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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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## TOMORROW LORD IS THINE

Tomorrow, Lord! Is thine,  
Lodged in thy sov'reign hand;  
And if its sun arise and shine,  
It shines by thy command.

The present moment flies,  
And bears our life away;  
O, make thy servants truly wise,  
That they may live today.

Since on this fleeting hour  
Eternity is hung,  
Awake, by thine almighty pow'r,  
The aged and the young.

One thing demands our care;  
O, be it still pursued!  
Lest, slighted once, the season fair  
Should never be renewed.

—Philip Doddridge

## SEASONS

Spring, summer, autumn, winter are the four seasons that comprise the natural year. Each season contributes certain events and flavors to the variety of the year. People may each have favorite seasons that bring a special enjoyment to them for their own reasons.

Spring is a time of emerging warmth accompanied by rains that nurture newly planted crops or trigger the productiveness of perennial crops. The warmth of the soil causes the newly planted seeds to germinate. Soon many spots of green appear as tiny plants grow. Buds and blossoms emerge on the trees and plants forecasting the fruit or flowers that will later appear. Spring is a time of new life appearing, both plants and animals.

Summer brings heat, rain,

and the ripening of the plants of the spring. Harvest will begin for some of the earlier crops. The young animals born in the spring grow and mature absent from their mothers. The season brings stifling heat and humidity but also times of enjoyment and exercise.

Autumn brings a welcome coolness to the air. The young animals of summer continue to mature. The harvest gathers the crops planted earlier. The trees bear the last of their fruit. The fields are prepared for their winter rest.

Winter finishes the natural year. The crops have been harvested. The fruits and vegetables have been preserved. The barns and bins are full of the earth's harvest. Cold comes with the dormancy of the plants and the animals are confined to barns and lots.

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Like the natural year there is a similar pattern of human life. The seasons of the calendar follow one after the other. However, Human life does not always follow the expected course.

In the spring new life begins, but human births may occur during any season of the year. A child learns much between birth and maturity - language, physical abilities, mental aptness, emotions, relationships, and future development. From the helpless, untrained, unscheduled, and vulnerable baby there grows up a reasoning, talented, communicative, and vigorous young person during the spring of life.

The summer of life are the years of young adulthood after formal education is ended and real education begins. It is the time of finding a life companion and the beginning of a family. It is working as an employee, in a business, or in farming or other craft occupations. It is establishing a home and becoming part of a community. It is a productive time. A time of strength and health.

Autumn comes as the strength of summer cools. There comes a lack of physical vitality. There are times of productivity but also times of rest and disengagement. The focus is on the grandchildren rather than the nuclear family.

Sentimentality may become more pronounced.

Winter also comes when the daily routine is more about accomplishing minor tasks rather than the feats of the past. The body ages. The mind may become less apt. The past is often clearer than the present. It is the time to be prepared for the final reckoning.

Besides the natural year and our human life cycle, we also have a Spiritual journey. Our Spiritual life cycle is not tied to our physical age.

The spring of that life is tied to Jesus' resurrection. By a soul's faith commitment and identification with the crucified, buried, and arisen Savior, life is new and powerful, growing power within the believer. Though a babe in Christ, he has a life that surpasses the best that the natural life can offer.

The summer of that life is the time of dedicated service. Whether called to serve in official or lay capacities, the believer becomes productive and vigorous in Christian living. That service may be public or very private, using their closets to bless those who need the gospel the most.

The autumn of the spiritual life may mean less physical service, but more time of prayer and encouragement to others in their journey. Wisdom gained from the

journey can be shared in mentoring others. There remain many ways to serve but not as involved as before.

Winter also comes, the time of the final harvest. There may be physical and mental declines that precede the event. It will be a welcome time to leave the physical as well as the spiritual battles of a

life well lived in His service.

Which season do you prefer? The natural year and human journey are a part of all our lives, but they are not sufficient to guarantee our eternity. We must live the Spiritual life throughout its seasons.

M. C. Cook

## **PARTICIPANT OR BYSTANDER?**

We all know that this year and COVID has brought a lot of different challenges. I think it is fair to say, "COVID-19 has brought the whole world to its knees, but unfortunately it is bowing to the wrong gods". I say this not in disrespect to those who are truly doing the best they know, but as a warning and encouragement to those of us who know the TRUE GOD. HE is still on the throne, HE is still in control, HE is not surprised by what is going on. Soon and maybe VERY soon, He will send HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST, to return TRIUMPHANT to reign supreme and take HIS children home. Are you ready? Are you warning the unsaved whom God puts in your social distance?

When someone mentions a missionary, I usually think of those serving far away or at least out of the USA. In all reality we all

can and should be missionaries. Mark 16:15-16, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." That verse indicates that we are to go everywhere. Last I checked, anywhere you are, is part of the world, therefore it is part of the target area Jesus was talking about.

