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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:” Ephesians 3:1

Learning To Enjoy Who We Are

by Mike King

Every human being needs to enjoy a sense of identity. We can determine where we are going and also the purpose that is compelling us to make the journey. No matter how private we are, we still have somewhat an inborn need to belong, enjoy loyalty and have other persons with whom we can share our more intimate selves. If we have a healthy grasp of "who we are," it can empower us to succeed and be happy in life.

When a person loses their spiritual identity, their soul can be endangered and their relationship with the church severed or damaged. A sense of value toward God and His church is maintained by an active participation and involvement in the family affairs of the church. The body of Christ was "prepared from the foundation of the world" with the intention of meeting man's every spiritual need. Those things that pertain to life and godliness are to be found in Christ (the church). Therein are provisions for all spiritual needs (Eph. 1:3; 2 Pet. 1:3). "Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things" Robert Brault. As the church navigates the turbulent winds of change that are blowing, it would be very easy for one to lose their identity with the Lord's church. People who have had extra marital affairs often comment that they no longer know who they are or what their mission in life is be any more. This is so because they have identified with a strange and foreign entity. They are "drawn away," as James expressed would happen (Jas. 1:14), to become outsiders to the family of God. Each generation must be taught well and taught distinctively to prevent departure. Hosea blamed the perishing of God's people on ignorance. He wrote, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). Isaiah observed that a lack of understanding of who Israel actually was and who they were supposed to be was to blame. "Therefore my people are gone into captivity for lack of knowledge" (Isa. 5:13). God's work keeps us focused on how a Christian is to behave, relate, worship, be saved and die. The problem is introduced when man strives to "direct his own steps" (Jer. 10:23) or follows the path that "seemeth right unto a man, but the ends thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12). Build upon the foundation of God's holy principles to develop purpose or self-worth. Remember "he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it" (Mt. 10:39).

Forgive Me For Keeping Your Bible

The train blew its whistle and wove its way along the winding rails of the hometown of a brother in Hungary. A communist customs agent came through checking all the baggage. The sack of Bibles sat at our brother's feet. By his side lay his own personal Bible with notes and sermon outlines. The customs agent looked at the sack first. He opened it and thumbed through the pages of the Bible and began to sail them out the window of the speeding train.

As if for spite, the agent looked down at the open, used (obviously personal) Bible of our brother, grabbed it, and sailed it out the window to parts unknown. For three years, our brother bemoaned the fact that his good Bible with so many notes and sermons was no longer his constant companion. "I believe Romans 8:28, but, Lord, how can this work out for good?" he wondered.

One day he received his personal Bible through the mail. A letter enclosed read, "*Dear Brother in Christ: Thank you, Thank you, for the use of your Bible. I found it by the railroad three years ago. I have kept it, read it, and studied it often. My family and I have written many Scriptures down on paper and many more in our hearts. We cannot thank you enough, for now maybe we can go to heaven... But brother, please forgive me for keeping your Bible so long. I thought that if I did not read it now, I might never again find a Bible to read.*"

"Oh, Great God and Father of us all, forgive me for my doubting," wept our Hungarian brother.

Would not it be wonderful if all could be simply "Christians" with a deep desire to go to heaven, to be with the saints of all the ages. Pick up your New Testament and read it again for the first time. That is, read it as if you had never read it before. Follow what it says-not what some man says it says. Do what it commands - not what some other book requires (2 Tim. 3: 16-17).

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

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YOUTH NEWS

- The next Senior Bible Bowl will be Sunday, October 24, at the Nettleton Church of Christ. The youth will leave following morning services and have lunch in Tupelo before the Bible Bowl.
- The next JR Bible Bowl will be Saturday, November 13 at the Antioch Church of Christ.
- Trunk-or-Treat will be held Wednesday night, October 27, in the back parking lot at 5:45.

