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What On Earth Are You Doing For Heaven's Sake?

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Christians are usually on the lookout for things they can do. We do not handle generalities very well, so we stipulate that we be given something definite and specific and we will be on our way. Christians are to be active, interested and dedicated. Not every Christian knows how to go about accomplishing this. The Bible mentions three specific areas of challenge for congregations corporately that are filled with individual responsibilities, which are as follows:

Earnestly contend for the faith. Jude encouraged the early Christians to “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3). Daily attacks of bashing are directed at the church by society and church leaders who fellowship denominations, marring Christianity’s distinctiveness. Lines become blurred and they become like those teachers of error surrounding them. There is a real need to continue to “Speak where the Bible speaks; remaining silent where the Bible is silent” as was stressed during the Restoration. “Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, wherein is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls” (Jer. 6:16).

Determine to preach the gospel. We now are at six billion souls in the world and growing. So many die without hearing the simple gospel proclaimed! There is such a need for preaching Jesus and for mankind to be prepared for meeting the Lord. Jesus left instructions prior to his departure to, “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” (Mk. 16:15, 16). The heart of this message was the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus (I Cor. 15:1-4) by which we too have victory over the grave (Rom. 6:4-6).

Live faithfully every day. By doing so, we demonstrate the hope created above that was mentioned previously. We are instructed to “abstain from every appearance of evil” (I Thess. 5:22); to avoid the sins of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21); “Come out from the unclean” (2 Cor. 6:14-18); to “deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world” (Titus 2:12). Though imperfect, we can strive toward perfection (Heb. 6:10). Our objective in this life as Christians is to “walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Col. 1:10).

It is not success that God rewards but always the faithfulness of doing His will.

“IF THIS IS THE HOTTEST PLACE YOU EVER GO, YOU WILL BE ALRIGHT”

By Riley Nelson

The words in the title of this article were told me by an elder in the Lord’s church one hot day in the middle of summer some twenty to twenty five years ago. The message was meant to keep me from complaining more about the lack of enough air conditioning, but it really went deeper than that. It was and is great advice for all. God’s word teaches us that there is a place of torments so terrible that we should do everything in our power to avoid going there.

In the Revelation letter John wrote, *“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire”* (Rev. 20:15). Some believe that such a place does not exist. It is strange that most who prefer to think of hell as a “mythical” place, have the utmost confidence that there is a place called heaven. The truth is that both of these places do exist, and while heaven is a place of splendor and beauty, hell is a place of pain and torment.

Recorded in Luke chapter sixteen is the account of Lazarus and the rich man. Lazarus was a beggar who was laid each day outside the gate of the rich man. As time passed they both died, *“And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom”* (Luke 16:22,23). In a descriptive manner the account relates how that the rich man desired that Lazarus be allowed to dip his finger in water and cool the tongue of the rich man. What a terrible place that must be. In other places, it is said to be a place where *“the worm dies not and the fire is not quenched”* (Mark 9:43-48).

It is great to know that God does not want anyone to go to this place of torments. His desire is that all be saved (1 Tim. 2:4). He has given us the Bible in order that we can know how to please Him. His word produces faith, it tells us to repent of our sins, to be willing to confess Jesus before men, to be baptized for the remission of our sins and then live for God all the days of our lives.

We may have to endure summer heat even greater than what we have seen, but just remember, “If this is the hottest place we go, we will be alright.”

YOUTH NEWS

- There will be a youth devo following services Sunday night June 26, at the fellowship building. The *Jennings* will be hosting.
- “Marvelous Mondays” will continue each Monday throughout the summer for 6th grade and under.
- The next Area Wide Youth Devo will be held July 10, at the Zion Rest Church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:20.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10: 13-17).
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)

PRAYER LIST

Billy Joe Griggs, brother of *Ronnie Griggs* has cancer and is taking chemo treatments in Blytheville, Arkansas.

Travis Jamieson, father of *Cathy Dorris*, remains in the Tupelo hospital in serious condition following a stroke.

Al Pless, a friend of the *Frohns*, has been diagnosed with brain cancer. His prognosis is not good.

Pat Reed, received a good report from her test.



Continual Prayer

Al Pless, Billy Joe Bray, Aliene Cain, Donna Haynes, Shelly Trout, Willie Jackson, David Harendt, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

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

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden & Pauline Smith

Military List:



David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole, Micah Russell

“I’VE LEARNED”

...That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- June 24.....Erica Crotts
- June 24.....Sharon Clemmer
- June 25.....Sharon Peeler
- June 26.....Shelby Carpenter
- June 27.....J.L. Eaton
- June 29.....Deborah Griffin
- June 29.....Kaye Parks

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- June 30.....Phil & Paige Young

COOKBOOK



Within the next several months we hope to compile a cookbook with recipes from our members and former members. We are asking for your help by providing recipes for this cookbook.

We are very excited about this cookbook and look forward to receiving your favorite recipes. You may begin sending us your recipes by mail, e-mail or by leaving them here at the building.

AREA EVENTS

- The West Ripley Church of Christ invites you to their Gospel Meeting, June 19-22 at 7:30 each evening. There will be a different speaker each evening. Check the bulletin board for details.
- The Ripley Church of Christ invites you to their Gospel Meeting June 19-22, at 7:00 each evening. Their theme this year is the Resurrection. Check the bulletin board for the list of speakers.
- The Tiplersville Church of Christ invites you to their Gospel Meeting July 10-14, at 7:30 each evening. Guest speaker: *Mark Blackwelder*
- *Mike King* will be speaking for the adult VBS class at the Hwy 15 Pontotoc Church of Christ on June 27.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School109
 Sunday A M133
 Sunday P.M 115
 Wednesday 97
 Contribution\$3,036.75
 Budget\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

ScripturePhil Young
 A.M. Prayer Greg Harrison
 Closing Prayer... Mark Jennings
 P.M. Prayer.....Bill Botts
 ClosingPaul Ormon
 Wed 6/29.Troy Robertson
 Wed. 6/29Bobby White
 Usher & Lock....Harold Russell
 Greeter.....R & K Jennings



PANTRY ITEM:
Oats

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

ELDERS

Richard Jennings534-6671
 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
 Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King 507-0625
 Home 534-6872
 Office 534-4649

“OUR FATHER’S HOUSE”

Directions To ‘Our Father’s House’

Make a Right onto Believetth Blvd.
 Keep straight and go through the Green Light which
 is Jesus Christ.

There, you must turn onto the Bridge of Faith,
 which is over troubled water.

When you get off the bridge,
 make a Right turn and Keep Straight.
 You are on the King’s Highway — Heaven-bound.

Keep going for three miles: One for the Father,
 One for the Son, and One for the Holy Ghost.

Then exit off onto Grace Blvd.
 From there, make a Right turn on Gospel Lane.
 Keep Straight and then make another Right on
 Prayer Road.

As you go on your way,
 Yield Not to the traffic on Temptation Ave.
 Also, avoid SIN STREET because
 it is a DEAD END.

Pass up Envy Drive, and Hate Avenue.
 Also, pass Hypocrisy Street, Gossiping Lane,
 and Backbiting Blvd.

However, you have to go down
 Long-suffering Lane, Persecution Blvd. and
 Trial and Tribulation Avenues.

But that’s all right,
 Because VICTORY Street is straight ahead!
 AMEN!!!

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