , Shayna Smith, Randal Freeman, Christine Looney, Joyce Frith, Barbara Wheeler.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Terry Atwood, Billy Granger, Rhonda Rogers, Blayne Atkins, Chuck & Shannon Boyer, Jo Darris Collins, Christy McDaniel, Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Arthur & Sybil Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garriss, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.

Bereaved: Families of Chad Lewis, Tommy Franklin.



June Birthdays

10 - Sharon Harris	20 - Debbie Grice
11 - Bella Smith	21 - Ashton Richardson
12 - Rachel Rogers	22 - Kara Freeman
15 - Jesse Sewell	22 - Damien Miller
16 - Victor Binford	25 - Don Delukie
16 - Janice Hayes	

June anniversaries

17 - Brandon and Sydney Rogers
28 - Arthur and Sybil Binford

