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“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33

CHRISTIANITY IS: NOT A T-SHIRT

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T-shirts have become very popular. One can find and purchase a T-shirt for every cause and for every place to be visited. They have even become popular among those who profess to be Christians. Some evidently think they show their Christianity by the shirts they wear.

There is nothing wrong with T-shirts. There is not even anything wrong with putting a religious phrase or Bible verse on a T-shirt. However, consider what was recently overheard in an airport.

There was a group from some denomination returning from a campaign in Africa. They were all sporting their Kenya For Christ T-shirts. They had a long flight from Kenya to Amsterdam and then to Detroit. They were weary and ready to get home after clearing customs, but when they arrived at the gate for the flight to St. Louis, it was learned that the flight was to be delayed. After a good two hours or so, the flight was finally canceled, and everyone had to be booked on different flights, which meant more time in the airport waiting.

You can understand that all of the passengers, including the group with the T-shirts, were somewhat irritated by the delay. Many were giving the poor attendants at the airline desk a hard time, even though it was not their fault. They were doing the best they could under the circumstances. In all the confusion and the press of people, one of those wearing the T-shirts was overheard to say, “If we weren’t wearing these T-shirts, we could go over there and really tell those people off.”

As that statement was reflected upon, it was realized that many people have an attitude expressed by the person wearing the T-shirt. Many act like Christianity is something that can be put on and taken off like a T-shirt.

Take off the T-shirt and one can be mean spirited and hateful. Put on the T-shirt and one must be kind and loving.

There are several ways in which Christianity is treated like a T-shirt. Some put on Christianity each Sunday morning, but they take it off during the week. Others do not even wear their Christianity every Sunday. They decide to wear it one Sunday, but the next they wear their swim suit, golf clothes, lounge wear, fishing hat, or comfortable shopping wear.

Certainly, there is a putting off and a putting on to Christianity. There is to be the putting off of the old man (Eph. 4: 22 -24). There is the putting off of fornication, covetousness, malice, shameful speaking... and putting on compassion, kindness, forgiveness, love...(Col. 3: 5-14).

This, however, is not to be done each day depending on circumstances and feelings. When one becomes a Christian, that one becomes a new creature with old things passing away and all things becoming new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Christianity is a daily walk. Christians are to take up their crosses daily and follow Christ (Luke 9:23). The apostles taught and preached daily in the temple and at home (Acts 5: 42). Members of the Jerusalem church were involved in the daily ministrations to the widows (Acts 6: 1). The churches Paul had helped establish and visited increased in number daily, indicating that there was daily teaching and activity (Acts 16: 5). Those at Berea examined the scriptures daily (Acts 17:11). Paul reasoned daily in the school of Tyrannus (Acts 19: 9)

Christianity is not a T-shirt to be put on and taken off at will. By: Terry L Mabery

Bible Characters/ Name Changes

- 1.) What was Abraham's original name?
A. Abrial C. Abram
B. Abner D. Abidai
- 2.) What was Sarah's original name?
A. Sardius C. Sarid
B. Sarai D. Saraph
- 3.) What was Israel's original name?
A. Esau C. Isaac
B. Joseph D. Jacob
- 4.) What was Joshua's original name?
A. Oshea C. Ishmael
B. Sargon D. Rabmag
- 5.) What was Solomon's original name?
A. Abner C. Eliakim
B. Jedidiah D. Abimelech
- 6.) What was Peter's original name?
A. Simon C. Jonah
B. Andrew D. Jonas
- 7.) What was Paul's original name?
A. Sargon C. Sardis
B. Samson D. Saul
- 8.) What was Zaphnath-paaneah's original name?
A. David C. Joseph
B. Ishmael D. Daniel
- 9.) What was Belteshazzar's original name?
A. Joseph C. Elijah
B. Benjamin D. Daniel
- 10.) What was Zedekiah's original name?
A. Laban C. Mattaniah
B. Eliakim D. Jedidiah

A HAPPY DAY

*Today will be a happy day
If, first, you find some time to pray;
If, first, alone you go apart
From worldly things, and in your heart
You make resolve to do your best
And then to God you leave the rest.
For God will take the doubt and fear
Of yesterday and yesteryear
And in their place, He'll make you feel
The light and love He will reveal.
Yes, this will be a happy day
If, friend, right now you'll stop and pray.*

I Said a Prayer For You Today

*I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke no word!
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind)
I ask Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that He'd be near you
At the start of every day
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way!
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small..
But it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all!*

YOUTH NEWS

- The next Area Wide Youth Meeting will be Sunday night, January 10th at Hwy 15 Pontotoc church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:55
- The date for the next Senior Bible Bowl has been changed from January 24 to the 17th. It will still be held at the East Main church of Christ in Tupelo.
- The next Junior Bible Bowl will be held Saturday, January 23, at the Gloster Street church of Christ in Tupelo.
- This month's Youth Devo will be Sunday night, January 24th, hosted by the Weaver's.

