

Present Truth

2 Peter 1:12

Dear Readers,

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“Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:2). Trusting in God and His Word is our strength!

Upcoming Meetings: Lynnford Beachy will be speaking in **Lincoln, Nebraska**, January 26; with Matt Dooley in **Auburn, Maine**, February 8, 9; and in **Dubuque, Iowa**, February 23. Call 304-633-5411 for more information.

You are Invited: We are having non-denominational Bible studies on Saturday evenings in Kansas, Oklahoma. We meet at 5:30pm for a light supper followed by music and a Bible study. All of our friends and neighbors are invited to join us. We hope to see you here! Call 304-633-5411 for more information.

Preach the Gospel

by Lynnford Beachy

On His last face to face encounter with His disciples, Jesus commanded, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel* to every creature” (Mark 16:15). This is a momentous task, yet we are not left to do this alone. Jesus assured us, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of

the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matthew 28:18-20). His command to preach the gospel to the world is accompanied by His promise that He will always be with us (Matthew 18:20; John 14:18), and that He has been given “all power.” With help like this we can do all things (Philippians 4:13; 1 John 4:4).

The Bible says that, “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy

* Please request the study entitled, “What is the Gospel?”



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Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him” (Acts 10:38). When Jesus was here, His great success depended upon His Father being with Him doing the works (John 14:10). Our success in preaching the Gospel today is dependant upon God being with us through Christ (John 14:23; 15:1-5; Titus 3:5, 6). Without Christ in us, we can have no true success in sharing the gospel. If you want success in ministering to the world, strengthen your connection with the source of love (1 John 4:7, 8).

Jesus said, “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:14-16).

We are the light of the world, yet Jesus explained, “I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life” (John 8:12). Being a light in our part of the world is dependent upon allowing Christ to direct our steps and live through us, for He is the real light of the world. We are only the light of the world in proportion to how much of Jesus we are allowing to shine through us.

Jesus gave an important lesson when He said, “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I

am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing” (John 15:4-5).

Is your light flickering, barely producing light? The solution is to abide in Christ; let Him shine through you. It will not work to try to manufacture your own light (Isaiah 50:10, 11). Rely on the one who knows best how to lead you to the most productive path in life. With Christ inside, good things are bound to happen.

An Analogy

I heard an analogy recently that I really like. It goes something like this:

You are holding a cup of grape juice when someone comes along and bumps you causing the juice to spill everywhere.

Why did you spill the grape juice?

“Well because someone bumped into me, of course!”

Wrong answer!

You spilled the grape juice because there was grape juice in your cup.

Had there been lemonade in the cup, you would have spilled lemonade.

Whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out.

That is such an important principle. The Bible says, “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (Proverbs 4:23). Jesus said, “...how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh” (Matthew 12:34).

When faced with difficult situations, what is on the inside will come

out. If you squeeze a grape, grape juice comes out. It would be weird if lemon juice came out. If you squeeze a Christian, Christ should come out. It would be weird if anything else came out. Our reactions to situations demonstrate who is on the inside.

A driver cuts us off in traffic. Whatever is inside the heart, is what will spill out.

Someone makes fun of us. Whatever is inside the heart is what will spill out.

A coworker takes credit for our work. Whatever is inside the heart is what will spill out.

The person in line in front of us is causing a tremendous delay. Whatever is inside the heart is what will spill out.

Someone is stranded beside the road. Whatever is inside the heart is what will spill out.

Someone is sobbing as you walk by. Whatever is inside the heart is what will spill out.

Someone is struggling to carry a load. Whatever is inside the heart is what will spill out.

A heart filled with the love of God will respond one way. A heart filled with anger, bitterness and ingratitude will respond another. Whatever is inside the heart, is what will spill out. I pray that you will be so filled with Christ and His love that whatever life throws at you, Christ will spill out.

Increasing our success in preaching the gospel to the world depends upon increasing our connection with Christ

on a personal level. The more filled you are with Christ (Ephesians 3:14-21), the more people will be drawn to you with a desire to have what you have. Your ministry to others does not depend upon how dazzling your presentations, or how engaging your public events, but on how much of Christ you allow to shine through you. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

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Shining Out to Others

Ministry has often been sidetracked from what is really important. Many people have gotten caught up in vain religion that does not truly help people. (For a compelling study on this, please request the study "Vain Religion".)

The Bible says, "Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou

cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward” (Isaiah 58:4-8).

