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Choosing the Infallibly Safe Way

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Caution must be exercised in the Christian life as in the secular world (1 Cor. 3:10). We pay a bill and get a receipt or we buy a farm and get an abstract deed. When it comes to spiritual matters, we often show the least concern by accepting traditions (Mk. 7:7-8) or depend on our feelings (Prov. 14:12). There is a safe way—following the law of the Lord which is perfect (Ps. 19:7).

1. Accept no creed but the Bible—Again the “*Law of the Lord is perfect*” (Ps. 19:7) and inspired of God which thoroughly furnishes man with guidance (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3, 20-21). Unity comes by the Word (Jn. 17:20-21) where creeds, manuals, disciplines, etc., cause division (Mt. 15:9; 1 Cor. 1:11-13). Failure to abide by His Word condemns (2 Jn. 9; Rev. 22:18-19).

2. Wear no name but Christ’s—There is only one name to wear associated with salvation (Acts 4:12). Human names are divisive in nature (1 Cor. 3:1-4). There are multiple reasons for wearing His name: we are saved by His name (Acts 4:12); He was crucified for us into whose name we are baptized ((1 Cor. 1:13); and through which name God is glorified (1 Pet. 4:16-17).

3. Belong to no organization but His church—Christ built but one church (Mt. 16:18), the only one which He purchased (1 Cor. 12:20) with His blood (Acts 20:28). He saves only those who are in this one body—the church (Eph. 5:23). This church is the “*pillar and ground of the truth*” (1 Tim. 3:15) through which the truth is to be made known (Eph. 3:10).

4. Worship by no pattern by the New Testament—the true worshipper will worship “*in spirit and in truth*” (Jn. 4:23-24). This means with a sincere heart and according to the direction of God’s Word. Any other worship is rendered vain and not according to truth (Mk. 7:7-8). False worship separates and alienates us from God rather than expresses love for Him (2 Jn. 9). New Testament worship teaches (Eph. 3:10); gives regularly and generously (1 Cor. 16:1-2), observe the Lord’s Supper (Mt. 26:26-29). The Lord’s church is a happy, singing church (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17). The first century church depended upon God which was seen by their constant prayerfulness (Acts 2:42).

This article is heavy with scripture by design, for the “*infallibly safe way*” must be able to be documented by authoritative writ and not determined by the whimsical desires or biased thinking of the subjects. We need to follow the advice that Eli gave to the young Samuel. He told him that when God spoke that he should respond, “*Speak, for your servant hears*” (1 Sam. 3:9-11).

“When I Throw Up My Hands In Despair”

“When the plumbing is broken; the kids have the flu;
When money is tight and there’s too much to do;
My insurance was canceled; my floor needs repair...
I finally just throw up my hands in despair!

Why all of this stress, Lord? I know there’s a reason
Why it all seems to happen in the same dismal season.
I know that You know, Lord. I know that you care
When I finally throw up my hands in despair.

Then it just seems when I cry from my soul,
That You take my hands, Lord, and you take control.
And just like a father You pity my plight.
When life seems the darkest, You show me Your light.

I think of Your Son with no place to call home
When He left the splendor of Your side to roam
Where people were dying and life wasn’t fair.
I wonder if His hands went up in despair.

I remember that it was my weakness and loss
That held Jesus’ hands to that old Roman cross.
My mind sees those hands that were pierced
through and bleeding
And I know where this road of despair may be leading.

I realize my troubles are really so small
As you steady my hands and I hear your blessed call:
“Come ye who are weary.” My soul sheds its doubt,
And instead of my whining, You make my heart shout!

I praise You for broken things, and broken people, too;
That make me see I’m so dependent on You.
I thank you for stretching Your hand out to me;
For Golgotha and the Garden of Gethsemane.

Keep holding my hands, Lord, till you’ve seen me
through.
Then gently release them, there’s work they must do.
My soul is at rest, but my hands must be there
For another whose hands have gone up in despair.”

~ Cindy Colley ~



From Cody’s Desk:

I am a worrier. I worry about everything: I worry about my job, my family, my friends, and my Christianity. It seems like all I do is worry, but trust me, I came by it honest. My mother worries more than anyone I’ve ever met. It comes from a very good place though; I’ve never met anyone with as kind of a heart that never wants to make anyone upset and always wants to make everyone happy. I don’t know that my worrying comes from the same place, but I know that some people worry for selfish reasons. There are ten-thousand things to worry about, and ten-thousand reasons to worry about things. Regardless of what you worry about or why you worry, Jesus told us not to worry in Matthew 6:25-34. Here He tells us that God takes care of birds and all the creatures of the earth, He will also take care of us. We know that God takes care of us; but sometimes it’s hard to understand. Sometimes we need to be reminded, or just hear it a different way. Think about it this way: there will never be anything that happens that will not turn out okay. God has a plan for anything that happens and things will always work out for the best. Sometimes it might not work out the best for you, but take comfort in the fact that it helped out someone else. So if you’re like me or my mother, regardless of what you worry about, or why you worry, it is going to be okay. Let go of that worry, relax, and know that God has a hand in anything that will happen.



