

The Prattmont Church of Christ is just what the name suggests, a church that belongs to Christ. We are not a denomination; we are simply a group of Christians trying very hard to practice the teachings of our Head, Jesus Christ. The New Testament offers a complete pattern for what each local church should be like—its organization, its worship, its work, etc. We are committed to following that pattern. We cordially invite you to attend our services. We would also welcome any comments or questions about this bulletin.

**TIMES OF SERVICES:**

*Sunday*

Bible Classes.....9 A.M.  
 Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.  
 Worship/Bible Study..5 P.M.

*Wednesday:*

Bible Study ..... 7:00 P.M.



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**When God Has Not Spoken**

*by David Maxson*


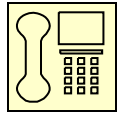

“Have you not seen a false vision and uttered a lying divination, whenever you have said, 'Declares the LORD,' although I have not spoken?" (Ezekiel 13:7).

We need to be careful to never assume what God is thinking. Unless we can point to the book, the chapter, and the verse, we don't know what the will of God is. We're just guessing. And while guessing may be good for a few extra points on a test at school, it won't work in our spiritual lives.

Guessing where God has not spoken is dangerous. When trying to determine the will of God, we should never be satisfied with "I think" or "I feel." Rather, we should not rest until we have found a "Thus says the Lord." What has God said?

And once we hear the clear voice of God in his Word, we should be satisfied with that, even if we don't agree with it. Or, should I say, **ESPECIALLY WHEN WE DON'T AGREE!** We

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must never search the Scriptures trying to find the thing that we want or desire.

If God has not spoken, then we should just leave it alone.

Father, defeat us when we seek to do wrong by inventing in our own imagination what your will for us is. May we ever seek to listen carefully to you in your Word and not confuse our thoughts for your thoughts.



## Immersed in Jesus

*by Steve Klein*

When a person immerses himself in something, he surrounds himself with it. He spends time thinking about it and making plans around it. It occupies his mind, utilizes his energy, and expends his resources.

People can immerse themselves in many different things. Some are immersed in hobbies, recreational activities or sports such as hunting, fishing, college football, baseball, golf, racing, collecting, or gardening. Others are immersed in their work or school. Some are immersed in their children or grandchildren. When a person is seriously sick, it is easy to become immersed with health concerns.

As Christians, “we were all baptized into one body” (1 Corinthians 12:13). Most of us understand that the word “baptized” means “immersed.” But what we may not have thought much

about is the connection between being immersed in water and being immersed in Jesus. The apostle Paul puts it this way in Galatians 3:27: “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” Those “baptized into Christ” put Him on like a garment. They are covered with Him—immersed in Him.

By itself, immersion in water does nothing to change a person’s life. But when that immersion is the beginning of being overwhelmed with Jesus Christ, lives are truly changed. Baptism into Christ results in a person being raised to “walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17). This new life is one that is immersed in Jesus.

Every sinner needs to be immersed in water for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). But every one immersed in water is obligated to live a new life immersed in Jesus. Are you immersed in Him? “But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts” (Romans 13:14).