We can proclaim and talk about Jesus everywhere and anywhere. II Corinthians 6 talks about being separate. I think that can mean several things, but I believe mostly it is telling us that our conversation is to be different. In the Biblical context, conversation means, "our way of life". We can be missionaries just by living differently, living Biblically, living justly.

I do not want you to think that just living differently relieves you of your duty to tell the gospel to others. The great commission, as mentioned above, uses the word preach or to tell. That gives us all a responsibility to make sure our neighbors and acquaintances know how to find salvation. They need to know not only that we act differently, but they need to understand why and that they too, can live for Christ.

I find myself failing in this area more than I like to admit. I encourage all of us to take a renewed desire to tell our friends and neighbors, business acquaintances, and everyone we meet about Jesus. Do it because He told us to. If that is not reason enough, then do it because if they do not change, Jesus says they will be damned. Damned means to be judged/condemned. Scripture tells us if they are condemned then they will have no part with Christ but will be thrown into a godless HELL. If that does not motivate you to tell people, nothing will.

Go out and fulfill the Great Commission!! Do it anywhere and everywhere. Be faithful, be brave, be bold, be honest. You may never see the fruits of your labor, but that is not the point.

Isaiah 55:11, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." In both of those verses, God promises a harvest!! He does not promise it when we want it, but in due time.

I believe that when we get to eternity, some of us will see soul after soul that our actions helped to bring to harvest. I plan to be there. I hope and I pray that when looking for a harvest, I do not have to hang my head in shame that I did not do better.

God help us to see the bigger picture. Help us to see people like You see them. Help us to see the value You place on each soul.

God help us to remove the distractions that so easily beset us and let us run the race! Run strong, run faithful, run with passion and as you are running, encourage others to join you in faithfully running the race to the finish line.

God Bless you all!!!

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## AN OUTWARD SIGN OF AN INWARD COMMITMENT

A person gets into trouble when they do not have any confirmation of their commitment to Jesus Christ. Some will say very glibly that they are really trusting God for their daily life. The problem is their words are not followed up by consistent action on their part.

It is hard to commit to someone or something without thoroughly investigating it. I want to know the pluses and minuses. I want to know the good and the bad. I want to know what I am really getting into.

To say that I am a follower of Christ without looking into what it means to be a follower of Christ will not get me ahead.

Some people believe that the purpose of “faith” is to help them become successful out in the world. It would be difficult to find Scripture supporting that kind of thing. My commitment to Jesus Christ is not a negotiation with God to get what I want out of life.

On the surface, a commitment to Jesus Christ is the most confusing thing in all the world. It contradicts everything out in the world.

With Abraham in the Old Testament and the circumcision that God introduced, we have something very confusing. How can something outward like this, which makes no sense from a human

standpoint, have anything to do with a spiritual commitment to God.

I am sure Abraham did not fully understand the significance of this act of circumcision. Because Abraham was a man of faith and trusted God, he committed himself to this outward sign of a covenant with God.

Out in the business world, the world of money, before someone signs a contract, they read the entire “fine print.” If we are going to commit ourselves, we need to know what we are committing ourselves to. How many times has somebody been tricked into a contract they really did not understand because they did not read the “fine print”?

I do not believe God works that way. God is not trying to trick us into some commitment that we do not know what we are doing. God does not need to work that way.

I know that on the surface, our commitment to God is very confusing. However, God never wants us to commit to him without understanding what we are committing to. He does not need that kind of pressure to get us to follow him.

The devil, on the other hand, works this way all the time. He gets people to commit to something

they have no idea what they are committing to, and when they realize what they have committed themselves to, it is usually too late.

If I am really going to commit myself to God, the first step is to get to know God. I believe the reason Abraham was able to commit to this circumcision ritual was that he knew God. And what he knew about God enabled him to take a step of faith.

As I get to know God, I come to one awesome conclusion, which is, God's covenant has permanent and eternal ramifications. This is seen through the covenant of the circumcision ritual.

I need to understand that God is not here to help me get through this world. Certainly, I can trust him when I come against some of the terrible tribulations and trials I must face. But at the core of God's dealing with me is eternity. What God is doing in my life right now is preparing me for eternity.

Men's contracts have to do with this life. And there are certain times when we can make a contract to make this life a little better. But none of the world's contracts can ever flow over into eternity.

My commitment opens the door for God to work in my life in ways I do not understand but will prepare me for eternity.

Man's contracts are vulnerable

to change, which is why we have so many lawyers doing so well in our culture today. God's covenant, however, changes not.

If I can wrap my heart around that concept, I will begin to understand how important it is to commit myself to God.

The outward sign of this inward commitment to God is summed up in one word, obedience. I cannot obey somebody I do not trust. I cannot trust somebody I do not know. I cannot know somebody until I have spent quality time with that person.

I need to check my commitment to the Lord regularly. I need to ask one simple question: What has my obedience to God cost me this week?

