



Announcements

Our final “First Principles” class is today.

April 25-May 01

25 Sunday	26 Monday	27 Tuesday	28 Wednesday	29 Thursday	30 Friday	01 Saturday
Final “First Principles” class at noon in annex	College class in annex		Happy birthday to Leddy!		Game night 7:00 p.m.	

One birthday and **no** anniversaries this week.

Campus minister: **Caleb Hughes**
Youth/young adult minister: **Charles Fox**
Minister: **Curtis Wubbena**

April 18, 2021
Contribution: \$1,933.00
Attendance: 22

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Welcome to the Alpine church of Christ

April 25, 2021



Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God.



A meal fit for a....participant in the “First Principles” class. Family efforts made last week’s meal (in the words of Glen Dale) “the best lunch in town”. We have some superb chefs!

The Right Church

Robert F. Turner

A brother told me his friend asked if the church of which he was a member was the **true church**. The brother is an honest, conscientious man, and he said he couldn't tell his friend the church of which he was a member was perfect. He knew, and the friend knew, they had problems and imperfections. So he told the friend it was the **nearest thing** to "right" of which he knew. Is this the best approach?

The "nearest thing to right" says I know what is "right," but either I can not find — perhaps believe there does not exist — one that measures up; or, I am willing to settle for some less than what I know should be. Perhaps some of our readers believe he should have said he was a member of the church of Christ and that is the "true church." He **could** have said it; and launched into the time of its establishment, its name, its government and the other characteristics usually used for identification. But his Querist referred to the local church of that community, and was smart enough to know that proving the features of the 1st Century church is not proving this local church qualifies.

I suggested he discuss the church of the N.T. records from **two** angles: the IDEAL, or that perfect church one might envision by studying what is approved and disapproved of God. Then, point out that the actual congregations of the 1st. century were not perfectly aligned with this ideal. In fact, we learn what Christ desired by seeing their errors corrected, as well as by approved examples, etc. Then, drive this home. **Anything short of a sincere, all-out endeavor to be and do what Christ wants us to be and do, is not good enough.** Tell your friend you have done what you believe God's word teaches one must do to become a child of God. And you are in fellowship with other like children, who are endeavoring to work and worship as God's word directs. Ask him to examine your faith and practices in the light of God's word. If you can show him you welcome constructive criticism, will correct any errors he might find, are ever cognizant of weakness and need to improve, and are praying for forgiveness and strength to do better — brother, you have shown him the "right" church. If you can't stand such a test, perhaps you will CHANGE THE SUBJECT!!

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