

A New Year – Beginning a New Decade – –

We frequently refer to the ABC's when using the basic concept of life. A child starts in school learning the ABCs and the numbers. As we begin a new year, let's reflect on some ABCs in God's Word. Resolutions to change habits, do things better, etc., are talked about and set in motion as 2010 begins, with a mental challenge to make 2010 a year of excellence.

Alive! Paul exhorted the church in Rome, "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but **alive** unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord," Romans 6:11. He continues in verse 13, "... but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are **alive** from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Our desires of the body must not be turned over to sin to use as instruments of unrighteousness. As a Christian you are consecrated to God, by rising to a new life, and as **alive** with the divine life, living to God, should use them all as instruments of righteousness; *i.e.*, as means of glorifying Him and doing His will.

Be Christ Centered! "Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil," 1 Peter 3:9-12.

Be as Paul. "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," Philippians 3:13-14. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us," Hebrews 12:1.

"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust," 2 Peter 1:3-4.

...**Committed!** Jesus requires commitment! "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it," Luke 9:23-24. Joshua spoke to the Israelites, "Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord," Joshua 24:14. Christians are commanded to commit themselves to God's word. Paul explains "commitment" in Romans 6:16, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness"? He continues, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," Romans 12:1.

Peter writes in 1 Peter 1:3-5, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

As Jesus was teaching and preaching to the multitudes, He was moved with compassion of them because "they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd," Matthew 9:35-36. We are exhorted by Paul, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth," Colossians 3:1-2 [emphasis supplied]. A definite act is referred to. The definite act is named in 2:12. When they were "buried with him in baptism," they were also raised from this burial with Him through faith. "If then ye were raised with him," if your obedience was from the heart and in faith, if you rose *with him*, then "seek those things which are above."



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As we begin a “new year,” a remembrance of the blessings made available to Christians through Christ will provide comfort and strength. Follow the path of worship and service required by Him in maintaining a relationship with our Savior.

BIBLE QUIZ

Sermon on the Mount - Matthew 5 - 7

- 1) The Sermon on the Mount is found in which book?

a. Matthew 5:1-7:29	b. Luke 7:1-9:62
c. Mark 2:1-4:41	d. John 5:1-7:53
- 2) Blessed are the ____ for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

a. meek	b. merciful
c. poor in spirit	d. pure in heart
- 3) Blessed are the ____: for they shall be called the children of God.

a. peacemakers	b. merciful
c. meek	d. pure in heart
- 4) Blessed are the ____: for they shall obtain mercy.

a. meek	b. peacemakers
c. poor in spirit	d. merciful
- 5) Blessed are the ____: for they shall obtain mercy.

a. pure in heart	b. meek
c. merciful	d. peacemakers
- 6) Blessed are the ____: for they shall see God.

a. pure in heart	b. poor in spirit
c. merciful	d. peacemakers
- 7) Blessed are they ____: for they shall be comforted.

a. which do hunger and thirst after righteousness
b. which are persecuted for righteousness sake
c. that weep
d. that mourn
- 8) Blessed are they ____: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

a. which do hunger and thirst after righteousness
b. that mourn
c. which are persecuted for righteousness sake
d. that week
- 9) Blessed are they ____: for they shall be filled.

a. that mourn
b. which do hunger and thirst after righteousness
c. which are persecuted for righteousness sake
d. that weep
- 10) Christ said He came to ____ the law.

a. destroy	b. fulfill
c. add to	c. change
- 11) Ye are the ____ of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

a. hope	b. joy
c. light	d. blessed
- 12) Ye are the ____ of the earth.

a. strength	b. pepper
c. salt	d. foundation
- 13) Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding ____: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

a. glad	b. happy
c. joyful	d. none of the above

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I Thought I Was Right...

I love football. I began playing when I was in the seventh grade and I remember like it was yesterday the fear and uncertainty I had on my first day of practice. I also remember an occasion during one of our afternoon practices when one of my coaches, Coach Lyle, said something to me that remains with me to this day. I was playing defense, weak side linebacker, and a play was called in which I was supposed to blitz. When the center snapped the ball I looked and I saw the running back sprinting off toward the flats. Instead of blitzing like I was supposed to I tore off after the running back because I thought that no one else was going to cover him. When I did that, the quarterback ran right through the hole I was supposed to have been blitzing through and up the field for a touchdown.