If my obedience has no cost factor to it, is it genuine obedience? To follow God will cost me quite a bit. The other side of the coin is just as true. Not to follow God, not to obey God will cost me more, a lot more.

I need to figure out what is the cost I am willing to bear. When I figure that out, I will be willing to obey God regardless of the cost factor.

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## SWEET FELLOWSHIP

“We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.”  
Psalm 55:14

The people of God should regularly “go to church”, as many call it. In the Word of God, it tells us, “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.” (Hebrews 10:25) Assembling together if done properly, is a place to obtain fellowship, to be edified, to worship God, to grow in grace, and serve Him.

Wonderful is the fellowship of Christians. No other is more blessed. We can take counsel together and our lives are much improved because of it.

There is no greater sight on this earth than to see God’s children walking into His house in company, and families worshipping and singing together, and being edified together by God’s Holy Word.

In England, only about 4% of “Christians” attend church regularly. If more people would attend church, England would be a better country. This writer was born there, and today it is unrecognizable

as the sovereign nation it once was. Sweet Christian fellowship is very scarce in England. America would be a better place if more professing Christians would fellowship together. Our homes would be better if we all fellowshiped together.

When we are separated from the fellowship of God for a time, we miss it terribly. We miss the familiar faces, sharing the joys and the sorrows, watching the young ones grow to maturity. We all have a common goal, a common outlook on life, and a common Saviour.

When someone leaves, we automatically blame ourselves. Did we do something to offend them? Did we say the wrong thing? We think about what they are missing and how we miss them. We pray for them daily. May God help us to see these things and how important they are.

All of us have lost loved ones to death, and all of us have lost loved ones to the folly of the world. Let us continue to pray for them that they may return to the fellowship of the saints.



Blest be the tie that binds  
 Our hearts in Christian love;  
 The fellowship of kindred minds  
 Is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes,  
 Our mutual burdens bear;  
 And often for each other flows  
 The sympathizing tear.

Before our Father's throne,  
 We pour our ardent prayers;  
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims  
 are one,  
 Our comforts and our cares.

When we asunder part,  
 It gives us inward pain;  
 But we shall still be joined in  
 heart,  
 And hope to meet again.

—John Fawcett

Brother Lynn H. Miller  
 Mohler's Congregation

## PHIL'S PONDERINGS

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

May 2021 Study Questions

### May 2 – Ephesians 4:25-5:7

In verses 25-32 what is the issue most common amongst them?

What is a common problem in most cultures?

When does anger become sin?

Does the phrase “Lost and Found” seem like a possible synopsis for verse 28?

How do you avoid the fleshly acts of verse 31 and replace them with the spiritual fruits of verse 32?

What sort of words or phrases come to your mind when thinking of vain and empty words?

**Commentary:** James 3:6a says, “And the tongue is a fire, a

world of iniquity.” Much of our lesson deals directly with the use of our tongue and resisting the urge to use its fire against others. So, whether it is lying, which can be a way to steal from others, vulgarity, deceit, words said in anger with malice that intends to hurt others, and many more, the tongue can start fires that ruin relationships and divide brothers and sisters in Christ.

All of us have said things in haste without thinking that have hurt others. But with our tongues we can also “minister grace unto the hearers.” On many occasions it is our responsibility to walk back from what we have said and apologize for the consequences of our words. At other times we have experienced the Spirit’s power that kept us from saying what our feelings wanted to say and instead allowed the Spirit to edify our words to minimize conflict. In our day to day lives the use of our tongue is frequently the greatest test of our life in Christ Jesus.

### **May 9 – 2 Timothy 1:1-18**

What is the interaction between the laying on of hands and the work of the Holy Spirit?

What is Timothy’s gift?

How have you experienced a sound mind?

Have you discovered God’s purpose for your life?

Are you ready to share in the sufferings for the gospel?

What is the form or pattern of sound words that Paul refers to?

**Commentary:** Many of us can call to remembrance the spiritual influence that our mothers and grandmothers have had in our lives. During one particular sleepover at “grandma’s house” my cousin and I learned that the assignment for the SS class she taught was to learn the Old Testament books in order. Yet, under her tutelage and with less than an hour to prepare, we were able to memorize them.

Our spiritual lives are often developed by the purposeful actions

and modeling done by our mothers and grandmothers. But perhaps, in Timothy's case, he received an additional benefit from these women who had played such an important role in his spiritual development. Their love, care, and concern for him did not bind him to themselves. Timothy spent a lot of time with Paul in places far distant from his earliest home. In spending time with Paul there was also likely to be suffering. Perhaps as Timothy read Paul's letter his mother may have read it too. Paul's words, "but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel" would surely have pierced her heart. Yet, the genuineness of her faith would also have encouraged Timothy to go to Paul rather than keeping him safe at home. Sometimes it takes as much faith to send someone as it does for someone to go.

### May 16 – Ephesians 5:8-24

Relationally, what are some of the differences between one who is light and one who is darkness?

