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Cornelius, When Viewed As a Soul-Winner

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In a back issue of *Glad Tidings*, James Woodall depicted Cornelius as a soul-winner. Please allow me to highlight some of his thinking.

The first record of Gentile conversion is found in Acts the tenth chapter. Stress is placed upon the gospel being for every individual by declaring that God “*is no respecter of persons*” (Acts 10:34). Upon a deeper look, other lessons appear. When Cornelius sent for Peter to come, the record says, “*...And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.*” Fortunately, from this passage, we learn much about Cornelius.

First, we see a man who understood the importance of hearing. He sent for Peter to do the teaching of God’s Word. He had confidence in both the Word and Peter. He gathered others together and was present himself when Peter arrived. He recognized the gospel as “common sense” truth. If people are to understand, they must first have exposure to truth by hearing. We know “*faith comes by hearing...the word of God*” (Rom. 10:17). The process of maturation comes for those who “*desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby*” (I Pet. 2:1-2).

Secondly, Cornelius knew the word of God would be powerful. He did not want or expect some weak-kneed preacher to come to his aid, speaking a diluted message, lauding the virtues of being a “good moral man.” He did not expect entertainment—he was prepared to hear preaching! He wanted his friends to hear a life-changing message of salvation through the preached gospel (Rom. 1:16). He called them “*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword*” (Heb. 4:12).

Thirdly, we conclude that Cornelius was a man who wanted others to know the truth. During the ministry of Jesus, He stated the importance of the truth (God’s word—Jn. 17:17). He promised that it sets us free (Jn. 8:32) and that it would be our standard of judgment (Jn. 12:48). He wanted his friends to hear the truth because he knew that it would impact their eternal destination; without it they would be lost forever (Heb. 5:8-9). As a result, he is a model for us all: we should be men and women who want others to know the truth.

Setting Back the Clock

Did you remember to set your clock back? This whole Daylight Savings Time thing is a little confusing for me. Not only can I not remember when we are supposed to make the change but I am never quite sure if we are to move the clocks forward or back. I get a little help from the saying “Spring forward, Fall back” but I’m never sure and often go to bed worrying that I will be late for church. And where does that hour go anyway?



Nevertheless, I like the idea of setting the clock back. Sometimes I would like to set the clock back not just an hour but a whole day, or even more. I know I am not the only one who feels this way. I think King David would have taken back that day he went up on the roof-tops and saw Bathsheba for the first time. And I am certain Moses would have liked a “do over” when he struck the rock instead of speaking to it. No doubt Peter wanted to go back to the night before Jesus’ crucifixion so he could bravely say, “Yes I know Him.”

I am sure we all have had days, weeks, or even years that we would like to do over. But life doesn’t work that way. We must make the most out of every day and when we do mess up try to learn from it so we don’t repeat it. Isn’t it great that our Heavenly Father loves us and offers us true forgiveness of our sins? We can’t go back in time and not sin but we can repent and ask Him to forgive us. And when we do, he remembers it no more—it’s as if it had never happened!

~ Thomas Sneed

Running Ahead

Lord, I would put my hand in Thine
And learn on Thee to wait.
Your help will never come to soon
Nor will it come too late.

So often in an hour of need,
I offer up my prayers
In hopes that You will help me bear
My burdens and my cares.

I lay them at Your mercy seat
But then when I am through,
I pick them all back up again
And run ahead of You.

It seems that I am not content
To let You work things out.
It’s not my part alone I work
But Yours I go about.

I often just don’t trust You, Lord,
The best for me to do,
And then I fume and fuss and fret
At what I’m going through.

That’s when I know I need to learn
To stop and wait a while.
It’s then that you must look at me,
And give a knowing smile.

And I can hear You say to me,
When things are going wild;
If you would learn to wait on Me,
I’d spare you this my child.

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Beauty Aids

A dear old lady was asked what she used to make her complexion so beautiful and her whole being so bright and attractive. She answered:

“I use for my lips, truth;
I use for my voice, kindness;
I use for my eyes, compassion;
I use for my hands, charity;
I use for my figure, uprightness;
I use for my heart, love;
I use for any who do not like me, prayer.”

“Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.” I Peter 3:3-4

AREA EVENTS

- A Gospel Meeting and Campaign is being held Nov. 1-5, at 7:00pm nightly, at the Skyline Church of Christ in Tupelo, MS.
- A Fall Gospel Meeting will be held Nov. 8-11, at the Nettleton Church of Christ. Check the bulletin board for a list of speakers.
- You are invited to a One Day Gospel Meeting at the Amory Church of Christ, Sunday Nov. 15th. Tom Holland will be the speaker.

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016

PRAYER LIST



Madison Griggs is scheduled for tests Tuesday Nov. 3rd, at La Bonheur Hospital in Memphis.

Kevin Flowers, friend of the *Young* family has been diagnosed with multiple Myeloma.

Earnestine McKinney, mother of *Perry Jones* is diabetic and having problems with her feet.

Sharon Harvey, daughter of *Jerry* and *Eleta Grimmitt* will have surgery on her hip Wednesday Nov. 4th, at Rivers Oaks Hospital in Jackson, MS.

Gloria & Farah Jones are suffering with sinus infections.

Bobby & Dee Cox, parents of *Callie Smithey* are undergoing tests.

Continue to Remember:

David Crossings, Gina Cole, Joyce Clayton, Roy Crow, Vernon Davis, Jackie Dodd, John Elliott, Preeble Foster, Sonny Gay, Pam Hall, Glen Hill, Donna Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Shane Hutton, Davie Johnson, Judy Kirk, Lonnie Parker, Nancy Petrowski, Wayne Reams, Brooks Russell, Lisa Russell, Ola Senter, Mildred Shackelford, Carl Smith, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, Chris Windham, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Perrin Drummond, Cornelia Kennedy, Betty Lang, Miriam Styers, Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris

Military List:

Tiffany Erwin, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley

BIBLE QUESTION:

Who ran from Mount Carmel to Samaria faster than Ahab could drive his chariot?

I Kings 18:44-46 _____

I've Learned...

Faith is the bird that sings while it is still dark, in anticipation of the dawn.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



November 06. Janice Griffin
November 09. Drew Drummond
November 13. Joe Reed



IT'S A GIRL!

We are happy to announce the birth of **Ruby Addison Little**, born Oct. 26th, to *Adam* and *Angela (Ashmore) Little* of Durham, NC. She weighed 5lbs 13oz and was 19 inches. Proud grandparents are *Larry* and *Linda Ashmore* and great-grandparents *Alice Ashmore* and *Harold Russell*. Both mom and baby are doing well.



AREA WIDE YOUTH MEETING

We will be hosting this month's Area Wide Youth Meeting Sunday, Nov. 8th, at 6:30. We need your help by providing canned drinks and desserts. The drinks need to be brought by Sunday morning so they can be iced down ahead of time. These drinks can be placed near the coat racks. Thanks for your help and support with this event. Be sure to be present and enjoy a time of worship and fellowship with so many other young people and their parents from surrounding congregations.

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

- Care Team 2 will meet Nov. 5th, at 6:00pm at the home of Jason & Lea Ann McMillen.
- Nov. 8th the Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held here at New Albany, at 6:30p.m.
- Jr. Bible Bowl will compete at the Antioch Church of Christ Nov. 15th.
- 3rd Sunday night fellowship Nov. 15th. Bring soup, finger foods, and desserts. Adult II class in charge of the fellowship building.
- 5th Sunday Services Nov. 29th. Meal and 1:15 service. Elders to conduct the afternoon service.

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To Be Seen in 2015!**



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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Scripture.....Jim Gann
 A.M. Prayer.....Ruston Adams
 Closing Prayer. Anderson Parks
 P.M. Prayer.....Phil Young
 ClosingGreg Clayton
 Wed.11/11.....Gary Turner
 Wed.11/11.....Greg Harrison
 Usher & LockRandy Wall
 Greeter.....R & K Clayton

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....116
 Sunday A.M.....132
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PANTRY ITEMS

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The 7-UPS !

1. **WAKE UP...** Decide to have a good day. *"This is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glade in it."* Psalms 118:24
2. **DRESS UP...** The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. *"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."* 1 Samuel 16:7
3. **SHUT UP...** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. *"He who guards his lips guards his soul."* Proverbs 13:3
4. **STAND UP...** for what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. *"Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good."* Galatians 6:9-10
5. **LOOK UP...** to the Lord. *"I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me."* Philippians 4:13
6. **REACH UP...** for something higher. *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path."* Proverbs 3:5-6
7. **LIFT UP...** your prayers. *"Do not worry about anything; instead pray about everything."* Philippians 4:6

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