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Do I Really Want To Go There?

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Asking if we really want to go to heaven at first seems foolish, but is it? Our actions often contradict our thinking. Do we show or prove, by our responsiveness to God, a sincere desire to be with Him? To what can I point that would indicate that desire? We need to take inventory of the things that would allow a skeptical world to know of our intentions. Paul said that he had fought, finished, kept and therefore, had justified hope (2 Tim. 4:7-8). He gave the following three reasons for expecting an eternal reward:

- “I have fought a good fight” ~ This is not a battle conducted on land or sea directed by some earthly military leader. Paul declared himself a soldier of Christ (2 Tim. 2:3). He did not lack battle scars (2 Cor. 11:16-23), either mental or physical. God provided adequate armor for him, as He does for us (Eph. 6:10-20). He used God’s plan of attack. It was not in the taking of life, but in the saving of souls; he never conquered an earthly kingdom, but anticipated personal riches in the world to come. It is obvious that Paul wanted to go to heaven. Did you notice that his conduct indicated such without question?

- “I have finished the course” ~ This course refers to man’s life-span. The course is only finished when God’s plan on earth for us is completed. The race is not over until the ribbon at the finish line is broken! Jesus acknowledged that “My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work” (Jn. 4:34). The job is not completed with just a good beginning, almost finishing or being “almost persuaded.” Our job is not done if we are still living. We were created unto good works (Eph. 2:10) and must be “always abounding in the work of the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58). If we really want to go to heaven, we must still work for the quitting time bell—death.

- “I have kept the faith” ~ Paul was not making reference to some philosophy of man or false teaching. Faith is perfected when combined with action (Jas. 2:14-26). The faith of which we speak was made real by Jesus’ coming to the earth and accomplishing His Father’s will. Its record is the certified gospel, being heaven’s approval. If we have faith in its author, we will have faith in the message. We must stand firm in its message, for within is salvation (1 Cor. 15:1-4). Keeping God’s word is a clear indication of our sincerity for reaching heaven.

YOU TEACH A LESSON

Many people teach lessons without realizing they do. We do very few things without teaching by the example we set. An old saying goes like this: "Actions speak louder than words." We have all heard some loud professions concerning Christianity, but they were drowned out by the actions of the one making the profession. When you deliberately absent yourself from any service of the church, you teach lessons by your absence. This is true whether it be on Sunday morning Bible study, Wednesday night services, Sunday night services, or any time set aside by the church for such services.

Note some of these lessons:

1. You teach that this particular Bible lesson is unimportant.
2. You teach that what you do is more important than studying the Word of God.
3. You teach that a person can be a faithful Christian and still not be interested in the study of the Bible.
4. You teach that you already know as much as you want to know about the Bible.
5. You teach that, in your opinion, you have nothing to offer to others in Bible Study.
6. You teach that you are completely indifferent as to the success or failure of that particular study period. In fact, people will come nearer getting the idea that you want it to fail.

These lessons and more are taught to others both in the church and out of the church when you have the opportunity to attend Bible study and choose not to do so. My brother, what kind of lesson are you teaching?

~ John D. Cox ~

Make Me a Lighthouse

I want to be a lighthouse
For those who don't know God
So I might lead them to You, Jesus
While here on earth we trod.

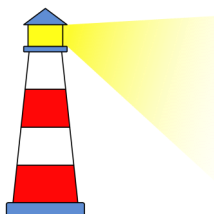
Like a ship out on the ocean,
When storms toss it off the trail.
That they might see my light
And know just where to sail.

Help me to show my light, Lord,
So others can plainly see,
Your love is real and good.
Let them see that in me!

Lord, I know that I'm not worthy,
Of even feeling Your great love.
But I know, too, that You love me.
And will make me a place above!

Lead me every day, dear Lord,
For while I'm here I want to be,
The lighthouse that sinners use,
To draw them close to Thee!

