

One Church.

In Dialogue with the Bride of Christ

Week 9: Harvest Bible Fellowship (with Robbie Symons)

COMMUNITY IN UNITY – United In Evangelism

John 17:20-21

HARVEST – Standing on Four Pillars

1. Proclaiming the authority of God's Word without _____.
2 Timothy 4:2
2. Lifting high the name of Jesus through _____.
John 4:24
3. Believing firmly in the power of _____.
Ephesians 6:18
4. Sharing the good news of Jesus with _____.
Ephesians 6:19-20

2 Timothy 4:1-4

A DIFFERENT TAKE ON – Election & Women

Doctrine of Election (Harvest)...

The belief that God has chosen who will be saved from before creation based on his own decision, not our faith or merit. Those who are saved are the "elect". The elect are reborn by God's choice and then respond in faith and other fruit. (**Romans 9; Ephesians 1:3-6; Matthew 22:14; 24:24; Acts 13:48; Colossians 3:12; 2 Timothy 2:10; Romans 11:5-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13**)

Chosen & Choosing (Brethren In Christ)...

Arminians/Anabaptists respond by pointing out that God wants all people saved and that Scripture repeatedly portrays our freely chosen faith as the road to salvation, not the other way around. (**1 Timothy 2:1-6; 2 Peter 3:9; Genesis 15:6; Isaiah 45:22; Ezekiel 18; John 3:16-18; 12:32; Romans 5:1-2; Ephesians 1:13-14; Acts 2:38; 16:31; Matthew 23:37; Luke 14:16-24; John 1:12; 3:16; 5:24; 6:35, 47; 20:31**)

Complimentarianism (Harvest)...

"Every leadership opportunity is open to women except those that are excluded by Scripture. The Scriptures clearly state that men are to serve in the office of Elder and that women are not to serve in church positions in which they exercise authority over men or in which they teach doctrine to men." (**1 Corinthians 14:33-35; 1 Timothy 2:12-14; 3:1-2; Titus 1:6-9**)

Egalitarianism (Brethren In Christ)...

We believe that men and women are gifted and called by God to serve equally in the church – as equally as are Jews and Gentiles, slaves and free (**Galatians 3:28**). New Testament restrictions are seen as strategic concessions to help advance the gospel at that time, similar to head-coverings and slavery, but not God's ideal for all time. (**Luke 10:38-42; Acts 2:17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:12:11; 2 Corinthians 11:3**)

For more on Harvest's beliefs, go to harvestbiblefellowship.org.

LOOK TO THE BOOK – Colossians 3:1-4

TAKE OUT – I'll Have One Gospel to Go Please

NEXT WEEK...

Series conclusion and special report on the BIC in Zambia (with Christa Hesselink)

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HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

Warming Up...

1. After reviewing Sunday's teaching time, talk about lessons you think The Meeting House can learn from the Harvest Bible Fellowship movement.

Look to the Book...

2. Read **Colossians 3:1-11**. A) What verse or idea stands out to you the most in this passage? B) Paul says church is for seekers – people seeking "things above". How have you actively pursued the things of God this past week? Talk about examples. C) Where does Paul say our lives are rooted? Where, other than Jesus, do you turn to find life? D) If we are already dead in Christ as **verse 3** says, why must we put anything to death as **verse 5** instructs? What does this kind of killing look like? E) How does our baptism portray and remind us of some of these spiritual truths?

The Great Debate...

3. [Divide into two groups to debate the issue: *People become genuine Christ-followers because God has chosen them and not others for salvation.* Scripture for both sides of the debate are in your notes. Take 5 minutes to prepare, 5 minutes to debate, and then switch positions for another 5 minutes.]

So What?...

4. What sins listed in **verses 5-9** do you struggle with most? Any you want to add to the list? What will you do this week to kill that sin/temptation?
5. **Summer Splash question** – How can wanting what is rightfully ours be greed? Visit themeetinghouse.ca/splash to learn more.

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