How do we find out what is acceptable to the Lord?

Who first do you need to tell or warn about the unfruitful works of darkness?

What does it mean to walk circumspectly?

What is the consequence of walking foolishly?

As Paul speaks of worship in verses 17-21 what aspect do you want to grow in?

**Commentary:** Stone walls are not transparent. They block out the light. But if a window is installed light can penetrate the dark interior. Our lives in Christ are windows through which the light of Christ can shine. His light reveals the glory of God. A closer inspection may reveal dust, water spots, smudges from oily fingers, and other imperfections. At times we do not want others to see our imperfections. So, we close the curtains or pull down the blinds. Sin always seeks the darkness and does not

want to be exposed by the light. We may fool others who are kept in the dark at least for a time. We do not ever fool the light. God blesses us by exposing the darkness of sin. At the same time, He reveals a Redeemer who cleanses all those places where sin dulls and blurs the light. That cleansing involves confessing our sin to God and sometimes to others as well. But this is part of being a window and the joy of seeing the light of Christ shine through others who have chosen transparency rather than darkness.

### **May 23 – Ephesians 5:25-6:9\*(start w/vs22)**

How does a wife submitting to her husband impact his leadership in the marriage?

How does a husband's love for his wife impact her willingness to submit?

What is the great mystery?

What provokes a child to wrath?

How is training a child different from disciplining?

How do you apply verses 6:1-9 to your business or place of employment?

**Commentary:** For those of us who are married no other human relationship defines who we are so completely. Every choice, every decision is weighed upon the basis of how the choice or decision impacts both. Yes, there are times of thoughtlessness that typically comes back to haunt us for not considering the impact to both. There are sinful choices we make that typically are based on our own self-satisfaction. Regardless, every choice and decision impacts both husband and wife. As we learn to love and lead, to submit and respect, a oneness in our identity, a oneness in our flesh binds us together in a powerful union. It is these human phenomena occurring on a human plane that allows us to perceive the spiritual relationship of Christ and

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the church. In Christ, our identities are no longer forged by our selfish, sinful ambitions but are formed by the sacrificial love of our Savior. As Lord of our lives His great love for us calls forth the greatness of His life in us as we submit ourselves to Him.

**May 30 – Ephesians 6:10-24**

How do you know if you are strong in the Lord?

Why does Paul say “whole armor” instead of just armor?

Who are we/you fighting?

What attitude is suggested by Paul’s use of the word stand or standing?

What armor have you neglected putting on?

If you were imprisoned (in chains) what would you ask others to pray for you?

**Commentary:** Most of us do not aspire to be a soldier. There are multiple contradictions between being a soldier and being a disciple of Jesus, such as learning how to kill the enemy. But Paul takes the typical elements that a soldier uses in any battle and ascribes to them a spiritual counterpart. The result is that there is a soldier like mentality that we must develop to become effective disciples of Christ. We must develop a mastery of the weapons, offensive and defensive, to defeat our enemies. We must test our skills daily so that our responses to Satan’s devious and cunning plans are quickly countered. Our commitment and dedication to the Lord requires all our strength. As soldiers of Christ, we realize that any strength we possess to overcome our adversaries does not come from us but from the Lord. So, let us dedicate ourselves to being strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

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**WATCH AND BE READY**

When I arise in the morning  
At dawn of another day,  
I like to look out the window,  
And pause a moment, to pray.  
I see there a heavenly picture  
In yonder blue morning sky,  
I think of my loving Saviour  
Whose coming is drawing nigh!

O, if those clouds should unveil Him  
And Jesus should come today,  
The trumpet's call in a moment  
All earthly kingdoms shall sway!  
The righteous caught up together  
To meet their Lord in the air.  
What bliss and joy and contentment  
Saints of all ages will share!

Will my lamp be trimmed and burning,  
Each moment of this new day?  
Will each word, each deed and motive  
Be directed heaven's way?  
"Dear Lord, grant Thy grace and patience  
For these tasks I have to do,  
So, at the sound of Thy summons,  
I'm ready to go with You!"

*—Pauline Ressler*

Selected by Shirley L. Frick

## TO MOTHER, WITH LOVE

When God created all the world  
He made not one mistake  
He made the valleys and the hills  
And all the streams and lakes.

He created, then called it good.  
He gave us one another.  
The most precious gift of all was  
When He created Mother.

He knew just what we all would need  
A person good and kind;  
A person who would care for us  
And lovingly make us mind.

Yes, Mothers are human, just like us  
And their love goes on and on,  
Even when we disobey  
She's there to lean upon.

She held us close as babies  
And sang to us her songs.  
She helped us try to understand  
When another baby came along.

Her hours were long and tasks so great  
She did the best she could.  
She helped us learn our Bible verses  
And taught us God is good.

I'm sure she stumbled many times  
And thought her efforts vain  
For we often were so stubborn  
And caused her lots of pain.

