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RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class40

Attendance AM71

Attendance PM27

Wednesday PMNA

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health:

Carlene Harley; Otis Adair (home); Marie Tolley; Richard & Florine Thomas; Pat Norris (home); Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Janis Bland; Richard D. Melson;

Traveling:

Richard Melson, Jr.; Mozella Tate;

Prayers:

- Zak Dialo

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: July

— 2—Richard Melson, Jr.; 6—Penny Cook; 8—Rachel Blanks; 15— Glenna Adair; 22— Otis Adair; 9—Ruby Nickell

Anniversaries: July

— 23—Chad and Jennifer Arnett; 30 Norris & Diane Cole

Ladies Reading Group:

Zoom Class Aug 6 @ 6:00 PM

Chapter 10 in “The Begging Place”

July 26

BRETHREN TO SERVE AM

BRETHREN TO SERVE PM

Opening Prayer

Frank Brock

Frank Brock

Song Leader

Lyle Cole

Patrick Cook

Lead Lord’s Supper

Frank Brock

Frank Brock

Server 1

Chris Poole

Chris Poole

Server 2

James Grigsby

Patrick Thomas

Scripture Reader

Ryan McGahee

Anthony Grigsby

Sermon

Richard D. Melson

Richard D. Melson

Prayer for Responses

Tony Moore

Tony Moore

Closing Prayer

Michael Blanks, Jr.

Michael Blanks, Jr.

Announcements

Richard D. Melson

Richard D. Melson

Greeter

Frank Brock

Frank Brock

Usher

Anthony Grigsby

Anthony Grigsby

Usher

A.S.A.P. = Always Say A Prayer

“Pray without ceasing”

1 Thessalonians 5:17

TO OUR VISITORS

Our goal in the church of Christ is to be the New Testament church, which you can read about in the Bible. We invite you to observe our worship assemblies, the doctrine that is taught and the structure of the church organization. Make a close comparison with your “church”and the church of the Bible -- The Church of Christ. We also invite you to join us as we strive to be the church of the Bible and restore New Testament Christianity.

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I TRUST GOD

Glenn I Hitchcock

A sad commentary of our generation is a lack of trusting faith in the marvelous promises of God. Without a trusting and obedient faith in the High and Holy – life become a meaningless and unhappy conclusion. The wise king Solomon was acquainted with trusting God’s blessings. The monarch had invested self in a matters apart from God and we would be advised to understand the results of his experiences: “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man” (Eccl 12:13).

We have a clear choice in life. We can trust our Creator and live or, we can trust our curiosity with the company of Satan and lose out on eternal life. The old commentator Matthew Henry said: “Every man is the servant of the master to whose commands he yields himself; whether it be the sinful dispositions of his heart, in actions which lead to death, or the new and spiritual obedience implanted by regeneration.” The Holy Spirit speaking through the apostle Paul said: “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?” (Romans 6:16).

Many years ago before modern travel a man traveling west was hopelessly lost until discovered by another traveler heading east. The fellow traveler encouraged the frustrated wayfarer to take a copy of his map along with a compass and to trust in the two items! What was the west bound traveler trusting to arrive at his destination? He may have trusted in his instincts. He may have traveled the route previously and had some experience. Whatever this man trusted had failed him! He needed to have a proper trust in the tools to lead him to his destination. Instead of trusting our instincts, feelings and experiences apart from God, let us be equipped with a confident trust in the Lord! When the world tempts you to sin and wallow in the mire of filth and ruin – trust God (Titus 2:11-13)!

- When Satan attempts to convince you that your attendance and the church are of no importance – trust God (Hebrews 10:23-25)!
- When your classmates or peer group sells you on the idea that gospel obedience is for wimps – trust God (Mark 16:16)!
- When family members encourage you to remain in adultery because of the children – trust God (Matthew 19:3-9; Hebrews 13:4)!
- When Christians give up on fidelity to Jesus because of materialism – trust God (I Corinthians 15:58; Matthew 6:33)!
- When your family renounces you because of your faith – keep on trusting God (Matthew 10:32-33-39)!
- When a love one dies and life seems so unfair and miserable, look up and trust God (John 11:25)!

“Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
and put your trust in the LORD.” (Psalms 4:5)

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10



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Schedule of Services

Sunday
Bible Study 9:30
Worship 10:30 A.M.
5:00 P.M.

1st Sunday No 5:00 PM

Wednesday
Bible Study
7:00 P.M.

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Words of Wisdom For Youth ... 1 Timothy 4:12

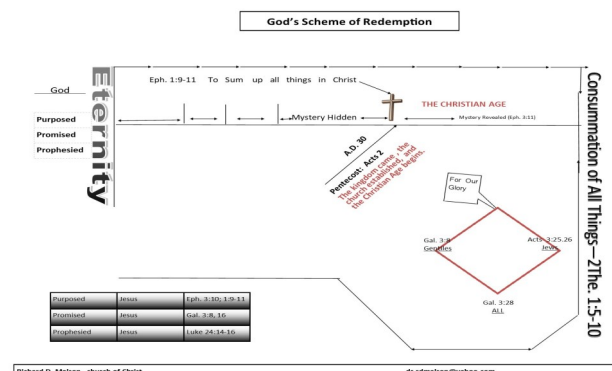
You are worth it!