Coach Lyle was furious! "Westbrook!" he said, "What are you doing! You're supposed to be blitzing not covering the running back!" As you can imagine I was now a bit nervous and as everyone stood there looking at me I cleared my throat and with a pinch of confidence said "I know I was supposed to be blitzing but when I saw the running back run off I thought I was supposed to cover him instead." Coach Lyle's response was monumental, to me at least. Not only did his words help me to be a better football player but even today they remind me that what I think is right, is not always right. He looked at me and said with a loud voice, "that's what you get for thinking!"

There are so many occasions in life where we think we are right but soon find out that we are not. Certainly religion is one of those areas. Jeremiah said in the long ago, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." (Jeremiah 10:23) Because God is our creator and because He is omniscient He alone has the right to govern what is right and what is wrong religiously speaking, whether we think we are right or not really is of no consequence.

It is a sad reality that thousands of men and women worldwide think that they are right in their religious practice. However Jesus Himself said that there would be many people who, although they think they are right, will one day find out that they are not. Notice His words in Matthew 7:21-23, "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."

The world in which we live is becoming more and more religiously confusing. In this post modern age where absolute truth is discounted, contemporary doctrines are created, and new agendas are pushed to the forefront it is vitally important for us to speak only as the oracles of God. (1 Peter 4:1) Let us be mindful of Jesus' teaching in Matthew 7 of the reality that you or I could be in the number on judgment day, who bow before Jesus and say "I thought I was right." Cody Westbrook, Ward Street church of Christ, Marlin, Texas.

Don't neglect your prayer time. It is the breath of the soul.
Luke 18:1

Don't neglect your Bible. It is your sword for conquest,
your hammer for construction, your guiding light
for dreary days. Revelation 1:3

Don't neglect your body. It is the capital on which you are
to do business for the rest of your life.
1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.

Don't neglect your mind. It is your channel for reaching
up to the very thoughts of God. Philippians 4:8

Don't neglect your laugh. The Bible teaches that "A merry
heart doth good like a medicine." Proverbs 17:22

Don't neglect your reputation. It is the gold with which
you will meet the demands of a complex
civilization. Matthew 5:14-16

Don't neglect your influence. It will point other people to
the living God whom you serve. Proverbs 11:6

A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ

2 Timothy 2:3
A good soldier must...

ENLIST Matthew 11:28-30 Matthew 12:30 Romans 6:17-18	BE ARMED Ephesians 6:10-18 1 Peter 4:1 Romans 8:9	PATIENTLY DRILL 1 Timothy 4:7-8 Hebrews 5:13-14
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IS RELIGIOUS UNITY POSSIBLE?

Many answer, "No," saying, "We can't all see the Bible alike." Actually, if we "see" the Bible at all, we will see it alike. Religious division is confusion, but God is not the author of confusion: "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." 1 Corinthians 14:33. So, God is not the author of religious division.

From God's standpoint, religious unity is not only possible, but necessary. Religious unity existed in apostolic days. All who obeyed the Gospel of Christ were added by the Lord to the same church: "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47. Paul reports in 1 Corinthians 12:18, "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." [emphasis supplied].

Reading the history of the early church, we find these descriptions of unity. "And all that believed were *together*," Acts 2:46; "And the multitude of them that believed were of *one heart and one soul*," Acts 4:32. They had unity!

Early Christians were admonished to preserve this unity. They were to: (1) "endeavor" to keep it, Ephesians 4:3; (2) "follow after things which make for peace," Romans 14:19; (3) "walk by the *same* rule" and mind the *same* things," (Philippians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 1:10) – the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11). Was God telling them to preserve something they did not have and could not attain?

If religious unity is impossible today, what made it possible in Apostolic times? What changes have occurred? If any change has taken place, it is in the *people's attitude* toward the Bible. *The Bible's teaching has not changed:* "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." Psalm 119:89.

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!!**

*Our Best Wishes for a Safe
And Successful 2010!!*

WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?

Jesus asked the Pharisees this challenging and important question nearly two thousand years ago, Matthew 22:41-46. We ask the same question today – "What Think Ye of Christ in ..."

YOUTH: "Too happy to think – time enough." Ecclesiastes 12:1-7.

MANHOOD: "Too busy to think – more gold to get!" Matthew 6:19-21.

PRIME: "Too anxious to think – too much else to worry about." Matthew 6:25-34.

DECLINING YEARS: "Too old to think – old hearts are hard to change." Matthew 20:1-16

DYING BED: "Too ill to think – now weak and suffering alone." Hebrews 13:5, 6

DEATH: "Tis too late to think – the spirit has departed." Ecclesiastes 12:7; Revelation 14:13.

