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“For the faith once delivered unto the saints”

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OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
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OUR AIM: Be it our aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,  
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

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## THE WORLD CAN NEITHER GIVE NOR TAKE

The world can neither give nor take,  
Nor can they comprehend,  
The peace of God, which Christ has bought,  
The peace which knows no end.

The burning bush was not consumed  
While God remained there;  
The three, when Jesus made the fourth,  
Found fire as soft as air.

God's furnace doth in Zion stand;  
But Zion's God sits by,  
As the refiner views his gold,  
With an observant eye.

His thoughts are high, his love is wise,  
His wounds a cure intend  
And tho' he does not always smile,  
He loves unto the end.

—*J. Mason*

## FOLLOWERS

Followers are expected to know the teachings of their leader, to be loyal to that leader and to be available when called for service. They may never know the entire scope of the leader's plans, but they do know how to serve. Followers should understand how the leader's program will be a positive good for those who are affected by it.

These observations concerning followers are applicable in business, political or social organizations. These observations also have relevance for Christians. Christians are called to be followers, or disciples, of Jesus Christ. Their name, Christian, describes them as Christ's ones. They follow Him in their beliefs, activities, relationships, and worship.

To become His disciples, they must be willing to follow the direction and tenor of service of Jesus Christ; they must govern themselves by the counsel and will of God as it is presented in His revealed Word, the Bible; they must be available to be directed by God's Holy Spirit. Although these three areas may seem diverse they actually are the same expression of God's will for His disciples. Knowing Jesus' work both as teacher and sacrifice, knowing the word as revealed to us, and being alert to the direction of the Holy Spirit all work together to form our leader's will within our minds, hearts, and lives.

It is not easy to be the follower of a leader who may be despised, dishonored, and disobeyed. It is

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easier to follow a popular leader seeking material or political advantage than to follow a leader seeking the best eternal outcome for His followers.

How can Christians follow Jesus, today? It is obvious that we live in times that are very different than when Jesus dwelt on the Earth. Our social, political, economic, and educational systems are very different from what they were two thousand years ago. However different the times may be the nature and needs of human beings remain the same. However much clothing or languages have changed the deep-down needs of the heart, mind and soul do not change. Those who accept the work of Jesus upon the cross need to pattern their lives upon Jesus' life and teachings.

One noticeable thing about Jesus was His humility and submission. He was God of very God, yet He submitted to become a man and to die as a man. He lived a perfect life on Earth, qualifying Him to be the unblemished sacrificial lamb. The price has been paid for sin, and is available for us to accept.

Jesus' followers should be humble and submissive not only to follow Him but also to serve

others. Followers can learn how to serve by watching Jesus serve as both the Shepherd and the Sheep.

If we did not read about Jesus' service and salvation in God's Word, we would know very little about God's will for His followers. God shares through His Word how He has dealt with men since the Creation. From the Garden of Eden through the Heavenly scenes in the Book of Revelation, God has shown His will for men on the Earth. God showed His grace and mercy to men through many situations in the Old and New Testaments. He educated men about their souls' needs and His provision for their eternal well-being. God has not only shared His past dealings with men, but also His will concerning men who accept the work of Jesus and strive to follow Him consistently.

The Holy Spirit inspired the writing of the Bible. He moved upon the various authors to convey the message of the coming, sacrifice and ascension of Jesus. He used men of different languages, personalities and occupations to write the consistent story of God's work and will over a long period of time. Ultimately, the Holy Spirit is

the author of the Bible, so it will fully display God's will.

Not only has the Holy Spirit given us God's written will, He also dwells within the hearts, minds and souls of those who have accepted God's grace and mercy through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. In the times between Creation and His death on the cross, the Holy Spirit primarily dwelt in a sacred edifice, only occasionally being made available to direct humans

in their fulfillment of God's will. Now, the Holy Spirit dwells in our human temples, not buildings. He leads us in our study of the Word, in our following of our Savior, and in our glorifying of Jesus Christ.

Are you a follower of Jesus Christ, the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit? As you follow, are you radiating joy, love and service?

M. C. Cook

## THE BLESSINGS OF THE BODY

### Membership in the Local Church Family

Thus far in this series, we have looked at a number of blessings that come with our relationship with the Church of Jesus Christ found in the local congregation of believers. A few of the blessings that we have previously considered are:

- As members of the Body, we are blessed with a sense of belonging.
- We can enjoy the blessings of fellowship in worship.
- We have opportunity to be involved in Kingdom work because the Church is a Body that works together.

In this concluding article of this series, we want to consider

a couple more blessings that come as we join, commit and submit to the Body of Christ.

The first blessing that we will consider is that **the Church is a place to be fed and instructed**. It should go without saying that every believer should be daily in the Word seeking personal spiritual nourishment and direction for life. Obviously, we will be undernourished and often hungry (physically) if we only pause to eat two or three times per week. The same is just as true spiritually! We need personal time, feeding and meditating on the Bread of Life and this will be supplemented

with time in the Word found in corporate worship.