AREA EVENTS

- **AREA-WIDE SINGING Oct. 17&Oct. 29th** at the West Main Youth Activities Center; 6th grade up.
- **Fall Gospel Meeting @ Charleston Church of Christ** October 24-28. Dan Beardain will be the speaker.
- **Gospel Meeting @ Skyline Church of Christ** October 24-28. Robert Taylor, Jr. will be the speaker.
- **Homecoming @ Fulton Church of Christ** Sunday, November 7th. Richard Rogers will be the speaker
- **Gospel Meeting @ Gloster Street Church of Christ**, November 7-10. Charles Williamson will be the speaker.
- **Gospel Meeting @ Ozark Church of Christ**, November 7-10. Jimmy Clark will be the speaker.
- **Area Wide Youth Devo for November** will be here at New Albany on November 14. Mike King will be the speaker.

For more details check the bulletin board

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Donna Haynes, sister of Darrell Crow, has pleurisy in both lungs. She has had Lupus for 13-14 years and now her kidneys are not functioning properly.

Chris Isbell, grandson of Ronnie & Linda Griggs was critically injured in an automobile accident Sunday. He is in TICU room 22 of the Memphis Med Center.

Betty Eaton, has been moved to Union County Health and Rehab on Bratton Road.

Margaret Bailey, mother of Paige Young remains in room 183 of North MS Medical Center, undergoing rehab.

Jean Drummond, will have oral surgery Wednesday, in Tupelo.

Continual Prayer List

Barbara Smithey, Claudette Ponders, Betty Adams, Shane Crofts, Udell Wilson, Arkie Grimmett, Bill King, Donna Weeden, Sylvia Plunk, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Sue Collins, Corrine Hall, 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-Camp Rooker, AL; Aaron Raines-Army, Afghanistan; Jamie Vansandt, Alaska; Michelle Ham, Fort Leonard, Missouri, Jim Vest-Afghanistan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 27.....*Mark Jennings*
October 28.....*Erin Wall*
October 29.....*Phil Young*
October 31.....*Steve Todd*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 23.....*J.L. & Betty Eaton*
October 27.....*Jason & Amy Jennings*

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Mary Nell Smith in the death of her brother, George Minor of Ecu. Funeral services were held Sunday in Ecu.

THANKS!

Our many thanks go out to the Wall family for their warm hospitality and the wonderful time we all enjoyed at the campout. We appreciate them so much.

(a note from the Wall family)

We would like to Thank all of those who helped with, and came to the fall campout Friday night. We always have a great time and enjoy having our church family come enjoy a time of fellowship together. It is not what we do, but what you do that makes it such an enjoyable time for all. Olivia Ponders and her friend get he award this year for staying up the longest **(ALL NIGHT)**. Shane Crofts is the recipient of the SHANE CROTTS AWARD for setting the tent up for Michael and then abandoning him!!! In Christian Love,

Randy, Christy, Erin and Thomas

SINGING CLASS

A singing class taught by Ray Kennedy began this past Sunday. There were several in attendance, but there is room for more. If you would like to learn more about leading/singing meet in the adult I classroom on Sunday evenings at 5pm. They will not meet on Oct. 31.

TRUNK-or-TREAT

Trunk-or Treat for the youth will be held Wed. night October 27th at 5:45. This will be held in the parking lot behind the building.

5TH SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, October 31st will be our All Day Service. We **will** have a covered dish meal following morning worship. Our afternoon service will be at 1:15p.m.

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OUR RECORD

Sunday School 109
 Sunday A.M 127
 Sunday P.M. 92
 Wednesday 93
 Contribution \$3,080.93
 Budget \$3,305.70

TO SERVE

Scripture Phillip Young
 A.M. Prayer Paul Ormon
 Closing Prayer Phil Young
 P.M. Prayer Ray Kennedy
 Closing Bill Botts
 Wed. 10/27. Greg Clayton
 Wed. 10/27 Carl Smith
 Usher & Lock Randy Wall
 Greeters R & K Jennings

PANTRY ITEM:
Oatmeal or Grits

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 252-9762
 Roger Clayton 534-5240
 Andy Clemmer 816-5887
 Harold Russell 534-4648
 Randy Wall 316-9255

Minister

Mike King 904-705-4206
 Office 534-4649

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 SCORNFUL SHALL SINNERS SITTETH THAT TREE
 UNGOLDLY WALKETH WATER WITHER

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