ETERNITY: Forever to think – God has taken away mercy." Revelation 14:10, 11, 20:10-15; 21:8; 22:1-7

"Ye call me MASTER, and obey me not.

Ye call me LIGHT, and see me not,

Ye call me WAY, and walk me not,

Ye call me LIFE, and desire me not,

Ye call me FAIR, and love me not,

Ye call me ETERNAL, and seek me not,

Ye call me MIGHTY, AND HONOR ME NOT,

Ye call me JUST, and fear me not.

If I condemn then, blame me not."

Jesus asks, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say." Luke 6:46; John 3:16; Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38. **Don't wait too late!!** House to House

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny...

"Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:15-16

Before You Start Your Day ...

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it," Psalm 118:24.

Don't get angry swiftly! Use self control! "He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding; but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly," Proverbs 14:29.

Be vigilant all day long! "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour..." 1 Peter 5:8, 9.

Pray! "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up," Psalm 5:3.

Be kind and merciful to everyone! "Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth," Proverbs 24:17, 18.

A GOOD WORD IS A GOOD THING!!

2010 – Let us begin each day of the new year with a resolve to become better Christians and better individuals with better attitudes and understanding to those we are associated with. The following article is from Heart to Heart, House to House, Volume 8, Number 5.

“Mark Twain once said, “I can live for two months on one good compliment.” We all know what he meant by that. It lifts your spirits to have someone say something genuinely nice to you or about you.

Solomon noted this human truth: “Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad,” Proverbs 12:25. Haven’t you experienced days when the morning began just right? Someone in your family mentioned something special about you he/she appreciated. Your boss gave you a compliment as you walked through the door. And then, there was a note in the mail or a phone call from someone you love, and words of cheer entered your heart and carried you through the day.

Since we know how good it feels to receive such expressions from people, shouldn’t we spread the same joy to others? We ought to take advantage of the many opportunities that are available to us. Ephesians 5:15 encourages us to walk carefully, “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.” Paul, to the Christians at Colosse, exhorted, “Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man,” Colossians 4:5-6. “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith,” Galatians 6:10.”

Practice using “good” words. There is no financial debt to the giving of a compliment. You don’t have to be popular to effect others. Even strangers reap the benefit of receiving a good word from you.

Start the New Year resolving to begin each day with “good” words to those around you!! It will help you have a “better” day, and will help another person have an overall “better” day.

The One True Church Its Founder: Christ

He is purchaser, Acts 20:28
He is builder, Matthew 16:18
He is head, Ephesians 5:23
He is authority, Mark 1:22
He is Savior, Ephesians 5:23

PAST – PRESENT - FUTURE - - - -

Philippians 3:14 - *I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

Venetian artist Titian portrayed Prudence as a man with three heads. One head was of a youth facing the future, another of a mature man eyeing the present, and the third, a wise old man gazing at the past. Over their heads Titian wrote a Latin phrase that means, "From the example of the past, the man of the present acts prudently so as not to imperil the future."

We need that kind of wisdom to overcome the anxiety created by our past failures and the fear of repeating them in the future, an anxiety that can keep us from enjoying life to the fullest.

Paul was able to "forget" his past and anticipate his future (Phil. 3:13-14). This doesn't mean that his memory was erased; it means that because God had forgiven him, Paul was free of any guilt or pride he may have felt from his past. As he lived in daily fellowship with Christ, trials could only make him more like his Savior. So he had one driving passion.....to know Christ better.

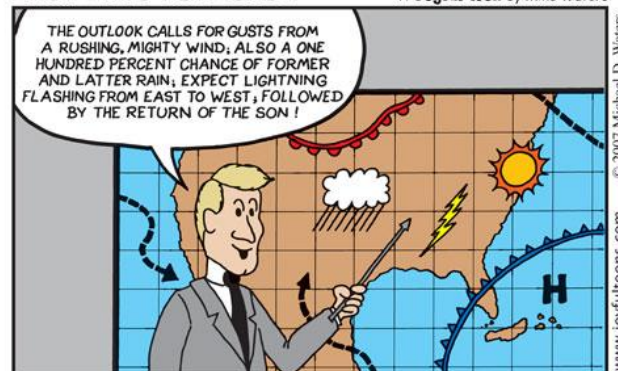
As we close the chapter of 2009, let's rededicate ourselves to Christ in 2010 and follow Paul's example. Jesus will enable us to live fully in the present as we gain wisdom from the past and face the future with courage. Never let the past cloud a bright future.