As we consider the blessing of the body as it relates to being fed spiritually, I am so grateful for the balance provided by the local congregation. When we gaze with honesty on the Church family, I am so intrigued and blessed as I ponder how God has brought to this body such a variety of teachers and preachers, each with their uniqueness's, strengths, experiences, and perspectives. And then, adding to that particular beauty is how God is able to mesh them together to become such a channel of His spiritual blessing to the church family. In our home congregation, we are blessed with many excellent teachers. They differ in various ways, but I can enjoy and be blessed and challenged by the ministry of each of these brethren. I thank God for each of them and how they allow God to use their ministry to bring balance to the Body.

So, within the makeup of the local Body, God provides:

1. The venue where we can give and invest in the lives of other members of the Body.
2. The venue where we

can receive spiritual food and encouragement from others.

But, we need to remember, if we are to enjoy these blessings of spiritual food, we have to be where it is served. Yes, we need to gather with the Body at mealtime!

Another very important blessing that I find in the Body of Christ is how it helps each member to be balanced and accurate in our understanding and living out the Word and will of God for our lives. No doubt we have all had times, (on a given issue) that we felt we had it all "figured out." We knew what the Scripture said and meant. But, isn't it interesting, humbling, and amazing as other members of the Body begin to share various Scriptures, understandings, insights, experiences, and testimonies? And, isn't it incredible how the Holy Spirit can use the Body to mold and shape our understanding of the doctrines and will of God for our life? Yes, we each have the direction of the Holy Spirit, but in the multitude of (Spirit led) counselors, there is safety! I love times of rich study together with fellow believers! This is a blessing of the Body and the Brotherhood; the blessing of stability and

balance in our Spiritual life.

The Apostle Paul cultivates this thought in Eph. 4:13-16.

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. (What a beautiful picture!)

The final point we want to consider is **the blessing of protection and discipline** provided by the Body. As a child, I didn't always appreciate the protection of the authority God had placed in my life, but I do now! The Word tells us that

God has provided this blessing of authority to "Watch for our souls" and I really believe that our view, attitude and response to God-given authority in our life speak volumes about our maturity or lack thereof. Do we see this thing of church authority as "restrictive" or "protective?" How do we view accountability to the Body? Can we thank God for the loving discipline of the Body of Christ? Over and over in the Word, discipline is presented as a valuable blessing! Even God the Father "*disciplines every son whom He loves and receives.*" He reminds us that to be without the blessing of discipline in our life, we are a neglected, illegitimate child; one that is missing the care and nurture of a loving father.

Just as it is in the parent/child relationship, when discipline is needed, the most unloving thing the Body can do is fail to provide the corrective discipline needed to bring a straying soul back into harmony and fellowship with Christ and the church. Discipline is what is done **for** someone, not **to** someone. It is for their present and eternal good! Discipline is never easy for anyone involved; but if it is given with the right motive, for

the right reason, and received with the right spirit, **it can be one of the greatest blessings that God can use the Body to provide for its members.**

When Nathan, the prophet, came to King David, what a terribly difficult meeting that must have been for both men! But when we consider the harvest that came with David's repentance and God's restoration, it was truly heaven giving "beauty for ashes." Discipline allows God to write some beautiful final chapters in the lives of His people.

*"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceful fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."*

Heb. 12:11-12

O, the blessing of the protection and discipline of the Body! I have personally lived long enough with myself to know that there are still times when I need discipline. I pray that when it is needed, there will be someone in the church family that will love me enough to come along side and help me see my need.

"Now we are the body of Christ and members one of another..."

I know we have not looked at all the blessings of the Body, but may God help us to appreciate the many blessings we have as a Body, a team, as a community of Faith! And may we labor in love together for the good of the Body and for the Glory of our great God!

Love to all,  
Brother Jim Meyers

## THE BRAVEHEARTED JOURNEY

A sinner lost amidst the waves,  
Without thought or whim, sways.  
Through the gloom comes the call!  
Given freely – to avoid another fall.

Saying softly "Come, Come."  
There is room here  
As you journey home -  
Join with me – travel without fear.  
Let us look at the cross –

The source of God's greatest loss  
Life is full of trials  
As you traverse the miles,  
Now look into My Face,  
As together we Embrace!

To Him I now say "yes"  
And am learning His name to bless,  
"Praise Ye the Lord!"  
And dig deep into His Word.

Beckoning "Come, Come."  
There is room here  
As you journey home –  
Join with me – travel without fear.  
Let us look at the cross –  
The source of God's greatest loss  
Life is full of trials  
As you traverse the miles,  
Now look into My Face,  
As together we Embrace!

Sometimes my flesh rears up  
And wants to go on by sheer pluck.  
He's given me a free will,  
Yet He's always there – still

Pleading "Come, Come."  
There is room here  
As you journey home –  
Join with me – travel without fear.  
Let us look at the cross –  
The source of God's greatest loss  
Life is full of trials  
As you traverse the miles,  
Now look into My Face,  
As together we Embrace!



