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# From Where I Sit . . .

# "Jesus Is The Way To A Better Life"

The popular goal of our generation is to have "the good life." This dream is not new. It can be found in every age and every walk of life. To find the truly good life we must recognize that **JESUS IS THE WAY!** Before we can come to see how this is true, we will have to cultivate

a new way of thinking. Jesus corrects our misconceptions. It's unfortunate that so many people think of the "good life" in terms of material prosperity, pleasure, and popularity. It's far better that we sum it up as "HAPPINESS" and "PEACE." Even a cursory observation reveals that many wealthy, high-living, famous people are extremely unhappy and lacking inner peace. Jesus is the way to true happiness and peace. He teaches that there is more to life than material possessions: Luke 12:15 (KJV) 15 "And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

Our material possessions do not define who we are and they certainly don't provide us with a lasting joy. They are too fleeting. Jesus offers a peace which things of the world cannot give, and a joy which is complete and full: John 14:27 (KJV) <sup>27</sup> "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 15:11 (KJV) 11 "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." What the world cannot give, Jesus can give. How does He do it?

First, He identifies and roots out the real problem. What is the cause of so much unhappiness in this world? What deprives so many of inner peace? Jesus declared that the source of all these things starts with the sinful hearts of men: Mark 7:21 - 23 (KJV) <sup>21</sup> "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, <sup>22</sup>Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."

It's one thing to identify the problem; but What Has Jesus Done to Provide a Solution? The apostle Paul explains in his letter to Titus: Titus 3:3-7 (KJV) <sup>3</sup> "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. <sup>4</sup>But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, <sup>5</sup>Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; <sup>6</sup>Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; <sup>7</sup>That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." In other words, Jesus removes the problem of unhappiness and lack of inner peace by first removing the cause: SIN! But there is more...

Secondly, Jesus leads the way to true happiness and peace by teaching us to seek new goals in life. He warns us of the folly of seeking after riches: Matthew 6:19 (KJV) <sup>19</sup> "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:" Riches are perishable and open to theft; therefore, He teaches us to put our treasure in heaven: Matthew 6:20 (KJV) <sup>20</sup> "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:"

Finally, Jesus leads the way to true happiness by giving us what we do not expect! Once we learn not to make material things, pleasure, and fame our goals in life, but to instead make following Jesus and His teachings our goal, He then provides us an unexpected portion of these very things! Matthew 6:31 - 33 (KJV) <sup>31</sup> "Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? <sup>32</sup>(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. <sup>33</sup>But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

.... Terry Broome



Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.

**Brad Wilhelm** underwent triple bypass surgery on Tuesday in Huntsville. He is expected to be in the hospital for a few more days. Please remember Brad in your prayers.

**Debra Kime** has been transferred to Signature Health in South Pittsburg. Please continue to pray for her as she recovers. Cards may be sent in c/o Becca Comstock, 828 Burns Island Rd., South Pittsburg, TN 37380.

**Brenda Price** has back surgery on Monday and came home from the hospital on Tuesday. The surgery was successful and she is doing well. Please pray for her as she recovers.

**Polly Franklin** believes her foot is improving. She has a follow-up with her doctor on Friday to get the results of the MRI. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Linda Nickells,** sister of Betty Robinson, underwent her 2<sup>nd</sup> back surgery on Monday. She is recovering at Betty's home and is doing well. Please keep her in your prayers.

### LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Roger Myers Charlotte Vinson David Dover Ila Little Terry Collins Kenneth Beard Tammy McGuire Irene Gist Sam Wright Harold Reynolds Judy Roberts Samuel Cobb

**Holly Cobb** 

John Graham, Katie Graham's father-in-law.

Judy Solomon, sister of Martha Pendley.

Marie Sullivan, mother of Betty Clayson

Hudson Coldwell, Martha Pendley's grandson.

**Kenny Jimenez**, son-in-law of Dave & Elane Bagley and brother-in-law of David & Ashley Dover, 124 Helen Ave., Modesto, CA 95354.

Leonard West, 95 year old uncle of Ron Graham.

Lana Jones, granddaughter of Doyle & Cathy Lemaster.

Bob Milk, brother-in-law of Robin Shelton.