The God of heaven is perfect and does not need anything (Acts 17:25)—the entire world is His, and everything in it (Psa. 50:12). So, He did not need man to complete Himself, yet He still created us. To God, you are worth it! God knew that you and I and all of His created beings were going to sin against Him and need His saving grace. Yet, He decided even before the first sin that He would send Jesus to suffer, die and pay the ultimate price for our sins (Matt. 26:28; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 2:24). To God, you are worth it! God longs for you to love Him and serve Him, of your own free will and from the loving depths of your soul, and He patiently waits for you to yield yourself entirely to Him (John 15:1-14; Gal. 2:20; Jas. 4:6-10). To God, you are worth it! God has prepared an eternal home for you in heaven (2 Cor. 5:1-8; John 14:1-3), and He has given you abundant and clear directions to get there (Col. 3:1-17; Rom. 12:1-21). To God, you are worth it!

How much is He worth to you?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



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Melson's Musings ...



God Created the Earth and Will Destroy It

We are all aware of the need for growth. This is nothing new for the New Testament addresses such. In fact, you will find a great deal about the matter of personal growth in the epistles of Peter. Notice what he will have to say, “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby” (I Peter 2:2). He will also conclude his second epistle with the admonition, “But grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (II Peter 3:18). Yes, Peter will encourage growth in his writings. But there are some things that are necessary before this kind of growth will be seen. This becomes obvious when we look more closely to some of the things he had to say.

1. IF WE WOULD GROW THERE ARE SOME THINGS TO AVOID

This would be true in the physical realm. If children are to grow, some things have to be left behind. Peter has something to say about this. Notice his language, “Wherefore laying aside all malice and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and evil speaking” (1 Peter 2:1). You will notice that this verse appears just before verse two. It is in verse two that we are told to grow by the Word. But there can be no growth by the Word where there are those things which are contrary to the Word.

Just what are these things to be avoided? Well, let's start with the last and trace it back to its source. There is the matter of "evil speaking." Now what do we mean by such? It means to slander, defame or speak against. But why would a person do this? Move back to the next word and you will find envy. This is the feeling of displeasure that one has because of the good fortune of another.

How will that person conduct himself who is given to evil speaking and is envious? Peter points out that person will act as a hypocrite. He will use guile or deceit. He will conceal his true identity. But what is the cause of all of this? Peter begins with the term “malice.” It is the word that is used for evil or wickedness. So when one goes to the root of the problem, he will find those things that will forbid growth.

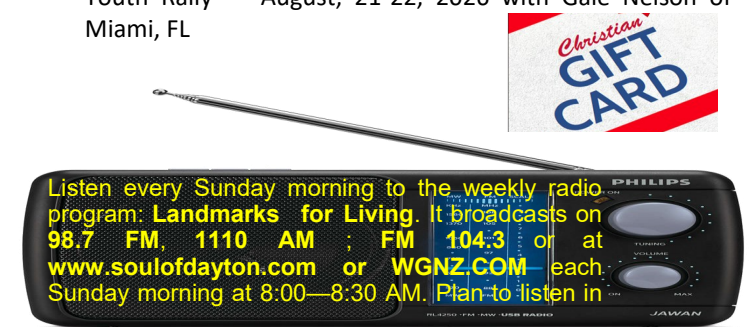
These things must be laid aside. They must all be laid aside for there can be no growth in the life of such a person. How could there be when such would be opposed to the very Word that he is to desire so that he might grow. Desire for the Word and that which opposes the Word cannot, and I repeat, cannot reside in the same person.

2. SOME THINGS MUST BE ADDED

Space will not allow a full discussion of those things called the “Christian graces,” but Peter will name them in II Peter 1:5-7. Where these things are found, you will truly find growth in the right kind.

- Winfred Clark

- ☞ Summer Series: Mark Phillips Cincinnati, OH—Hebrews chapter 8
- ☞ Congregation Picnic August 1, 2026 11:00 AM—4:00 PM at building
- ☞ Youth Rally — August, 21-22, 2026 with Gale Nelson of Miami, FL



NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: www.wvbs.org ; www.apologeticspress.org ; www.searchtv.org; <http://gbntv.org/>;
- View: In Search of the Lord's Way— Dish- Sunday 7:00 am Channel 239; DirecTV Channel 307; GBN 7 PM;
www.anchorofthesoul.tv
- Check out Tullstar Archives at <http://media.Tullstar.org> for lessons from faithful brethren.

GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN'S SALVATION

“Sirs, What must I do to be saved?” Acts 16:30

- ◆ The Gospel Must Be Heard – John 6:44-45; Romans 10:17; John 8:32
- ◆ The Gospel Must Be Believed—John 8:24; Mark 16:16
- ◆ Sins Must Be Repented of – Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38
- ◆ Christ Must Be Confessed—Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37
- ◆ There Must Be Baptism (Immersion) for Remission (forgiveness) of Sins—Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
- ◆ Christian Growth and Faithfulness—1 Peter 2:2; Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 3:18