Surely God has heard her prayers  
And her faith has made her strong  
Though at times she felt uncertain  
As she taught us right from wrong.

This is my belated Thank You  
For the sacrifices made  
For the heartaches that she bore  
And the many prayers she prayed.

Time goes on; we all get older  
And with every passing year  
My love for her gets stronger  
And she becomes more kind and dear.

May I follow her example  
For I love my children so.  
May they gladly call me Mother  
And know the love I know.

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## MOTHER

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“Honour thy father and mother;  
which is the first commandment  
with promise; that it may be well  
with thee, and thou mayest live  
long on the earth.” Eph. 6:2-3.  
Honour: Any token of respect or

of high estimation by words or  
actions. You no doubt can think  
of many acts and words which,  
parents, friends and God would  
consider as a token of respect.  
How many things can you think of

that your father and mother have done for you that you might show them respect and honour for?

Let us consider a moment what the word "mother" means: female parent, protector, possessed with love and concern for. We are sorry to learn that all, who have brought forth children, do not try to fill this definition of Webster. Some mothers are not enough concerned for their young. Will any of you say that this definition is not a good picture of a true mother. "Parent" alone is a dignified term, well worth honour, respect, and obedience to, as long as they do not disobey God's law. How many times have your parents protected you? Can you list the many times they have shown love and concern for you?

The fact of "mother" commands respect of sincere thinking people everywhere. Even in the animal world this condition brings out respect and concern. It is a cruel and hard-hearted person who will not respect a mother. We try to meet her needs because we know that no one else can fill her place in regard to her young. The young can grow up to fill their purpose only, under the nurture and care of mother. True sometimes artificial means can raise young to a useful life, but even then, only when they have

been given a start by their mother.

The single fact that mother had to go almost to the door of death, to bring forth her off-spring, should command their respect and concern. Even this is only one of the many, many trials she has in order to bring up proper children. She is willing to endure these many duties because the young are hers and because she is a mother. Whether she is true to her calling will be decided by Almighty God and she will be rewarded accordingly. However, you will also be held accountable, whether you have honoured father and mother or not.

It is remarkable, since Christ was foremost concerned about His spiritual duty upon the earth, that two of His important sayings on the Cross were concerning the security of His mother. Though Christ was Divine, yet He often rendered honor and concern for those who cared for His natural needs. Any beast is mighty dumb, which will not respect the hand that feeds it.

Have you ever meditated upon the wonderful promise which honouring father and mother carries with it? Particularly in this day of uncertainties, diseases and many forms of suffering and death; it is something valuable to place our hopes upon the fact that Almighty God has assured us of



something. Is all well with you, but here we have a promise that things will be “well with us”. Are you taking advantage of all such certainties? Did you ever consider what measures man is taking and what expense he is putting forth to just live a little longer? Here Almighty God has promised “thou mayest live long on the earth”, for

what mighty deed? No, just for doing that which is our reasonable duty to do. May we each who yet have a mother and father, sincerely consider what we can do or say to show them honour and concern.

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## THE MAN WHO WOULDN'T FORGIVE

Rudy Cover

Matt. 18:21-35

One time Jesus talked about a king who had many servants. The servants worked for the king and took care of his property and his business. This king loaned money to some of his servants and at certain times would take an account of how much was owed to him. One servant was brought to him which owed the king ten thousand talents or about fifteen million dollars. How one servant could get in debt to the king for that much, I do not know, but he had because Jesus said so. I suppose he was an overseer of the king's business and it would have been easy for him to borrow money. He may have gambled, hoping for a big return which never came.

As the servant had nothing to

pay the debt, the king commanded him and his wife and children to be sold and payment to be made. We do not know what it would be like to be sold into slavery. People who owed money and could not pay were put up for auction and men would bid on them just like animals are sold today. They would then become slaves for life to the one who paid the highest price. Often the wife and children would be sold to different buyers and they might never see one another again. Aren't you glad that you live in a country that does not allow anyone to be a slave?

The servant fell before the king and begged for mercy and said, “Lord have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.” The king knew the

servant would never be able to pay the debt and how terrible it would be for the man and his family to be sold, so he had compassion on him and let him go and forgave him the debt. I think that king was a good man, don't you?

The rest of the story is sad. This same servant who had been forgiven so much, went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred pence. He laid hands on him, grabbed him by the throat and said, "Pay me what you owe." Then the fellow servant fell at his feet and said, "Have patience with me and I will pay you all." But the man would not but went and cast him into prison till he should pay the debt. How he expected a man in prison to pay him, I will never know!

The man who was put in prison had friends. It is always good to have friends who will help in a time of need. These friends were also servants of the king and told him what had happened. The king

immediately sent for the servant to whom he had forgiven so much and said to him, "O, thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt because you desired mercy of me: shouldn't you also have had compassion on your fellow servant, even as I had on you?" We do not read that the unmerciful servant had one word to say. Then the king became angry and delivered him to the jailers till he should pay all that was due him.