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So I again return to Him  
My treasure and my gem,  
His arms are always open wide –  
To grant my every need supplied.

Reminding me “Come, Come.”  
There is room here  
As you journey home –  
Join with me – travel without fear.  
Let us look at the cross –  
The source of God’s greatest loss  
Life is full of trials  
As you traverse the miles,  
Now look into My Face,  
As together we Embrace!

As we enter through the gate  
I have not long to wait!  
There surrounded in His glory,  
He’ll remind me of the story –

When He said “Come, Come.”  
There is room here  
As you journey home –  
Join with me – travel without fear.  
Let us look at the cross –  
The source of God’s greatest loss  
Life is full of trials  
As you traverse the miles,  
Now look into My Face,  
As together we Embrace!

—Brother Will Clark

## PHIL'S PONDERINGS

*As we “study to shew ourselves approved unto God...”*

June 2018 Study Questions

### June 3 – Hebrews 12:1-11

What sort of imagery comes to your mind as you imagine the cloud of witnesses?

How does their faith impact you?

What is meant by “laying aside every weight?”

What does looking to Jesus do for your endurance?

What phrase can you suggest that has a similar meaning to “author and finisher of our faith?”

How does considering the sufferings of Jesus help overcome discouragement and weariness?

Do you experience chastening as something positive and helpful?

What fruit of righteousness have you experienced as a result of chastening?

**Commentary:** How do you encourage those who are suffering for their faith? Learning to reframe our suffering, discouragement, and persecution so it matches God's perspective is the only sure way to not only endure but to grow in our faith. The afflictions of Christ can sharpen our awareness of spiritual resources that overcome discouragement and increase our endurance. Even the typical afflictions in life such as health issues or economic hardship serve as means by which God's discipline results in holiness and righteousness becoming more deeply embedded in our character. Looking unto Jesus helps us to realize how great His sacrifice was and how deeply He truly loves us.

### June 10 – Hebrews 12:12-29

How does lifting hands impact you spiritually?

How do you make straight paths for your feet?

What hinders you from pursuing peace with those with whom you experience conflict?

How do you describe bitterness working in a person's life and defiling others?

What is the progression from "looking diligently" in verse 15 to "know place of repentance" in verse 17?

What contrast is being made between Mt. Sinai in verse 19 and Mt. Zion in verse 22?

How does grace change our experience of God who is still shaking things up?

**Commentary:** Discouragement erodes our faith and confidence in God and wears our spirit and body down. Our body language at times reveals the condition of our heart. We can become quite pitiful. So welcome to God's Gym where hands can be strengthened and knees and feet can begin to heal. We learn to walk by faith without stumbling and hurting ourselves. Group exercises to develop relational skills create peace with others. Symptoms of bitterness damaging to our hearts are unmasked before they become contagious. Thus, repentance is a regular part of our workout. Best of all are the deep tissue massages of our hearts with the lotions of grace that penetrate to every cell in our bodies. The daily exercise in God's Gym gives new spiritual vitality to overcome all the discouragements life throws at us. Oh yeah, membership is free and visitors are welcome, especially on Sundays.

### **June 17 – Deut. 6:1-15 - Fathers Day**

What major transitions have occurred in your life where you have needed to recommit your life to Christ?

What is the "Sheema"?

How do we integrate the commands of God into our lives?

How aware are your children of your faith and how it guides your decisions?

What single word do verses 10-11 foreshadow?

When is our faith most at risk?

**Commentary:** Life is full of changes. Vocational careers, marriage, children, old age, and church are part of the landscapes of our

lives. How do we respond to these shifting tides of life? Running to the Lord and rededicating our hearts to Him prepares us for all the joys and difficulties that change brings. Listening to His voice by immersing ourselves in His Word provides direction, continuity, wisdom and maturity. The steadfast nature of the Lord becomes the rock upon which we stand.

### **June 24 – Hebrews 13:1-14**

What happens when brotherly love wanes?

How often are strangers at your table? And what rewards have you experienced?

What would you say to your brethren if you were in chains for your faith?

Do you ever envy others?

What fruit does it produce in your heart?

How does God help you when you are afraid?

How does verse 7 differ from verse 5?

Have you ever had a conversation with someone who is militant about what they eat?

What altar are we eating from and what is it we eat?

What reproach of Christ do we bear?

**Commentary:** How many different ways does our faith in Christ influence the choices we make? Consider just those mentioned in these verses and we will begin to understand just how all encompassing is our life in Christ. Undergirding our faith is verse 8, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Jesus is our Redeemer, Savior, Lord, High Priest, King, brother, and Shepherd. In none of these will He ever be deficient even for a moment. What renews our faith, day by day, is this, verse 9 “...the heart be established by grace...” Our hearts have been renewed, not by our own making but by the gift of His grace. It is His will and good pleasure at work in us until He brings it to completion in the day of Jesus Christ.

