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*From Where I Sit . . .*

### Esau Sold His Birthright

The letter to the Hebrew Christians is a plea for them to remain faithful to Christ. First, the writer charges them, **Hebrews 2:1, 3** <sup>1</sup> “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them* slip... <sup>3</sup> How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*; ...” Through neglect, it would be possible for the Hebrews to fall into condemnation.

Next, the author makes it clear that it is possible for a saved person to fall short of the prize. After reminding them of the Israelites who failed to enter into the promised rest in the land of Canaan, the writer charges Christians in **Hebrews 4:11** – “Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.”

In Hebrews 10:26-27, they are reminded, <sup>26</sup>“For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, <sup>27</sup>But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.”

Remaining faithful to the Lord is next compared to finishing the race that we have begun. We are charged to lay aside sins that can weight us down, **Hebrews 12:1-2a (KJV)** <sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith. . .”

There is danger that one may “fail of God’s grace.” The case of Esau is used as a warning to Christians. He had a birthright, as do we, in the Lord, **Hebrews 12:14-17 (KJV)** <sup>14</sup>Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: <sup>15</sup>Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled; <sup>16</sup>Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. <sup>17</sup>For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Esau chose the sensual over the spiritual. He gave in to the cravings of his hunger - **Gen 25:29-34**. He valued the red pottage (stew) more highly than his birthright. Today, Christians are heirs according to the promise made to Abraham - **Galatians 3:29 (KJV)** <sup>29</sup> “And if ye *be* Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” We are joint-heirs with Christ - **Romans 8:16 - 17 (KJV)** <sup>16</sup> “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: <sup>17</sup>And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.”

Are We Selling Our Birthright?

. . . Terry Broome



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

**Stan Hastings** has moved into the next stage of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Please pray that these will be successful.

**Wendy Baird** will undergo surgery on Thursday at Madison Surgery Center to remove some lymph nodes. It will take a few days to get the pathology results back. Please keep Wendy in your prayers.

**Izella Proctor** had a heart attack on Monday and is in the hospital. The doctors have started her on some statin drugs and are keeping her for observation. Please pray for Izella.

**Irene Gist** had a fall and is in need of our prayers to help get her strength back.

**Pat Russell** had cataract surgery and the drainage duct cleaned out on his left eye last Thursday. All went well. He will have the other cataract removed in a few weeks. Please pray for him.

**Jennifer Chandler**, Tommy Bellomy's daughter & Janet Necklaus' sister, was admitted into the St. Thomas Hospital in Murfreesboro last Friday. She has pneumonia in addition to the long term breathing problem. She's in ICU 209. Please pray for her.

**Winfred Russell** underwent heart catherization on Tuesday and found out there are no new blockages.

**Rachel Underwood** had back surgery recently. She is home and able to move about some.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST**

- Tom Hancock
- Joel Gardner
- Ken Lawrence
- Meghan Cornelison
- Joan Jackson
- LaRue Anderson
- Vara Stiles
- Tammy McGuire
- Ginger Myers
- James Rice
- David Precise
- Becky Russell
- Sam Wright
- Margaret Crawford
- Hayley Hastings
- X'shi Ana Benavides
- Mary Lawrence
- Polly Franklin
- Sophonria Burney

- Ken Lawrence, Sr.
- Harold Reynolds
- Judy Roberts
- Holly Cobb

Angie Sutton, 191 Nichols St., Dutton, AL 35744.

Jackie Evans, employee of Woods Cove Florist, 2661 Snodgrass Rd. 35769.

Judy Tidwell McBride, member at Larkinsville, 322 Co. Rd. 15, Woodville, AL 35776.

Judy Solomon, sister of Martha Pendley.

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

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.

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

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

Jordan McCormack, US Navy

Trent McCormack, US Navy

Jordan Holt, US Navy

Abigail Holt, US Navy

Nathan Bridges, US Air Force- Reserve

Paige Chrisman, US Air Force

Nathaniel Doan, US Marine Corps

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*Calendar of Upcoming Events—*

One Measure Of Our Love	Wed. Bible Study..... Sunday Bible Study..... Sun. A.M. Worship..... 126 Sun. Night Worship..... Contribution..... \$5632.50 Budget..... \$7556.00
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Our hearts go out to the family of our sister, Glenda Moore. She passed away suddenly on Tuesday afternoon. There were no arrangements at the time of this printing. Please keep this family in your prayers.

## Choose to “Do Well”

While watching a movie entitled An Old Fashioned Christmas on the Hallmark Channel, I scribbled down an outstanding observation a character made about choosing a path in this world.