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

J. D. Stroud, is now home from the hospital but they will be monitoring his heart closely.

Mary Montgomery, is feeling very week since her last treatment, but says she is doing OK.

Bobby Montgomery, will have test run Thursday in Tupelo.

Dee Cox, (mother of Callie Smithey) is improving.

Shane Hutton, (brother-in-law of Darrell Crow) suffered a massive stroke. He is in UAB Hospital.

Sue Collins, (mother of Patricia Crow) is in the last stages of Alzheimer's. She lives in Iowa.

Sarah Gordon, (mother of Janice Griffin) received a good report from her doctor. Her bone cancer is in remission.

Sylvia Plunk, cancer has returned. (co-worker of Sharon Clemmer)

Continual Prayer List

Donald Burke, Justin Forsythe, Diane Bowlin, Bell Cross, Terry Young, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Raymond & Amy Vest, Jean Drummond

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Joyce McNutt; Corrine Hall; Willie Jackson; Dessie Lee Allred; Mattie Golden, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen & Anna Davis

Military List:

David Wilhite-Navy-Florida **Barry Wilhite**-Marine-Navy -Virginia, **Jimmie Stutts**-Air Force—California, **Tiffany Erwin**— Army-Fort Campbell, KY; **Aaron Raines**-Army, Afghanistan; **Jamie Vansandt**, Afghanistan; **Michelle Montgomery**, Fort Leonard, Missouri, Jim Vest—Afghanistan

BIRTHDAYS

January 15.....*Jason Jennings*

January 17.....*Amy Jennings*

ANNIVERSARIES

January 09.....*Bobby & Mary Montgomery*

January 11.....*Greg & Kim Clayton*

January 29.....*Victor & Alice Ashmore*

January 30.....*Raymond & Amy Vest*

MISSION TRIP

Please remember Greg Clayton, Troy Robertson & Randy Wall, along with others from Henderson, TN that are on a mission trip to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. They will return home January 12th. They arrived safely Monday afternoon, but without luggage.

“SECRET BUDDIES”

Our youth groups are starting a new work called “Secret Buddies”. If you are 65 or above and would like to be a “buddy” to one of our youth, please fill out one of the forms located on the table in the foyer and give it to Nicki Weaver. You will not have to do a thing once you turn in your form. Our youth will do all the work! We encourage you to participate. This is a great way to teach our youth how to be workers in the Lord's church. All completed forms need to be turned in to Nicki no later than Wednesday, January 20th.

AREA-EVENTS

- Acton church of Christ in Michie, TN will host a **Teacher Workshop** on January 9, 2010. Registration will begin @ 8:00 AM and the sessions will conclude between 12:00 and 12:30PM. For more details check the bulletin board.
- There will be a Sardis Lake Christian Camp **Hall of Fame Dinner**, honoring: Danny Jones and Robert Rawson, January 9, @5:00p.m. at the Senatobia church of Christ . (Activity Building) No Plate Cost/Donations Encouraged
- **Young Ladies' Day**, Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Foote Street church of Christ in Corinth, MS. Theme: Miss Goody Two Shoes Speaker: Mrs. Sandra Foster
- **Ashland Youth Rally 2010**, will be held January 31, 2010 at the Ashland church of Christ. Registration will begin at 9:00AM and conclude around 1:30PM, after lunch is served.

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OUR RECORD

Sunday School	111
Sunday A.M	133
Sunday P.M.	105
Wednesday	N/A
Contribution.....	\$4,957.00
Budget	\$3,305.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Dean Dillard
A.M. Prayer	Andy Clemmer
Closing Prayer	Bill Lyon
P.M. Prayer.....	Richard Jennings
Closing.....	Ronnie Griggs
Wed. 1/13..	Phillip Young
Wed. 1/13.....	Bill DePriest
Usher & Lock	Bill Botts
Greeters.....	B & A Pounders

PANTRY ITEM: SOUP

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship.....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

Elders

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson.....	534-3491

Deacons

Bill Botts	316-2422
Greg Clayton	538-0791
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	538-6038

Minister

Office.....	534-4649
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Daily Survival Kit

Tooth pick	Chewing Gum
Rubber Band	Mint
Band Aid	Candy Kiss
Eraser	Tea Bag

TOOTHPICK– To remind you to pick out the good qualities in others. **Matt. 7:1**

RUBBER BAND– To remind you to be flexible. Things might not always go the way you want but it will work out. **Romans 8: 28**

BAND AID– To remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's. **Colossians 3: 12-14**

PENCIL— To remind you to list your blessings every day. **Ephesians 1:3**

ERASER- To remind you that everyone makes mistakes...and it's okay! **Genesis 50: 15-21**

CHEWING GUM- To remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything with God's help. **Philippians 4:13**

MINT– To remind you that you are worth a mint to God! **John 3: 16-17**

CANDY KISS– To remind you that family and loved ones need a kiss and a hug everyday. **I John 4: 7**

TEA BAG– To remind you to relax daily and go over the list of God's blessings. **I Thessalonians 5: 18**

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