Pure religion is manifested in two ways, 1) by helping people with their basic needs, and 2) living a life in harmony with God’s commands (James 1:26, 27). This can only be accomplished with Christ abiding in our hearts. “Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising” (Isaiah 60:1-3). I pray that God will arise in your heart so fully that everyone around you will be stunned with the brightness.

An Inspiring Quote

I read something that was truly inspiring, which says, “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’ There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the

inexperienced counseled. We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot, be without fruit” (*Ministry of Healing*, pages 143, 144).

Jesus said, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16). Take every opportunity to let Christ shine through you to those around you. When you go to the store, don’t think you are there just for the item you are purchasing, you are there to let Jesus shine through you. Open yourself to the possibilities around you for sharing God’s goodness with others. Pray for divine appointments that will fill each day with evidence of God’s guidance in your life and bring joy to everyone you meet.

Ministry Ideas

Door to Door Evangelism: Going door to door to talk to people about the Lord can be intimidating, but it can yield some incredible experiences and bring people closer to the Lord. Recently three of the men in our study group went door to door to share the love of God with people. We went without any agenda to sell anything or to get people to join a denomination. Rather we went with the goal of allowing God to shine through us to bless the people we met in whatever way He wishes. Because we were not trying to get money we were not rushed to get to the next house. We were open to spending as much time as necessary at

each location to be the best blessing we could be. At the first door where we knocked, a man invited us in. This brother had wanted to find fellowship with others who could encourage him on his journey with the Lord. We spent an hour sharing testimonies and studying with him. He asked if we would be willing to study with him each week. Going door to door is easier if you go with someone. Jesus sent the disciples out two by two (Mark 6:7).

Hospital Visitation: On several occasions a few of us entered a hospital visiting people we didn't know to see if we could pray with them or somehow be a blessing. Most people in a hospital are very happy to have someone pray with them. On one occasion a man expressed his gratitude, stating that when his father was in the hospital, just before he died, a chaplain came to his room to pray with him and walked him through accepting Jesus as His Saviour. This man explained that his father had been an abusive drunk all his life, and that the chaplain had accidentally gone to the wrong room, which actually turned out to be the right room in God's plan. He strongly encouraged us to continue doing what we were doing. Now, on that occasion we had no official permission from the hospitals to do what we were doing, but God blessed anyway. Sometimes we were asked to leave that area, so we moved to another. Always be courteous and respectful to the staff. Just recently I became an official chaplain for a nearby hospital, but you can bless people without that credential. A lot can be done just in the waiting room. Mingle with the

people waiting, and see how you can be a blessing to them.

Volunteer Fire Department: Six years ago a neighbor whom I had never met came to my house and asked me if I would like to join the fire department. My initial thought was, "No," but I told him I would pray about it. The Lord impressed me to join, so the next day I joined our local Volunteer Fire Department. This is not a work for everyone, but it is an avenue that has allowed me to interact with my community and be a blessing in some amazing ways. If you believe the Lord wants you to do that, contact your local fire department. There are also many other volunteer opportunities available where you can be a blessing to others in practical ways.

Jail Ministry: Six years ago a man in our local study group asked if I would like to do jail ministry. Of course! Three days later we were in the jail sharing the gospel with the inmates. God opened the doors very quickly for that to happen. Soon afterwards we started ministering at the juvenile jail. This outreach has been a great blessing for us as well as to the inmates (Proverbs 11:25). If you are interested to do jail ministry, contact a jail nearby, and ask to talk to the chaplain. See what is involved in ministering there. Some jails are harder to get into than others. If one does not work, try another one. The jails I work in now are about an hour away, but it is well worth the drive. I bring books and tracts to share with the inmates. Doing jail ministry through the mail is another way to bless inmates. Check with a chaplain to see how this can be accomplished.

Local Bible Studies: We have been having local Bible studies in our community for several years, but within the last two years we have made a greater effort to encourage local friends and neighbors to join us. God has blessed in this outreach. Establish a place to study, and then start inviting your neighbors to study the Bible with you. Be consistent. There have been several times I was the only one who showed up, but I have kept with it, and now we have a good little group who meet regularly, and faithful men who lead out in the Bible study when I am away.