In this movie, which is based on a story set in the 1880's by Louisa May Alcott, one young man took a house guest out to a pub and got him drunk. Later at the dinner table, with the entire family gathered around, his behavior was brought to light. The young instigator played the event off by saying, “It's all part of becoming a man!” His mother profoundly said, “It depends on what kind of man one wishes to become.”

The lesson in this simple statement is powerful. What we become depends a lot upon the choices we make. As God told Cain in Gen. 4:7, “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. Its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.”

Cain didn't amount to much, because he didn't rule over his desire to sin. Like the young man in the movie, if we accept sin as a “rite of passage,” we are quite literally choosing sin, and a path that leads away from God and toward destruction.

If you want to become the kind of person God wants you to be, choose to “do well.” Refuse sin and live for Jesus!

Matt Clifton  
BulletinDigest.com

## Genuine Christians

do not want to go to heaven alone.



GALATIANS 6:2 . ESV

## Christian, Be Quiet

I don't know that I have ever heard a sermon on the need for quiet. Yet, the Bible teaches that God will “quiet you by his love” (Zeph. 3:17). Peter lauds the need for a quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight” (1 Peter 3:4).

Habakkuk instructs all people “...the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.” (Hab. 2:20)

We need to stop talking so we can listen. We need to turn off the screens so we can meditate on God. We need to shut off the radio, CD player, iPod and turn down the noise of life so we can truly hear God's word.

Being quiet helps us to concentrate on what needs to change in our hearts, minds and lives. So often the voices of worldly passion, selfishness, lust, fear, hatred are present within us. We have skillfully ignored them so long that they blend in with noise of life. As Christians, we can silence those worldly callings as we put off the old man and put on the new.

T.O. Chisholm penned these beautiful words that teach just what I'm trying to say:

Buried with Christ, my blessed Redeemer,  
Dead to the old life of folly and sin;  
Satan may call, the world may entreat me,  
There is no voice that answers within.  
Dead to the world, to voices that call me,  
Living anew, obedient but free;  
Dead to the joys that once did enthral me—  
Yet 'tis not I, Christ liveth in me.

Quiet forces us to listen to our inner man as he calls us to reform our character. Many of us don't hear our own soul's cry to seek God's saving grace.

We've turned up the distraction volume knob to squelch the pains of guilt and remorse and the cry for repentance.

Why are we so afraid to hear the call of our own broken lives? Some try to drown out the quiet with booze or drugs. Some try to hush the Word of God from working on their conscience by filling every moment with some noisy distraction, foolishly thinking: “if I don't hear it I won't have to deal with it.”

Habakkuk knew that focusing on the Holiness of the Lord takes a halting of everything else. That is why he calls for silence in God's temple. I wonder if we remember that we are God's temple. God should occupy the throne room of our hearts. This calls for our lives to be sober and reverent reflections of the Heavenly Host reigning in our hearts.

Another need for being quiet is that we should be more careful what we say. We really don't have to insert our opinion into every conversation. We don't need to try to say everything we think. In fact, we would be much better off if we were “quick to hear, slow to speak” (James 1:19).

Being quiet includes refraining from gossiping, slandering, bragging, boasting, vainly flattering, lying, swearing, cursing, talebearing, criticizing, speaking words of contention, coarse jesting, idle words, and euphemisms etc. Imagine how much quieter we would be if all this speech was removed from our conversations.

Joe Chase, Gladewater, TX

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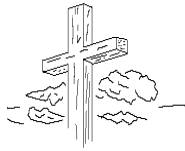
**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**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, September 27, 2020**

Announcements: Buddy Holt  
Song Leader: Mark Price  
Prayer: Pat Russell  
Serve at the Lord's Table:  
Presiding: Trey Russell  
Speaker: Don Iverson  
Closing Prayer: Bill Price



**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:**

Scripture: Euyless Holcomb  
Song Leader: Mark Price  
Prayer: Jim Brown

**CONTACT ELDER: David Precise**  
**OPEN & CLOSE BUILDING FOR THE MONTH:**  
**By Committee**

If you are unable to serve, please call:  
Dave Precise 256-599-6668 -or- Dave Bagley 256-609-6468

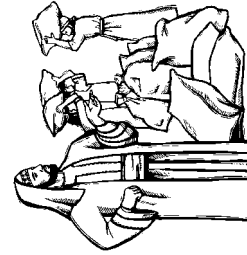
The Learning Center Pre-School (Infants - 4 yrs.)  
Debra Wilhelm, Director ♦ 259-0005



**Requires  
First Class  
Stamp Here**

*The Word of God (the Bible) never changes.  
If you go to worship to hear something other  
than His Word,  
You have gone for the wrong reason.  
If you hear something other,  
You are at the wrong place.*

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Life does not consist in  
an abundance of  
possessions.

Luke 12:15, NIV

**A person's wealth is not counted in his  
wallet, but in his soul.**