The lesson we should learn is that Jesus said, "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if you from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses." Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?" Jesus said, "I say not unto thee, until seven times; but until seventy times seven.

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## REPENTANCE

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Repentance from a Biblical point of view means a Godly sorrow for sin.

Repentance as Webster defines it, is a change of mind, or a

conversion from sin to God. Again, let us hear the Apostle Paul define it over in 2 Cor. 7. Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation.

John the Baptist, the

forerunner of Christ, preached repentance when out in the wilderness preaching preparatory to the coming of the Lord. That seems to be the tenor of his subject, repentance. There are three prerequisites in our Christian activities, faith, repentance, and baptism.

Man is born clean and spotless, but day by day, year by year, as he comes to the age of accountability, or in other words, when he knows right from wrong, then we are responsible. We hear James 4:17 speaking on the subject. "Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is a sin." Hence repentance.

So, we see here repentance ought to claim our earnest and prayerful attention.

We meet up with a twofold sin, that of commission and of omission. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23.) It seems quite evident by this citation we were all sinners.

Again, when Peter and John were going up to the temple they came in contact with the people. They were amazed at the apostles because of the lame man who was healed. Peter now defends his convictions. (Acts 3:19.) "Repent

ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." It is obvious we sin and are sinners.

Saint John the Revelator gives us a list of sins which the world falls under. (Rev. 21:8.) "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolators, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burnt with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Provided we fail to heed to God and do his commandments. God does not look on sin with any degree of approval. If we disbelieve any one command, disregard, ignore it, we stand just as guilty as if we came under all these as cited above.

In the apostolic age in the spreading of the Gospel, we note the apostles were preaching repentance. We read in the acts of the apostles (Acts 17) when the Apostle Paul arrived in Athens, he discovered some disorders, the whole city was given over to idolatry. (Acts 17:23.) "For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye

ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you." The apostle goes on to reason with them, and in the 30th verse of the same chapter, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Dear Brethren, in the sacred ministry my beloved co-laborers, as we go here and there administering in holy and sacred things may the cause be laid on our hearts that we will preach repentance.

I am aware of the fact that the subject is a very unpopular one. We see a lot of conversion, so to speak when a revival is on, when the feelings are aroused by some fluent speaker who handles the Word with kid gloves, whose tongue is silvered over, the message is sugar-coated which makes it seem very plausible not much to do only just believe, one who possesses an oratory which gives much levity on occasions, which is altogether out of order in God's house.

The people are swept off their feet into the church by the dozen, regardless of repentance, and then when the evangelist is gone things return to normal, the part of them show no indication they ever repented. This has come under the writer's observation.

Brethren and Sisters, I believe in a repentance that completely changes a man from head to foot, so that the things we once loved we now hate, and the things we once hated we now love. I do not mean to infer that we should have that disposition of hate. God forbid.

We should delight in doing God's will in the keeping of His commandments.

Now, in concluding, let me say: In the final consummation, when we shall stand before God in judgment the ones who have repented of all their ungodly deeds and their ungodly speeches and proven themselves by the deportment with reference to repentance, the King is going to say to them on His right hand, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matt. 23:34.) But to those who have not repented will be the opposite. "Then shall he answer them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away unto everlasting punishment. But the righteous into life eternal." Amen.

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## GODLY WISDOM

L. W. Beery

Realizing our inability to successfully meet the issues of life in a world where we are confronted with a satanic antagonist our Maker has made provision for our every need. If we fail in life it is because we proceed in our efforts and activities according to our own wisdom rather than the wisdom of God. Herein, we believe, lies a solution of the weighty problems and difficulties which are besetting the human family today.

We are living in a world of darkness and sin not because there is no light but because the light is rejected. It is true now as it was when the Christ was here: "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." (John 1:4-5.)

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19.) The present world upheaval and breakdown of human society is an indication of the condemnation of God resting upon sinful men. Selfishness, pride, lust, vulgarity,

and immorality are definite avenues of degradation. "For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience." (Col. 3:6.)

The immense and complicated universe speaks of the wisdom and power of God. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiworks." (Ps. 19:1.) Every created thing has its sphere in which to operate and its work to do and there are

certain fixed laws which, if not interfered with or violated, result in perfect harmony in the universe and on the earth as well.

The human family was created for a purpose and given certain bounds and limitations, and it has been a violation of these fixed laws that has brought woes upon humankind through all the generations. The provision which supplies our need under any condition is "Divine Revelation." This is the light that scatters the darkness and allays our fears. This is the life that will bring peace and harmony in the affairs of men. This is the means whereby we can successfully meet every issue in life even though we are sorely

vexed and tempted by a powerful adversary.

“God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.” (Heb. 1:1-2.) This is the revelation of God in our time, a living manifestation of the wisdom of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. He, of whom it was said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.” (Matt. 17:5.) He, then, is the one that we can depend upon for our instruction and direction in life, with the knowledge that it is acceptable with the Father, “In whom are hid all the treasure of wisdom and knowledge.” (Col. 2:3.)