Literature Outreach: There are many ways to share literature. We purchased small, clear, plastic display racks that can be set on a table or counter and hold about ten of our newsletters. Most of the smaller businesses have been happy to display them for us. Currently there are about 20 businesses in our local area that are displaying our newsletters for people to get their free copy. Some from other states have been displaying them in their local areas as well. If you are interested in this outreach, let us know and we can supply you with literature. Some people leave materials in public areas, bulletin boards, bathrooms, etc. Some will go door to door and leave them on the porch. Others find a blessing in sharing them door to door by talking and praying with people. The blessings of this work is greater than words can express. This experience is extremely valuable for anyone including those who will be moving on to other areas of evangelism work.

Going through a Campground: At a recent camp meeting several

went through the campground talking to people about the Lord. Every day we had rich experiences that encouraged us to go out the next day.

List of Contacts: Start building a list of contacts so you can have it available to invite people to Bible studies or other events, or send them literature or interest cards.

Benevolent Work: Find out if there is anything you can do to help people in need. In every community there are needs you can help with and thereby let Christ shine to people with whom you would not have otherwise interacted.

Build Relationships: Get acquainted with the people around you and build relationships. Often it is not about what you know, but who you know.

Pray for Divine Appointments: Ask God to lead you to someone or some way you can be a blessing each day. Take risks! Paul went where God led him even though he was put in some dangerous places (2 Corinthians 11:24-28).

Nursing Home Ministry: Visit a local nursing home and see how you can be a blessing there. Some have setup weekly times to sing or read the Bible. This is something that can allow participation from people of all ages.

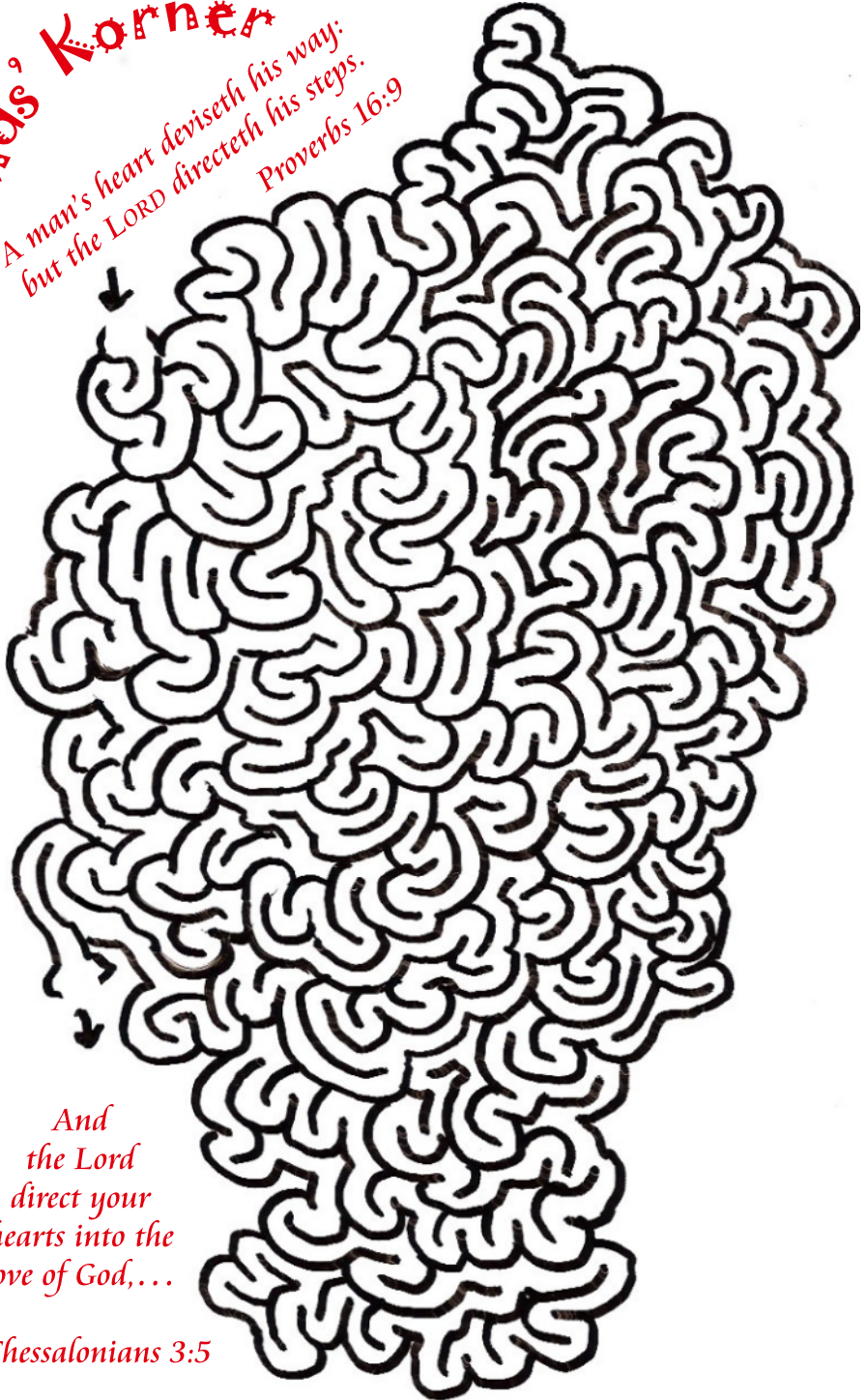
Telephone Ministry: Some have called numbers in a phone book to pray with and encourage people in that way.