Devotional:Tom Smith

For our gospel came not unto you in word only,
but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost,
and in much assurance;
as ye know what manner of men we were
among you for your sake.
1st Thessalonians 1:5

LAST DAYS FORECAST

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;
- MALACHI 4:2 KJV
ALSO HOSEA 6:3, ACT 2:2, MATTHEW 24:27

**“Be diligent [study] to present yourself approved to God,
a worker who does not need to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 3:15 NKJV**

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?
Numbers 23:19

Read the Bible prayerfully – “Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from your Law.” Psalm 119:18

Read the Bible thoughtfully – Think about the meaning and implications of what you are reading.

Read the Bible carefully – Take careful note not only of the words that are used but also of how they relate to one another.

Read the Bible repeatedly. – It may help to read the same portion over daily for a period of time, a good way for its words to take root in your heart.

Read the Bible extensively – Sometimes read large portions of the Word of God through at one sitting. Do it when you are alert and not likely to be disturbed during your reading.

Read the Bible regularly – Have a particular time every day when you regularly give yourself to the reading of the Word of God.

Read the Bible faithfully – There will be days when you will not read the Scriptures. Don’t let your lapse discourage you; resume your practice of reading God’s Word.

Read the Bible obediently – Because the Bible is God’s Word written to you, it is essential to obey it. “So Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice, and said, ‘All the words which the Lord has said will we do.’” Exodus 24:3.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Hebrews 13:19

WHERE IN THE BIBLE WILL I FIND . . . AUTHORITY FOR THINGS PRACTICED IN WORSHIP



Many religious institutions practice the use of mechanical instruments of music in worship even realizing that they are not authorized, and thus they argue that they do not need authority in order to use them, or anything else used in worship. Just what is authorized, or do we need authority for what we do or use in worship? God has always given His commands in two categories. (1) Specific, and (2) Generic. When a specific command is given all aspects of that command is laid out and they must be carried out as specified, no part of it can be changed; to do so, would be in direct opposition to the commandment of God. When a generic command is given, the command is to be carried out as commanded, but the means used in which to carry it out is not specified, and therefore, any means of expediency used lawfully would be acceptable with God. An example of a specific command is when God told Noah to build an ark (Gen. 6). If His command had ended there, Noah would have been at liberty to build any size boat he wished, using any kind of wood available, however, God’s command did not end here. He instructed Noah as to the exact size he was to build the ark including the type of wood he was to use. That command did not authorize oak, cedar, pine or any other kind of wood. Noah was limited to gopher wood. God has told us to assemble for worship (Heb. 10:25), but He has not specified where, therefore, we are at liberty to meet in our homes, under a tree, by the river, or in a building built by the church. If He had specified in a home, then a church building would be unauthorized. God has commanded that we take care of the needed (James 1:27), but He did not specify just how they are to be provided for. This is a generic command and, therefore, expedient means are used. Whether we care for these in our homes or provide a special home for them will be how this work is to be done. God has commanded that we make music in our worship to Him. Had He stopped there we would have been at liberty to use any musical instrument we chose to make music. But He specified the music He required, “SINGING” (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). This eliminated all other means of making music. We must be careful in that the commandments of God must be carried out in the manner in which He has given them. A generic command is to be carried out using expedient means, but a specific command must be carried out in the manner specified by God with NO additions and NO subtractions. The Bible, which is the Word of God, is our authority for everything we say and practice in our worship to God. “. . . If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life. . . .” (Rev. 22:18-19)

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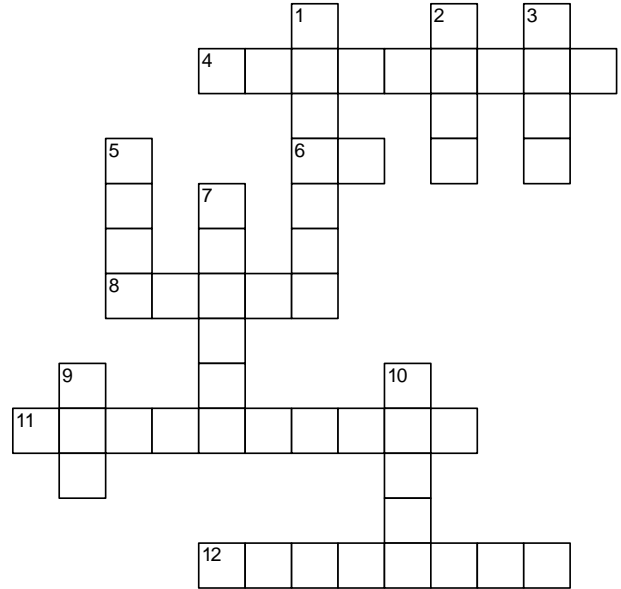
Across

- 4. Right Time. "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in ____ shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call." Joel 2:32.
- 6. Christ founded the Scriptural Church. "And I say also unto thee, That ... upon this rock I will build ___ church...." Matt. 16:18
- 8. "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner ____." Eph. 2:20.
- 11. Scriptural Foundation. "For other ____ can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11.
- 12. "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the ____." 1 Cor. 3:6.

