



Fairgrounds Road
C H U R C H O F C H R I S T

MESSENGER

“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

Sunday – June 14, 2026

Heart to Heart...

What are you looking for? When you assemble in the name of the Lord, what are you looking for? When a message is preached, what do you hear? It depends on what you're looking for! Paul preached and the multitude heard.

“Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer, but others said, ‘We shall hear you again concerning this.’ So Paul went out of their midst. But some men joined him and believed...” (Acts 17:32-33) One message, heard by all but with vastly different results. Some sneered! Some would think about it to discuss it later! Some believed! The differences weren't found in the message but in the hearers! Their attitude toward the message is what formed what they each heard and how they reacted. One message with completely different results because of what was going on in the heart of those hearing. Nothing has changed since preaching began. The responses to a message are the result of what is happening in the heart of the hearer. Listen to what Paul instructed the preacher: **“I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”** (II Timothy 4:1-5) I must fulfill my God-given instruction! Preach the word! In doing so by preaching His message it will stir some to different thoughts. God confronts us with our sinful attitudes and behavior. We call it stepping on toes but in reality, God speaks to change our hearts. Does it hurt sometimes? Yes. But preaching the word of God is where God brings about attitude and heart changes in the hearers, if that's what the hearers are looking for. That's called faith! Those that are calloused and rebellious will sneer or attack the message or messenger. God is accomplishing His work!

When you assemble in the name of the Lord, what are you looking for? If your attitude is already on edge, what will you hear? A word not spoken rightly or a misstep by the preacher? Are we one that Jude speaks of as grumblers, finding fault (Jude 16)? What are you looking for? By faith, with an attitude of thanksgiving, we should all be looking for guidance to heaven from heaven! We

shouldn't be focused on anything but a message from the Lord helping us all walk a path of righteousness with a heart of faith. Otherwise, some will sneer, others will just put off the message, and some will believe. It all depends on the condition of the heart. Let's ask again, what are you here today looking for? Think about it!!!

-Brent