Street Witnessing: There are numerous opportunities to do ministry in parks or public areas where many

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Kids' Korner

A man's heart deviseth his way;
but the LORD directeth his steps.
Proverbs 16:9



And
the Lord
direct your
hearts into the
love of God,...

2 Thessalonians 3:5

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Bible Word Search

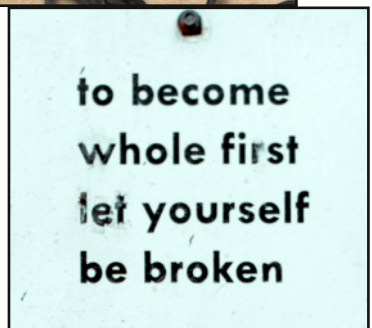
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“Ye are the light of the world... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”
(Matthew 5:14-16)

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Jesus said,
“If any man will come after
me, let him
deny himself, and
take up his cross daily, and
follow me.”

Luke 9:23



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Bible Study Crossword - Personality of God - Part 9

(The King James Version is required.)

➤ "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of ____ and revelation in the knowledge of him." Ephesians 1:17—**9 Across**

➤ "The ____ of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints." Ephesians 1:18—**2 Across**

➤ "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his ____ power." Ephesians 1:19—**13 Across**

➤ "Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the ____ places." Ephesians 1:20—**1 Down**

➤ "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and ____, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." Ephesians 1:21—**8 Across**

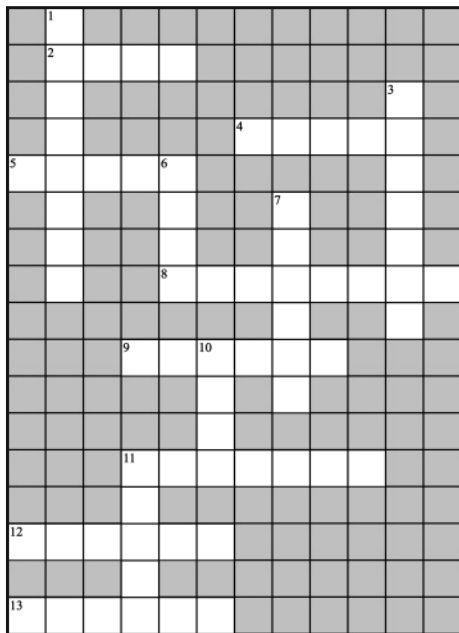
➤ "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the ____ over all things to the church." Ephesians 1:22—**6 Down**

➤ "Which is his body, the ____ of him that filleth all in all." Ephesians 1:23—**11 Across**

➤ "He was taken from ____ and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation?..." Isaiah 53:8—**7 Down**

➤ "...for he was cut off out of the land of the ____: for the transgression of my people was he stricken." Isaiah 53:8—**12 Across**

➤ "And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his ____; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth." Isaiah 53:9—**5 Across**



➤ "Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his ____ an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand." Isaiah 53:10—**10 Down**

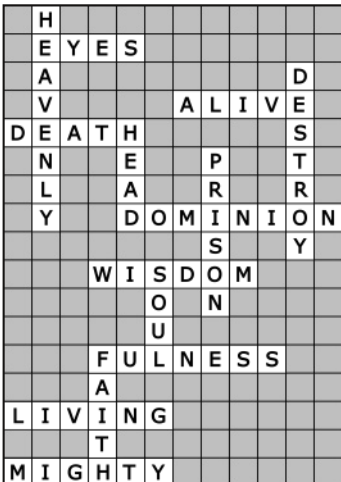
➤ "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to ____ both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28—**3 Down**

➤ "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but ____ unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:11—**4 Across**

➤ "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the ____ of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20—**11 Across**

A complex, dense, and highly convoluted maze-like structure, resembling a brain or a complex network, with a small arrow pointing to a specific path.