In order to get the benefit of this divine revelation it is necessary for us to accept Christ and yield our lives into his care and keeping. This brings us into favor and fellowship with our Maker and gets us in a position that we can fulfill the purpose for which we were created. The gospel which our Lord has left us defines our sphere of activity and gives us a solution of all the problems

and difficulties that may arise.

There is quite a contrast between the wisdom of the world and the wisdom of God, James tells us “The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.” (James 3:17.) All of these attributes were in evidence in the life of our Savior when here and his life was a blessing to those with whom he came in contact.

The wisdom of this world leads men into sin and degradation and if not repented of, will bring everlasting condemnation upon those who walk therein. The wisdom of God lifts men up into a higher plane of life through the atoning blood, saving grace and keeping power of the Christ and gives us a definite assurance of a glorious and everlasting existence in the realms of bliss.

Were it not for these facts the present world calamity would be hard for one to bear. “But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (I Cor. 15:57.)

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## OBITUARIES

### CATHERINE E. KEENY

Catherine E. (Miller) Keeny, age 91, of Spring Grove, Pennsylvania died on February 24, 2021 at her daughter's home. She was the loving wife of the late Dale L. Keeny with whom she shared forty-three years and the late Lloyd Keeny with whom she shared fourteen years.

Catherine was a homemaker and a farm wife in the Spring Grove area the past sixty years. She was a member of the Conservative German Baptist Brethren Church. She was born in Jackson Township, York County, the daughter of the late Paul H. and Mary E. (Krout) Miller. Surviving her are her four children, Delores Hilty, Wayne, Willis, and Keith Keeny, eleven living grandchildren, great grandchildren and a sister, Martha Kessler.

Funeral services were held at the Dunkard Brethren Church in Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania on March 4, 2021. Burial was in the New Freedom Cemetery.

### MARJORIE CARR

Sister Marjorie Louise (Fulk) Carr, 95, of Fulks Run, Virginia, passed away April 6, 2021, at her home. She was born July 30, 1925, in Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of the late Howard Clory and Lily (Whetzel) Fulk.

Marjorie was a housewife. She was a member of Dayton Dunkard Brethren Church.

Her husband, Noah D. Carr, preceded her in death April 17, 1952.

Surviving are two sons, David Carr and wife, Nancy, of Fulks Run, Virginia and Danny Carr and wife, Jackie, of Lacey Heights, Virginia; four daughters, Anna Lou Dove of Fulks Run, Virginia, Brenda Reese of Fulks Run, Virginia, Kathy Hensley and husband, Larry, of Elkton, Virginia and Kay Brunson and husband, Jesse, of Fulks Run, Virginia; five sisters, Helen Whitmire of New Market, Virginia, Alma Conley of Fulks Run, Virginia, Hope Ritchie of Fulks Run, Virginia, Joy Shiflet-Simmers and husband, Harold, of Broadway, Virginia and Jane Conley and husband, Sonny, of Broadway, Virginia; one brother, Boyd Fulk and wife Jill of Fulks Run, Virginia;

eleven grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Marjorie was preceded in death by one sister, Naomi Custer; three brothers, Matthew Fulk, Howard Fulk, Jr. and Biedler Fulk; three grandchildren, Chad Carr, Michelle Moyer, and Jesse Brunson.

Elder Merle Sweitzer conducted funeral services April 10, 2021 at Mountain Grove Brethren Church, Fulks Run, Virginia. Burial was in the Mountain Grove Cemetery.

## NEWS ITEMS

### GENERAL CONFERENCE 2021

General Conference will be held at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas, June 5-9, 2021.

Address: Baker University  
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Baldwin City, KS 66006

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The college has no hookups for RV's. There is a place for RV's called 'The Lodge' located less than a mile from the college. They have full hookups. The website is [baldwinlodge.com](http://baldwinlodge.com) for information and reservations. They have 5 hookups available.

Reservations: (by request of Baker University) must be in by May 20.

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Registration check-in will begin Friday afternoon. Supper will be served Friday.

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FROM SOUTH

\*I-35 North to exit 188, US-59N toward Lawrence (12 miles)

\*Take US-56 exit toward Olathe/Council Grove (0.3 miles)

\*Turn right onto US-56E (N 300 Road) (4.2 miles)

\*Turn right onto 9th Street to Baker University (0.2 miles)

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Thank you,  
Lodging Committee,

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Kevin and Lynette Guisinger

Note: If you used the previously published email address to make your Conference reservations, please resubmit your reservations to the correct address: [dbconf2021@yahoo.com](mailto:dbconf2021@yahoo.com).

Note from Conference Officers: The facility hosting our General Conference will likely have COVID restrictions in place at the time of our meeting, and out of respect to God, our hosts, and each other, all attendees are expected to comply with them. We anticipate that some changes will take place between now and Conference, and so more details will be forthcoming as the time approaches.