Down

- 1. Apostles commanded to tarry in Jerusalem. "And, behold, I send the ____ of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:49.
- 2. Everlasting seed. "Heaven and earth shall ___ away: but my words shall not pass away." Mark 13:31.
- 3. Sow same seed as apostles. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also ____." Gal. 6:7.
- 5. "And I will give unto thee the ____ of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matt. 16:19

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- 7. Other plants will be destroyed. "Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be ____ up." Matt. 15:13.
- 9. Peter's confession is solid foundation. "... Thou art the Christ, the ____ of the living God." Matt. 16:16
- 10. Built in Jerusalem. "Therefore thus saith the Lord; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my ____ shall be built in it, saith the Lord of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem. Zechariah 1:16.

Love One Another

Y D U B P T P K P Q T C P L R
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| PRESERVES | PROTECTS |
| PROUD | REJOICES |
| TRUSTS | TRUTHFUL |

Teacher: Can anyone give me the name of a liquid that won't freeze?

Pupil: Hot water!

Teacher: Name a conductor of electricity.

Pupil: Why er...

Teacher: Wire is right.

Teacher: Name a unit of electrical power.

Pupil: What?

Teacher: The watt is absolutely correct.

Teacher: Who succeeded the first President of the USA?

Pupil: The second one!

Happiness Keeps You Sweet

Trials Keep You Strong

Sorrows Keep You Human

Failures Keep You Humble

Success Keeps You Glowing

But Only God Keeps You Going!

INVESTING YOUR TALENTS

We face the days in a world experiencing a fall in the economy, climbing unemployment and threats of attack. "Change" seems to be the popular word; it is a time to check our spiritual talents to make sure we have our investments intact. If not, we need to make a change.

We know by reading Matthew 7:13-20 we must walk through a strait gate onto a narrow path. If we are wise and heed Jesus' words in Matthew 6:20, we will "lay up treasures" in heaven where they will not be corrupted by rust or stolen by thieves. Treasures – investing in worship, study and activities – will accrue in God's Book of Life that will be opened on the day of judgment. By reading verse 21, we understand that only those that do the will of God will enter the kingdom of heaven: "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." We are told that every one will be known by their fruits – good or bad. Are you a healthy tree, having knowledge of the scriptures, evangelizing, admonishing those who have drifted away and edifying for their return?

The wise man built his house upon a firm foundation – the Word of God: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock," verse 24.

What are your investments? What do you profess? What are you hearing? What are you doing? What kind of foundation are you building on? Jesus gave himself for us, "that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works," Titus 2:14. Do we have great zeal in our desire to reach other people – desire, excited with eagerness, motivated? Matthew 28:18-20. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith," Galatians 6:10. Jesus said, "The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few," Matthew 9:37. He wants us to be busy!!

Bible Quiz: 1) a, 2) c, Matthew 5:3; 3) a, Matthew 5:9; 4) d, Matthew 5:7; 5) b, Matthew 5:5; 6) a, Matthew 5:8; 7) d, Matthew 5:4; 8) c, Matthew 5:10; 9) b, Matthew 5:6; 10) b, Matthew 5:17; 11) c, Matthew 5:14; 12) c, Matthew 5:13; 13) a, Matthew 5:11-12.

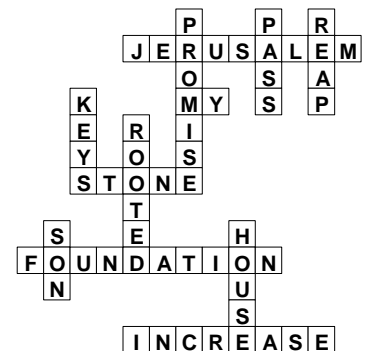
How Do I Get into Heaven?

A teacher asked the children in her Sunday School class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?" "NO!" the children all answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?" Again, the answer was "NO!"

"Well," she continued, "then how can I get to heaven?" In the back of the room, a five-year-old boy shouted out, "You gotta be dead!" Author Unknown

"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be;
and that which is done is that which shall be done:
and there is no new thing under the sun."

Ecclesiastes 1:11.



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