Luke 10:33, 34



How many times can you find the word “inside” in the first article?

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people gather. The apostle Paul did this type of ministry (Acts 17:22-31; 16:13-15).

Conclusion

The list of ways to preach the gospel is endless, but the bottom line is, go out and mingle with people around you so the light of the Christ can reach your community. Make a difference! Be the change! This starts with surrendering your own life to Christ so when people see you they will see Christ. You don't have to be perfect for God to bless people, but the more you are submitted to Christ, the greater your success will be in sharing the gospel.

Your first mission field is your family. A family patterned after God's order is one of the most powerful witnessing tools (1 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 5:33-6:4).

Make yourself available for God to direct you in your everyday life. If you get an impression to do something to bless others, obey the call. Don't put it off for another time or for someone else to do. God gave you that impression for a reason. He wants to use you, and there is no better place you can be than in the center of His will (John 12:49, 50).

Preach the gospel always, and if necessary, use words. »

Assurance of Salvation

by Tom Wofford

Salvation is a free gift that, when received by faith, will be manifested in a person's life. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death" (1 John 3:14). Faith is not seen, but a person's works are a manifestation of it.

"But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out

another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:20-26).

Heaven would be hell for those who have not formed a relationship with Jesus. They would not be able to do all the so-called sinful pleasures of this world. Living a life with no sin is foreign to them. Many Christians believe sin cannot be overcome in this life. We are to have high moral values and have no part in unrighteousness. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord [agreement] hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel [unbeliever]? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and

touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

How can a Christian adopt and live the principles set down by Jesus without appearing self-righteous, judgemental, hypocritical, or fanatical to a religious code? In everything we do, we need to express our love for Jesus and others. We should always be uplifting Jesus and His goodness to others, so they will be drawn to Him.

“Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings” (1 Peter 2:1).

“Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom... For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace” (James 3:13, 16-18).

We must honor Jesus by what comes out of our mouths, and how we interact with others. The more time we spend in prayer and Bible study the more we will be like Him. We must live in the world at this time, but we do not need to live like the world. “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon [riches]” (Matthew 6:24).

The world does not set the standards we need to live by. As Christians it is God’s standards we must live by. We must prove ourselves by His Word. Salvation is given to us by the grace of

God. It is not anything we have done or can do to earn it. However, if we love Jesus we will want to live our lives the way He asks us to. “But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they” (Acts 15:11).

By the Son of God, “...we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name” (Romans 1:5).

We must examine our lives as to whether we are in the faith and walking according to Gods holy standards. Sanctification is a process we must be willing to be a part of everyday. God has a plan to cleanse our lives from sin. We do not want to find ourselves as somebody Jesus rejects or cast-away. “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates [rejected]?” (2 Corinthians 13:5).

How to Keep Eternal Life

Animals walk by sense, sinners walk by sight or their own reason. Christians walk by faith and by God’s Spirit. “For we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Romans 8:1).

A Christian puts Jesus above all else. “And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name’s sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life” (Matthew 19:29).

After repentance and justification, we need to abide in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Those who do will have eternal life. “That being justified by his

grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:7).

"And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him" (1 John 2:28, 29).

You might say I cannot become holy or perfect. But Jesus said, "For with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37). We need to be confident in God that He can finish the work of sanctification in our lives. "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

The Ten Virgins

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto

you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 25:1-13).

All ten virgins slumbered and slept. But when the midnight cry was given only five of them were ready. Only five of them had enough oil. They were the ones who were concerned for their salvation and walk with God. They were the ones who had a daily relationship with the Saviour. The five virgins who didn't have enough oil were careless with both. Maybe they only had a once-a-week relationship with God, or only called on Him when they were in trouble or a crisis. They both were advocates for the truth and were attached to those who believed the truth. The main difference is they didn't have the Holy Spirit in their lives, so their head knowledge did them no good. Think about this: fifty percent of those who professed to believe didn't make it to heaven. Jesus gave a talk about these people.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:21-23).