~ Dot Wilson ~



IF

IF Christ stood before you right now and said, "*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,*" what would you do?

IF the Lord will save us without baptism, why did Peter command it (Acts 10:47-48)?

IF the Lord promises us salvation without baptism, why did Peter say it saves (I Peter 3:21)?

IF sprinkling and pouring are scriptural modes of baptism, why did Paul say there is ONE baptism (Eph. 4:4-6; Rom. 6:1-6; Col. 2:11-12)?

IF we can receive remission of sins without baptism, why did Peter say baptism is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38)?

IF we get into Christ without baptism, why did Paul say we are baptized into the body (I Cor. 12:13)? The body and the church are the same (Col. 1:18).

IF Jesus Christ grasped your hand and said, "*If you love me you will keep my commandments*" (Jn. 14:15), would you love him and obey?

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BIBLE QUESTION

What portion of his goods did Zacchaeus give away to the poor? (Luke ___ : 8)

PRAYER LIST



Mayola Holley, mother of *Kim Clayton* is at home recovering from total shoulder replacement surgery. She is still dealing with a lot of pain.

Ronnie Griggs is suffering with an infection and was to return to his doctor on Monday.

Continue to Remember:

Ray Camp, Amy Chapman, Wade Chism, Todd Coleman, Liz Collins, Glenda Crumpton Cox, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Bill DePriest, Jackie Dodd, Gene Dowdy, Kevin Flowers, Preeble Foster, Ray Franks, Lana Gann, Cornelius Gardner, J.C. Garner, Sonny Gay, Katie Griggs, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, Phillip Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Shane Hutton, Alfred Jones, Judy Kirk, Barbara Rains, Mayna Senter, Anna Claire Stokes, B.A. Stubblefield, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, Bobby White, Chris Windham, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Wanda DeLoach, Perrin & Jean Drummond, Laura Mae Harris, Cornelia Kennedy, Betty Lang, Claudia Senter, Miriam Styers

Military List:

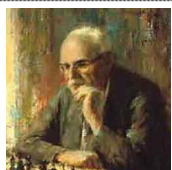
Derek Bradley, Kevin Bradley

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)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

I've Learned...

A good example makes a great sermon.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- June 10.David Clayton
- June 11.Christy Wall
- June 12.Collett Cross
- June 16.Lucille Gibson
- June 18.Madison Griggs

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- June 10.Ray & Pat Kennedy
- June 12.Rex & Jennie Bell
- June 12.Martin & Erica Crotts
- June 14.Austin & Jessica Garrett
- June 14.Greg & Lynn Harrison
- June 16.Richard & Kathy Jennings




CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- June Wed. night singing classes at 7:00pm; taught by *Ray Kennedy*.
- Care Group 2 will meet at the home of *Austin & Jessica Garrett* Sat., June 11th, AT 5:30.
- Area Wide Youth Meeting June 12th, at the East Main congregation in Tupelo.
- Vacation Bible School - Mon. June 20th - Wed. night June 22nd, from 6:30-8:30.
- "Fabulous Friday" will meet each Friday at 10:00am, unless otherwise announced.

AREA EVENTS

- Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held Sunday, June 12th at the East Main church of Christ.
- Vacation Bible School will be held Sat. June 11th, from 9:00a.m. until 1:00p.m. at the East Main church of Christ in Tupelo.

New Albany Church of Christ
June 20th-22nd
6:30p.m.-8:30p.m.



"The family, through God's eyes, as SEEN in 2016!"



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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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Brad Pounders.....316-7931
Harold Russell..... 507-1180
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Caleb Jennings
A.M. Prayer....Troy Robertson
Closing Prayer...D. Drummond
P.M. Prayer.....Shane Crotts
ClosingBill Lyon
Wed.6/15.....Ray Kennedy
Wed.6/15.....Jason Jennings
Usher & Lock...Lonnie Weaver

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....108
Sunday A.M.....146
Sunday P. M.....101
Wednesday.....99
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