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**General Conference Program**  
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**- Daily Time Schedule -**

7:00 a.m. Morning Worship	2:00 p.m. Afternoon Service
7:30 a.m. Breakfast	5:00 p.m. Evening Meal
9:45 a.m. Morning Service	7:00 p.m. Evening Service
12:00 noon Lunch	11:00 p.m. Quiet Time

**- Preaching Program -**

Time	Speaker	Subject	Text
Sat. p.m.	Leonard Wertz	Separated or Separator	2 Cor. 6:14-18
Sat. p.m.	Rodney Kimmel	The Humility of Jesus Christ	
Sat. eve.	Robert Lehigh	The Church Under Attack	2 Tim. 3:1-17
Sun. a.m.	Bible Study, Youth	Noah's Ark	Gen. 6-9
Sun. a.m.	Bart Hobiit	Spiritual Hydro-power	John 4:10-15
Sun. a.m.	Marlin Marks	A Believe's Workout	Phil. 2:12-13
Sun. p.m.	Mission Moments		
Sun. p.m.	Denny Myers	Missionary Message	
	Church: University for the Missionary		Pro. 3:1-5
Sun. eve.	Clem Bowman	Young People's Message	
Mon. 8:30 a.m.	Sisters' Sharing Time		
Mon. a.m.	Bible Study, Adult	Walking in the Path of Healing, Peace and Holiness that Leads to Mt. Zion	Heb. 12:1-11
	Bible Study, Youth	Ark of the Covenant	Exod. 25:1-22
Mon. a.m.	Alan Meyers	Thou Hast Gained Thy Brother	Matt 18:15
Mon. p.m.	Ken Brock	Life in a Small Church	
Mon. p.m.	Mike Wray	Swords or Plowshares?	Is. 2:1-4
Mon. eve.	Milton Cook	Partiality Rejoiceth Against Mercy	James 2:1-13
Tues. a.m.	Bible Study, Adult	A Likeminded Kingdom	Phil. 2:1-11
	Bible Study, Youth	Our Ark-- Jesus Christ	Jo.3:1-8,16-17
Tues. a.m.	Adam Lehigh	To Be Supplied	
Tues. p.m.	Rodney Kimmel	Youth Activity Program	
Tues. eve.	Justin Beck	Crafting Your Personality for His Kingdom	Phil. 2:15

## LIVING IN THE FULLNESS OF OUR FAITH

Often whenever we see someone who commits a heinous crime and is caught and prosecuted, we congratulate ourselves. Sure, we have imperfections and shortcomings but we're not like that person.

If we can find someone who we think is worse than we are, then the truth of the matter is we really do not know our own selves. There is no sin beyond my capacity to commit under the right conditions.

When I think I have reached that point of perfection, I then have gone beyond where the apostle Paul thought he was. He was not perfect, he was walking in faith and trusting God every step of the way. There is nothing I am not capable of committing as far as sin is concerned.

Our Christian experience has to fall under the sovereignty of God and by that I mean we need to exercise His faith in order to accomplish His purpose in our life. God has given us everything we need to be all He created us to be. Living below His expectations for us is a great spiritual tragedy.

The trouble is we do not really understand what God has created us to be. We have

allowed the world around us and our culture to dictate what we should be and what the values of our life should be. But we need to understand why we were created and the purpose behind that creation. If I know why God created me, I will begin to understand some of the things that He wants me to do. Much, if not all, of what God expects of me goes counter to the culture around me.

Most Christians, it must be acknowledged, come nowhere near living up to their full potential. They are living a good life, so they think, but they are nowhere near living the life that God has prepared and provided for them. If only we could get a hold of what God wants us to do and why He created us, our life would take on a brand-new dimension.

This brings us to the element of forgiveness. If there is no sin I am not capable of committing, then there is not a sin that is beyond God's ability to forgive. God forgives sin.

Our trouble is that we categorize sin. One sin is worse than another sin. However, Jesus set it straight when He said, "Ye have heard that it was

said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whoever looks upon a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.” (Matthew 5:28) It is not the action so much as it is the motivation that creates that action.

When does sin become sin? Sin becomes sin in our eyes when we do an action. But from God’s standpoint sin begins in the heart when we start thinking about it.

We do not need more faith these days; we just need to use what we have. “Oh, if only I could have more faith,” people say. That is not the problem. The problem is that we are not using the faith that we do have. Faith from God’s perspective is something that will solve all of our problems in that regard. We do not need more faith we just need faith.

The aspect of my faith most important is my ability to forgive other people. I need to have a forgiving spirit. And I need to be able to forgive someone and through that act of forgiveness, I can help turn their life around. Oh yes, many people will say they are sorry and keep on

doing the same thing. That is not my problem. My problem is to exercise the spirit of forgiveness from God’s point of view. Let God handle the change.

We have an overabundant supply of forgiveness within us and we need to share that with people who desperately need it. Sure, I need to be forgiven. That is just a little sliver of forgiveness but now I need to share that forgiveness with other people around me.

I often think how sad it will be when we finally meet Jesus face-to-face and He shows us all the blessings with our name on it but we never accessed those blessings. How sad to see what we could have had if only we would have stepped out in faith.