We are saved by the sacrifice that Jesus made in our behalf. We have to only confess our sins and invite Him into our lives. Our debt is paid, but this does not give us a license to continue to live as devils, but instead gives us the privilege to live godly. »

(This study was written by a prisoner in Oregon. I pray it is a blessing. *Editor*)



Letters from our Readers



"Would you please send your *Present Truth* paper to my grandson? If possible, send it to me also. I would love copies of all of your crossword puzzles. You should put those in a book. Every grandmother would buy it. It is a wonderful tool for teaching the Bible and where the books are. I would gladly pay for the copies. Thank you and God bless you. PS. Use this \$10.00 as an offering. It is not much but maybe it can be used for God's work. He put it on my heart to send it."

Arkansas

"On October 6, we stayed at a motel in Siloam Springs. I had prayed that God would lead in witnessing, so I visited with the desk clerk. I noticed your booklet *Present Truth* and asked the desk clerk about it since a town called Kansas in Oklahoma seemed funny. She didn't know about the booklet, and I hadn't read it, but I asked her if she had the everlasting life mentioned on the back (John 3:16). She replied no, so I explained more and stressed how important it is. Later a man took her place and I asked him about the plants in the lobby. He said they were used to worship their gods, and he pointed to a Buddhist or Hindu little shrine. So I mentioned creation and how important it is to respond to the great effort our Creator made for us. I pointed to John 3:16 on your booklet and talked with him about everlasting life also. I took a booklet to show my family, and

stopped to talk to a cleaning lady. As I showed her the booklet, she reached out and kept it, so I went back for another one. I read your booklet when I got home and wanted you to know I appreciate your article, 'The Faith of the Son of God.' I pray that your outreach at that motel will be blessed and your ministry also."

Missouri

"What is the Gospel was an awesome article!!!! Totally explained my question as well. So we get the same advantage Jesus had after we are born again. Thank you! Well it was very timely as I gave it to a coworker that I have been giving bible studies to and he almost broke down in tears as he'd been looking for that exact information!!! Lynnford, 'Vain Religion' is another great article! You are right I think about not being judged by what we believe but if Christ was living in us or not. Cuts right to the point!"

Texas

"I'm writing to thank you for getting me on your mailing list so quickly and I really appreciated the Aug-Nov 2018 *Present Truth*, including the Kids' Korner! Would you please be so kind as to send me a copy of *Rescued from Addiction, You Must be Born Again, God's Love Revealed in Hell*, June-July 2018 issue of *Present Truth*, and maybe even the first issue of this year if it's not too much trouble. Thank you so very much, and may God's rich blessing rest upon you."

Tennessee

Present Truth

“We look forward to your monthly *Present Truth* articles. They bring us closer to Almighty God and His Son, Jesus Christ. The Aug-Nov 2018 study on ‘What is the Gospel’ had so much true information we will read it several times. May the Spirit of God always be with you. ‘God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth’ (John 4:24).”

Idaho

“Greeting and multiplied blessing in the holy name of our Blessed Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. I thank our God daily for you in my prayers, for your faithfulness to God and His Word. I thank God you did not go to a seminary and get brain washed, but were/are trained and taught by the Spirit of God, ‘the Spirit of truth,’ as you rightly divide the word. I am blessed through your writings. I always sense your deep submission to Christ, the Word of God and true humility before God and man ever since I met you a few years ago when you came to the Cleveland airport. How you have blessed my life and growth in Christ, the Word. I am 88 years young and being greatly tested in all areas of my life and can attest with joy that those who choose to live godly in Christ shall suffer persecution. Your writings are my bread and I look forward to your letters. May God bless you and

keep you unto that great and glorious day of Christ our Lord.”

Ohio

“Enclosed is funds for a copy of *The Formulation of the Doctrine of the Trinity*. I have been reading and enjoying very much the ‘Letters from our Readers’ page. This is the page I got the info on this article. Thank you for all your help.”

New York

“Thank you for the paper. I love the crosswords... I would like a copy of *Rescued from Addiction* please. I have read and heard of your life story, but I said to my friend, I would like to have it on hand to give to others to read in the hope that it can help others. God bless!”

Australia

“May God richly bless you and your ministries. We enjoy your paper so much. They are so simply written and easy to understand. And Full of Truth. I look forward to reading them. God bless!”

Arkansas

An Apology

Last month I wrote, “...we have been given another chance, a second probation.” Someone informed me that this could be understood to mean after death we have a second chance for salvation. This is not at all what I meant. I am sorry for leaving room for that interpretation. The fate of all are sealed when they die (Hebrews 9:27). *Editor*

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“For God so loved the world, that he
gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should not
perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16

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“And this is life eternal, that they might
know thee the only true God, and Jesus
Christ, whom thou hast sent.”

John 17:3