Clusters of Three

- Three things to govern: Temper, Tongue, and Conduct.
- Three things to cultivate: Courage, Affection, and Gentleness.
- Three things to commend: Thrift, Industry, and Promptness.
- Three things to wish for: Health, Contentment, and Friends
- Three things to admire: Dignity, Intellectual Power, and Gracefulness.
- Three things to give: Alms to the needy, Comfort to the sad, and Appreciation to the Deserving.

~ Glad Tidings of Good Things Vol. 8/7-10-03

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PRAYER LIST



John Todd, father of *Steve Todd*, is at home under Hospice Care.

Ann Wilson, sister of *Grace Lyon* is in the Tupelo Hospital and not doing well.

Brad Bogue of the Pinedale community was seriously injured in an automobile accident this past week. He is in the Med at Memphis, with multiple injuries.

Madison Griggs is having tests run on her heart.

Alyce Jennings, is having problems with her pregnancy.

Troy Robertson was released from the hospital Friday, June 19th. He is at home recovering from having a new pacemaker installed.

Nancy Petrowski is scheduled to have surgery on her foot Wed. June 24th, at Vanderbilt.

Tommy Young of the Buckhorn congregation is in the Tupelo Hospital recovering from surgery for colon cancer.

Anna Mills, granddaughter of *Sue Stroud* is on Christian Athlete trip to the Bahamas. *Sue* has requested prayers for her safety.

Continue to Remember:

Timmy Bolden, Larry Cobb, Genice Collett, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Barbara Davis, Jackie Dodd, John Elliott, Justin Forsyth, Preeble Foster, Sonny Gay, Natalie Griffin, Donna Haynes, Shane Hutton, Gloria Jones, Judy Kirk, Lonnie Parker, Nancy Petrowski, Wayne Reams, Whit Robertson, Joanna Rogers, Lisa Russell, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, Ann Wilson, William Wilson, Chris Windham, Andy Ulmer, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

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

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Betty Lang, Miriam Styers, Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris

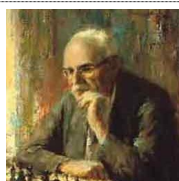
Military List:

Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud



I've Learned...

Laughter is life's shock absorber.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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



ADULT / YOUTH BASKETBALL GAME



Sunday night June 27th, following our evening worship services, everyone is invited to watch a basketball game between our youth and adults. This should be a very fun evening! Please bring your own snack. If you have any questions or would like to participate in the game please see *Cody*.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

- The youth will be going to the Summer Youth Series this Thurs. June 25th, at the Gum Church of Christ in Fulton. Also hosting with the Gum congregation is the Saucer Creek congregation. The youth will leave at 6:00pm.
- This month's Youth Devo has been moved from June 28th to July 5th, due to the conflict with the basketball game.

AREA EVENTS

- Potts Camp Church of Christ invites you to their VBS Sat. June 27th, from 8:45-1:45. Lunch will be served.
- VBS is going on this week June 22nd-26th at the Gloster St. Church of Christ in Tupelo. Time: 9:00-11:00am.
- The Chapman Church of Christ will have their VBS July 12th-15th, from 7:00-8:30 pm.

**Christ Living in Me...
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.....Brad Pounders
A.M. Prayer.....Paul Ormon
Closing Prayer.....Perry Jones
P.M. PrayerAnderson Parks
ClosingBill Lyon
Wed.6/24.....Mark Jennings
Wed.6/24.....Caleb Jennings
Usher & Lock ...Harold Russell
Greeter.....R & K Jennings

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....100
Sunday A.M.....144
Sunday P. M.....101
Wednesday.....NA
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PANTRY ITEMS

Bath Soap

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Christian, Be Honest

Did you hear the story about the little boy who was walking along the beach and asked the lady he came to if she was a Christian? The woman replied, "Yes." The boy went on to ask if she read her Bible everyday. Again, the woman said, "Yes." The boy then asked her if she prayed regularly. To which she said, "Yes." Finally, the little boy reached out his hand to the lady, opened it, and said, "Will you watch my quarter then so I can go swimming?"

A Christian should be trustworthy, with the smallest and greatest of tasks.

In the most practical of the New Testament epistles, James wrote, "*But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation* (Jas. 5:12).

In other words, Christian, you be honest. If a Christian cannot be trusted with his speech and his actions, then who pray tell can be?

On the job today, be honest with the use of your time and talents.

Spouses, be fair in your treatment of one another. Don't expect something from your spouse that you're not willing to do yourself. Be honest.

Church, don't abdicate your responsibilities to work over to the elders, the deacons, or the preacher. When you became a Christian, you made a commitment to be personally involved in church work. To relinquish your responsibilities is dishonest and a failure to keep your promise to Jesus.

~ Neil Richey, 6/13/13