I believe I need to examine myself; sure, there are areas that need to be forgiven. Absolutely there is a weakness that I need to address almost every day. But behind that weakness is God’s ability to forgive. And when God forgives me, He infuses in me a power to begin living the forgiven life.

That is what is needed in the church today. We need to have people who live a life of forgiveness. My joy in the Lord is knowing that all of my sin has

been forgiven and I am walking in harmony and melody with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh, to live in the fullness of our faith. To live a life that is exploiting all of the grace God has made available to us. You can never out use God's grace.

You could never go beyond God's ability to forgive. I think it is about time we start living a life reflective of God's forgiving grace.

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### **TO BE TEMPERATE**

I Corinthians 9:25, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

Dr. Sigmund Freud of Austria was the originator of twentieth century psychiatry. He studied the human mind and how it operates. After 125 years his name is still the most prominent in the field, and he is venerated as the leading light in understanding the mind. But with all his fame he could not discipline his impulses. In middle age he was examined by his medical doctor and found to have an irregular heartbeat. The doctor suggested that he stop his heavy cigar smoking. Dr. Freud stopped smoking for a short time, but resumed with a passion that exceeded twenty cigars a day.

He was soon found to have cancer of the lower jaw and suffered through thirty-five operations, finally losing his entire lower jaw. He had been warned dozens of times by many medical men that he was risking his life by continuing to smoke. Tobacco finally won, taking his life. Many years of terrible pain and the inability to communicate through speech were suffered because of one terrible habit. This writer spent many years smoking. It is an insidious habit, as hard to stop as heroin. Take my word that it is better never to start.

Dr. Sigmund Freud could analyze the mind, diagnose the problem, and prescribe treatment. Yet he could not help himself. To deal with problems such as these, we must call upon the power that Sigmund Freud did not know about. The



Apostle Paul preached about it because it helped him with his inner turmoil. He declared that the children of God are “more than conquerors through him that loved us.” (Romans 8:37)

Who are these in bright array, this innumerable throng,  
Round the altar, night and day, tuning their triumphant song?

“Worthy is the Lamb, once slain, blessing, honor, glory, power,

Wisdom, riches to obtain, new dominion every hour.”

These through fiery trials shod; these from great affliction came;

Now before the throne of God, sealed with His eternal name,

Clad in raiment pure and white, victor palms in every hand,

Through their great Redeemer’s might, more than conquerors they stand.

-James Montgomery 1819

Brother Lynn H. Miller  
Mohler’s Congregation

## IN HONOR OF FATHER

Maxine E. Surbey

My Dad’s the greatest man I know!  
Yes-sur-ee – you see he loves me so.  
He takes me a ride on his big red bike.  
Sometimes we even go for a hike.  
Or a swim, or fish in the creek;  
Or glide slowly down the river in a brown canoe;  
There’s just no end to the things my Dad can do!

He’s not afraid at night, when we go to bed and turn off the light  
If the wind howls strong, the whole night long;  
When the thunder rolls, and the lightening slashes  
And the driven rain against my window dashes.  
Even my dog hides under the bed,  
With eyes of fear and heart of dread.

But my dad's just as brave as brave can be  
I'm so safe when my Dad is near to me  
He understands whenever I cry.  
He takes the time to answer each "why?"  
But best of all, I'm glad to know,  
My Dad's a Christian and will teach me so.

—Selected by Shirley L. Frick

## **SHE WASHED HIS FEET WITH TEARS**

Rudy Cover  
Luke 7:40-50

Jesus was invited to eat with a man named Simon who was a Pharisee. The Pharisees were a religious sect of the Jews. They were very strict about many things. They were the ones whom the people trusted to teach them the Law of Moses. The Pharisees were the educated people of that day and were usually rich. It was expensive to get an education in that day. Jesus criticized the Pharisees because they made the Law of Moses of none effect by their traditions. They had many ideas and were very particular about living the law to the letter as they understood it. By being so strict they failed to have love, mercy and compassion for the poor and needy. The poor were looked down on by the Pharisees. They thought if people lived right God

would make them prosperous. Many of the Pharisees loaned money and charged high interest rates to people who could hardly afford to pay. They were proud and liked to make long prayers, to be greeted in the market places and to have the best seats in the synagogues. They loved the praise of men more than of God.

After Jesus sat down to eat in Simon's house, a woman who was a sinner heard that He was there. She brought with her an alabaster box of ointment which was very expensive. She came into the house and stood by Jesus, weeping, and began to wash Jesus' feet with her tears and to wipe them with her hair. Then she kissed his feet and anointed them with the costly ointment she had brought with her.

When Simon saw the woman, he said to himself, "If this man was a prophet, He would have known what manner of woman this is that touched Him; for she is a sinner."

Jesus knows our thoughts just as well as if we were speaking out loud and He said to Simon, "I have something to say to you" and Simon said, "Master say on."

Jesus said, "There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?"

Simon answered, "I suppose he, to whom he forgave most." And Jesus said unto him, "Thou hast rightly judged."