## THANK YOU

Many thanks for your prayers, cards, and flowers during my struggle with COVID-19. I especially felt God's presence of peace and love while in the hospital. I am now off oxygen support, Praise God! I really appreciate everyone's concern and prayers on my behalf. May God bless each of you!

Sister Darlene Marks

## THANK YOU

Sending Christian Greetings to all Prayer Warriors and Servants of like precious faith. I want to say a special Thank You to all who have sent cards, letters, and gifts of love, on my behalf since my husband, Glen has passed. It has lifted me up to know there are so many who care and love the Lord. However, God is ever faithful

and walks beside me every single day. His mercies are new every morning. As the birds sing out their praises every day, I also need to Praise Him and Trust Him for all that is to come.

Blessings to you all,

Shirley L. Frick and family

## CONNECTIONS

As members of the Bible Study Board our hope in writing monthly articles related to the Adult Sunday School Lessons is that we all see afresh different points of connection that reveal the Word made flesh.

Eph. 6:10

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.”

There may be some tendency to move quickly past this verse so we can learn about the whole armor of God that we are to put on. There is a warrior mentality that we should aspire to in putting on and using the whole armor of God. Each piece provides either protection or supremacy in the battle. But if we hurry past this verse we may discover, all too quickly, how easily we tire in carrying around so much armor. As a result, we begin to lay aside the heavier armor like the shield or the breast plate. Perhaps lesser items in our own mind, like footwear, are given little thought. Our attention to mastering our spiritual weapons begins to wander.

We are less and less prepared for battle while presuming we are strong enough to fight. Depending on our own strength can only lead to disaster and defeat.

The whole armor of God has been crafted by God. It is supernatural in its design and use. To use it we must have supernatural strength. That strength can only come from the Lord. Only His strength can wield the weapons that bring about victory. Cultivating His strength in us is the key to successfully using the whole armor of God. This involves recognizing our weaknesses. We all have tendencies that can betray us in a moment of weakness. As we humble ourselves before Him and confess our weaknesses our faith is challenged to depend on the power of His might.

Paul first introduces us to His mighty power in chapter one.

“And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which

he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead,” (Eph. 1:19-20a) God desires to share His great power with us. It becomes available to us through faith in Him. As we learn to trust in His mighty power, we gain confidence in the Lord’s ability to overcome all obstacles we face in this life. We seek His power that overcomes death and the grave. It is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead. Experiencing His strength as we use His armor creates a quiet confidence that defies the power of death and defeat. The more we depend on His strength the stronger we become in the Lord.

The resurrection of Christ and the resulting exaltation and glorification of Christ is the prime example of God’s mighty power. It seated Jesus at His right hand and exalted Him high above all other powers. It made the name of Jesus greater than any other name of any age. It made Jesus the head of the church. (Ephesians 1:20b-23) Jesus is Lord of lords and King of kings. In truth it has always been the case but now it has been revealed as the gospel has been proclaimed.

The demonstration of the truth of this revelation and its power is taking place in our experience as the church. We are more than

mere proclaimers. We demonstrate truth in the living out of our daily lives, both in our worship and our fellowship with one another. The church is the new Israel where we have left the bondage of sin behind us in Egypt (the world). Faith in Christ rather than the Law is now the basis of salvation. The demonstration of God’s mighty power in the here and now is that all who call upon Jesus as their Savior and Lord, both Jew and Gentile, have the same opportunity to become a part of His new creation. Christ has broken down the middle wall of separation and has created one new man in place of two. Both have access by one Spirit to the Father. (Ephesians 2:11-12)

The power to remake relationships that previously were corrupted by the world and filled with strife and enmity toward one another, is a powerful demonstration of the strength of God and the power of His might. The world is as needy as it has ever been for such mighty power that can transform relationships. It is the person of Jesus Christ who makes us strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

On behalf of the Bible Study Board  
Brother Phil Franklin

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## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR JUNE 2021

### June 6 – The Revelation of Jesus Christ, the Almighty – Rev. 1:1-20

1. In what way does scripture inspire you?

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2. How much grace has been shown to you?

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3. Can we experience the same Spirit on the Lord's day that John experienced in verse 10?

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### June 13 – Jesus Dictates, John Writes: “I Know Your Words...” – Rev. 2:1-17

1. When have you left your first love?

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2. What area in your life is it easy to be deceitful?

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3. How have you been an overcomer?

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**June 20 – Father’s Day – Luke 15:11-32**

1. Is it easy to let go of your children? Why not?

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2. As a father what do you do for a wayward child?

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3. How do you as a father handle complaining?

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**June 27 – Hold Fast and Be Over Comers – Rev. 2:18-29**

1. Do you excel in patience?

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2. When you had the urge to repent, did you?

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3. In verse 24 who gets no other burden?

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