**Winston Busby**, brother of Doris Laney, 198 Weaver Rd., Henagar, AL 35978.

**Sally Abbott**, aunt of Bill Price, 440 2<sup>nd</sup> St., S Naples, FL 34102-8620.

Tom & Mary Ann Worst, Libby Crona's brother & sister-in-law.

Jackie Loyd, member at Gonce congregation.

Sue Haynes, employee of TLC.

Faye Blizzard, employee at Woods Cove Florist.

**Shep Knight**, child of Jo Reed Brumley's cousin.

Clarence Potter, brother of Marie Garrett.

Vickie Farr, sister of Charlotte Vinson.

Terry Finch, father of Erica Russell.

Jordan McCormack, US Navy

Trent McCormack, US Navy

Jordan Holt, US Navy

Abigail Holt, US Navy

Nathan Bridges, US Air Force-Reserve

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**Anthony Worst**, US Marine Corps

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# Calendar of Upcoming Events—

April 1-4 — L2L Convention

April 9-11 — Spring Youth Retreat, Camp Ney-

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The Spring Youth Retreat with Owens Cross Roads church of Christ will be April 9-11 at Camp Neyati. We are

excited to be able to have an event like this, especially combined with another youth group! This retreat is for 6th grade through 12th grade and will include 5 meals and 2 nights stay in a 30 person cabin. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you will be attending.

# Chad's Chatter

# **Security Blanket**

When we're young, we depend on all sorts of things as our security. We look for our blanket, pacifier, baby doll, thumb, etc. We look for the things with which we feel comfortable. We look for things with which we feel safe and at home. My daughter has her baby doll collection and one in particular that she longs for when she realizes she doesn't have it. She especially looks for it at night before she goes to bed.

As we get older, we look to other things to bring us comfort. Maybe we have a certain chair we love to sit in and we mark it as "my chair, do not sit." We might have a certain team we root for because that's what our parents did and it feels like home when we watch a game of our favorite team. We get together to spend time with family during the holiday season and it just feels so good to be together.

It brings us peace and comfort to hold on to these things, but what about when our baby dolls become lost? Do we lose all sense of comfort and security when our favorite team loses? What happens when our chair has to become trash? Are we feeling totally lost and abandoned in this world because we weren't able to have a normal Thanksgiving or Christmas?

GOD tries to pull us out of this world's false sense of security in things or moments and shows us true, never-ending peace, comfort, security, and defense! Listen to this passage: "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my GOD, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

Psalm 18:2

## Let Go Of The Past

The passenger tapped the cab driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the sidewalk, and stopped inches from a department store window. For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, "Look mister, don't ever do that again. You scared me half to death!" The passenger apologized and said he didn't realize that a little tap could scare him so much. The driver replied, "You're right. I'm sorry. Really, it's not your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

The cabbie allowed his past experiences to cause him to take his eye off of the road and his goal of getting his passenger to his destination.

Sometimes we allow our past to affect our present and future goals and destinations also. The apostle Paul told the Philippian brethren: "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-14).

When we find our past affecting our lives in a negative way, we need to learn how to forget those things.

We especially need to forget those things which keep us from focusing on our goal of heaven.

When we have people in our lives who are causing us to take our eyes off of our goal of heaven, we need to forget them.

When our guilt from former sins, which have been forgiven, causes us to take our eyes off of our goal of heaven, we need to forget them.

When temptations to sin lead us astray from our goal of heaven, we need to forget them.

We need not to allow anything in our past to take our focus off of heaven.

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory" (Colossians 3:1-4).

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WORSHIP. . . . . . . . . . . . Sunday 9:55 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY..... Sunday 9:00 A.M.

and Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS. . . . . . . . . . . . Tuesday 10:00 A.M.

## Those to Serve...

**SUNDAY, March 28, 2021 Announcements: Trey Russell** Song Leader: Mark Price

Prayer: C.B. Laney Serve at the Lord's Table: **Presiding: Bill Price** Speaker: Chad Brown

Closing Prayer: Rabon McCormack

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:

**Scripture: David Precise** Song Leader: Aaron Manning

Prayer: Mark Price

#### **CONTACT ELDER: Pat Russell** OPEN & CLOSE BUILDING FOR THE MONTH:

By Committee

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First Class

If you go to worship to hear something other The Word of God (the Bible) never changes

You have gone for the wrong reason. If you hear something other,



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> "...for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." wiendships, and he who plants kindness gathers love

Galatians 6:7b