Then Jesus turned to the woman, and said to Simon, "See this woman? I entered into your house, and you gave me no water for my feet; but she has

washed my feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. You gave me no kiss; but this woman has not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil you didn't anoint; but this woman has anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, her sins which are many are forgiven; for she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little." And Jesus said to the woman, "Thy sins are forgiven, thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace."

How happy that woman must have been when she knew Jesus had forgiven her sins. The Bible says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Jesus wants to forgive your sins. Will you let Him come into your heart? Do you appreciate what He has done for you enough to live your life for Him?

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## YE BLESSED?

Howard J. Surbey

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For

I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink. I was a stranger, and ye took me in; Naked and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye

visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the king shall answer and say unto them. Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it, unto me." Matt. 25:34-40.

Here we find a part of an important discourse which Christ gave to His followers, shortly before He closed His ministry on this earth. Being part of one of His last messages should impress us with the importance of it. It is upon a very important subject for each one of us, that of the rewarding of His faithful followers and the punishment of those who were unfaithful. In our text we are concerned with that part addressed to His sheep on the right hand, those who followed Him close enough to be recognized as His sheep.

As part of His sheep we hear a welcome message from Him, "Come." Nothing could be more encouraging for those who have

labored in His service, for those who are expecting a reward from Him. The wonderful word "Come" is not accompanied with a curse or a reprimand but rather with a blessing. "Come Ye blessed of my Father." We are truly blessed, for we have been redeemed from the curse of the law. He is not speaking to those who were blessed of the world, perhaps many or all were sometimes even cursed of the world, but how little that matters if "we are blessed of the God in Heaven?" What a welcome summons "Come, inherit the kingdom." No it is not a kingdom which has been discarded by others as not desirable, useless or worn out. It is a kingdom "Prepared for you" one especially arranged and shaped to be of greatest service to His followers.

We read much throughout the New Testament, how Christ, our King, delivered the rules of His kingdom from God unto this sinful earth. Christ also spent much time and effort here to establish and put to practice these rules which He delivered. He also will judge His followers according to those rules which He delivered. He will not judge us; the words which He spoke will judge us. He sacrificed and suffered much that He might

establish these rules in the hearts of His church. Our obedience unto them denotes our interest in Him and our desire to please Him. It cannot merit the great kingdom which He prepared for us but it can show our willingness to sacrifice for Him because we appreciate what He did for us.

Christ's examples of service, love and concern for others teach us of the many labors of love, which we also may do for others. We manifest our love unto God and our Savior brought our obedience unto His commandments. Our deeds cannot make us blessed enough to merit such a heavenly home but such a home is offered unto us because of our effort to try and obey His rules. This obedience is exemplified by our Love, Praise and Adoration unto the God-head and our love shown our fellowman.

Much meditation could be spent upon the sacrifice, suffering and self-denial of Jesus for humanity, here upon the earth. This is one of the reasons we read and study, over and over, of the life and teachings of our Lord here upon the earth. How much are we concerned about the welfare of others? How much are we willing to deny ourselves for the good of others? Have we any greater

privileges than some others have? Do we respect our Godly heritage, from our forefathers, and how are we laboring to hand it down unto the next generation? "For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward." Mark 9:41. Are we doing all we can for those who Christ died for?

Our text gives us a long list of applications of self-denial because we love our Lord, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, help the needy, lodge the stranger, visit the sick, comfort and encourage the downtrodden and the persecuted. How much of our talent are we giving into Christ's service: all, a tenth, just one percent? Notice the reward is even for the least of Christ's brethren, it does not need to be anyone great. Was there any too low, too sinful, too weak, too unworthy for Christ to help when He was on the earth? "And whatsoever ye do in the word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Col. 3:17.

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## CHRIST'S CHURCH IN CONTRAST WITH THE CHURCH OF THE WORLD

J. D. Brown

Christ's church was built upon the apostles, prophets and Jesus Christ the chief corner stone. (Eph. 2:20-22)

A building: to be occupied by God, and the family of God. Paul in speaking of God's people (in I Cor. 3:9) addresses them as God's building. "Ye are God's building."

The worldly church is built upon false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ, representing themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works. (II Cor. 11:13-15) Heresies, opposed to the established doctrine or faith.

John says try those spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. (I John 4:1-6) (V. 6) "...he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." John has given us a rule, whereby we are able to measure the false apostles.

Jesus says (Matt. 7:15), "Beware of false prophets, which

come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves" pretending to be what they are not, hiding behind a religious name for a selfish purpose, pretending to be the people of God, and at the same time teaching for doctrine the commandments of man, in place of the commandments of God, thereby trapping those who are not posted, unable to discern the real gospel, preaching a gospel that will destroy both soul and body.

Christ's church, believes the gospel of Jesus Christ to be the power of God unto salvation, to all that believe it, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Paul says (Gal. 1:8) "if we or an angel from heaven come among you and preach any other gospel, let him be accursed".

Christ's church ignores the commandments of men, but preaches for doctrine the commandments of God.

The church of the world preaches disbelief in God's word. Mark 16:16 says, "He that believeth not shall be damned." They deny God's word before men, Jesus said he that will

deny me before men, him shall I deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Christ's church teaches baptism for the remission of sins, (Acts 2:38-39; Mark 16:15-16) also the answering of a good conscience toward God. (I Pet. 3:21)

The church of the world has a seared conscience (I Tim. 4:2), speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron, hence no baptism.

Christ's church teaches feet washing as a spiritual cleansing. (John 13:10-11) "Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit; and ye are clean, but not all." I believe Jesus here had reference to water baptism, and that water baptism has made them clean every whit; and ye are clean, but not all. He was teaching them all that was needed on that special occasion was to have their feet washed, for a spiritual cleansing. (V 11), "For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he ye are not all clean." Judas Iscariot's heart was not clean, because he still retained the evil design of betraying Jesus.

This service was to be observed by all believers. (John

13:14-15), "If I then, your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet, for I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you." That is a direct command.

We find the example set forth in verses 4 and 5. "He riseth from supper and laid aside his garment, and took a towel and girded himself after that he poureth water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded." He taught the disciples by precept and example, nothing could be plainer.

Obedience brings fellowship. Verses 8-9, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." No share, no interest, no fellowship, no relationship, no heir ship with Me. "Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord not my feet only but also my hands and my head."

The reward for this service, (V. 17), "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them." This humble service brings joy and peace to the soul.

The worldly church teaches feet washing for the filth of the flesh only.

Christ's church salutes the members only with an holy kiss

according to Rom. 16:16 and I Thess. 5:26; I Cor. 16:20 and I Pet. 5:14. The church of the world does not believe in the salutation.

Christ's church adorns herself in modest apparel according to (I Tim. 2:9; I Pet. 3:3-4 and Rom. 12:1-2. The church of the world adorns herself in the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, contrary to I John 2:16. John says, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eye, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but of the world, and the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

Christ's church teaches women should wear long hair, because Paul teaches it's a shame "a disgrace" for a woman to be shorn or shaven and that she should have her head veiled or covered. (I Cor. 11:6)

The church of the world goes contrary to all of Paul's teachings in I Cor. 11.

Christ's church anoints the afflicted believers with oil in the name of the Lord. (Jas. 5:14) "Is any sick among you, (the church) let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him in the name of the Lord."

The worldly church teaches the anointing of the ungodly, contrary to God's plan.

Christ's church forbids banquets. (John 2:14-16; Luke 19:45-46; Matt. 21:12-13) "And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, it is written my house shall be called the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves." The worldly church believes in making merchandise of God's word, they pay expenses that way.

Christ's church represents the saints, the redeemed, those in white robes, walking in the way of the Lord blameless. The believer, Christ said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Christ's church is "...a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. (Rev. 14:13) This is a glorious picture.

The church of the world represents the false prophets,



the ungodly, he that believeth not, (II Thess. 1:7-9) "And to you who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." To be seated at the left hand of God, to hear depart from me ye cursed into everlasting

fire prepared for the devil and his angels. (Matt. 25:41)

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God. (Psa. 9:17) "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire, this is the second death." (Rev. 20:14) This is a sad picture indeed.

Reader, to which church do you belong?

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## OBITUARIES

### VERDA E. LORENZ

Sister Verda E. Lorenz, 82, Kokomo, Indiana, and formerly of Greentown, Indiana, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Friday, April 6, 2018 at Waterford Health Campus, Kokomo, Indiana. She was born June 30, 1935, in Topeka, Indiana, the daughter of the late Kenneth and Maurine (Holman) Carpenter. On September 28, 1958, she married Kenneth Lorenz in Goshen, Indiana and he survives.

Verda was a 1953 graduate of Shipshewana High School. She was a homemaker during her married life and a member of the Plevna Dunkard Brethren Church.

Surviving in addition to her husband, Kenneth are two children, Marvin (LaDonna) Lorenz, West Unity, Ohio; Sheryl Lorenz, Warsaw, Indiana; granddaughters Melissa, Carrie, and Heather Lorenz; a sister, Barbara Jewett, Goshen, Indiana; a brother, Charles (Pat) Carpenter, White Pigeon, Michigan; a sister-in-law, Alverna Carpenter of Shipshewana, Indiana and a brother-in-law, Carl (Dorothy) Lorenz, of Greentown, Indiana. Verda was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Miriam (Kesler) Hartman, a brother, William Dail Carpenter, and brothers-in-law, Ben Kesler, Arthur Hartman, and Michael Jewett.

Funeral Services were held April 9, 2018 at the Plevna Dunkard Brethren Church in Plevna, Indiana, with Elder Lloyd Lorenz officiating. Burial followed at the Zion Cemetery.

### DAVID B. JOHNS

Brother David B. Johns, 90, was born October 8, 1927 and departed this life March 25, 2018 at Signature Living Home, Lititz, Pennsylvania where he resided for the previous fifteen months. He was the son of the late Peter B. and Hannah (Burkhart) Johns. He was preceded in death by his late wife Esther B. (Wise) Johns, November 10, 2011, a daughter Doris L. Johns, a brother Lester Johns, a sister AnnaMary Witman and two infant great-grandchildren.

He is survived by children, Janet L. (Frank) Shaffer of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, David Lee (Marilyn) Johns of Lititz, Pennsylvania, Paul L. (Karen) Johns of Strasburg, Pennsylvania, Mark L. (Debra) Johns of Richland, Pennsylvania, and Arthur L. (Melanie) Johns of Paradise, Pennsylvania; twenty grandchildren; sixty-three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild and a sister, Esther Hoffer.

David accepted the Lord as a teen and was a life-long member of the Lititz Dunkard Brethren Church. He was a self-employed truck driver making many trips to the west coast. On occasion he found himself in the Winterhaven California area on Sunday morning and always enjoyed worshipping with this congregation.

David collected old engines and tractors and enjoyed gardening. Gathering his family together was very important to him and enjoyed by all.

Funeral services were held March 29, 2018 at the Lititz Dunkard Brethren Church with Brother James Eberly and Brother Judah Bauman officiating. Burial was at the Middle Creek Church of the Brethren Cemetery.

We wish to thank everyone for the cards, calls and prayers during this difficult time. Special thanks to the Lititz Congregation for serving us so graciously.

With Love,  
The Johns Family

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## NEWS ITEMS

### 2018 GENERAL CONFERENCE

June 9-13, 2018

The 2018 General Conference will be held June 9 through June 13 at Camp Alexander Mack located at 1113 East Camp Mack Road, Milford, Indiana 46542 with additional lodging at nearby Quaker Haven Camp. Those traveling to Camp Mack should turn east on Waubee Road (1150 N) at the south edge of Milford, Indiana, proceed to Camp Mack Road turning right to the Camp entrance. All registration will be at Camp Mack.

There is plenty of room for those with campers, trailers, or RV's.

Please bring bedding, towels, and so forth. Laundry is available in nearby Milford.

When making reservations, please give:

- ♦Date and time of arrival
- ♦Number in party and their ages
- ♦Time of departure.

The grounds will be available for occupancy, Friday afternoon, June 8. The phone number for Camp Mack is: 574-658-4831.

Please send, e-mail or call reservations to:

Bro. Sam and Sis. Laura Dinius

**Address:** 19174 County Road M

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**Phone:** 419-924-2083

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Early registration will be greatly appreciated.

Lodging Committee

### DEACON'S LIST ADDITION

Please add to the Deacon's List in the February issue: Brother Kyle Chupp, (Pleasant Home) 304 Palm Ave, Modesto, CA 95350, (209) 652-4811.

### CHAMBERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The Lord willing, the Chambersburg Congregation is looking

forward to and praying for revivals July 15 through July 22, 2018 with Brother Rodney Kimmel from the Berean Congregation. Sunday morning services at 9:30 A.M., message at 10:30 A.M., Sunday night at 7:00 P.M., nightly 7:30 P.M. Sunday, July 22 a fellowship meal will be served followed by the last service at 2:00 P.M.

Please pray for Brother Rodney and these services. All are welcome to come and worship with us.

Sister Janet Shaffer, Cor.

### THANK YOU

Greetings in Jesus name,

As of the first of the year, all of Tanner's medical needs had been met! PTL!! Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for your support and prayers as we endured the trial God has set before us. Thanks for coming along beside us to help shoulder the load! We continue to praise Almighty God for all of you for being an example of how the body of Christ works! Our faith has been strengthened by God as He has been there right beside us along the way! Tanner has had six laser treatments to help dissolve scar tissue and two surgeries to try to help with a couple areas that has thicker scarring that the laser treatment didn't help. We continue to pray and trust that God will be faithful in blessing each one of you in a mighty way! Our plans are to take care of the remaining finances ourselves.

In His love,  
Brother Jonathan and Sister Karen Edgecomb

### THANK YOU

Thank you to each one who remembered us on our anniversary. You were kind enough to make our day special. May God bless you for your loving spirit.

Brother Larry and Sister Jolene Andrews

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## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR JULY 2018**

### **July 1 – Sacrifice of Praise – Hebrews 13:15-25**

1. How are doing good and communicating, sacrifices?

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2. What does it mean to be made perfect in every good work? And why do we need this to do His will?

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### **July 8 – Enduring Temptation – James 1:1-18**

1. Is there such a thing as wavering faith?

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2. Does love help us endure temptations?

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### **July 15 – Pure Religion – James 1:19-27**

1. How do we receive the engrafted word with meekness?

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2. What are some of the contrasts between vain and pure religion?

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**July 22 – Impartial Faith – James 2:1-13**

1. In what ways do we show impartiality today?

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2. How do we love our neighbor as ourselves?

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**July 29 – Faith Evidenced by Works – James 2:14-26**

1. How do you show your faith by your works?

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2. Was Abraham's belief in God more than just faith?

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