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The Lord IS...

Evangelist Chree Lynn Simms

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

The Lord is GREAT! The Lord is the fulfiller of dreams and the Keeper of every promise He has ever made. The Lord is blessing, EVEN when things seem wrong....He is still working things out for our good! *(And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28)* Like a giant puzzle, He knows where every piece goes and He will piece together a beautiful life for us when we totally trust and rely on Him. He is good and greatly to be praised! The Lord has dealt with me about not focusing on the past so much and what was. The past is the past and cannot be lived again, no matter how glorious or miserable it might have been. But TODAY is God's gift to us! He has great things for us TODAY! Praise the Lord! It's time now to press forward not back. God's plans for us are good and perfect. That's what I want, how about you? Like Paul, I'm now focusing on forgetting (letting go of) those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, and pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. God bless you greatly...Sis. Lynn

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THE Answer!

Sister Nancy Willis

In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears. Psalms 18:6

As I was talking to a lady in the store yesterday, she began talking about how things was so bad in the world today and she said she didn't know what we was gonna do. She didn't know what the answer was. Well I told her I didn't know how she handled problems in her world but as for me I tried to let the LORD control all the problems in my life and I have found out that if I put him in control then everything else falls into place. The lady looked at me and it was as though a light came on in her face and she said you have the answer, that's it, that is the answer, that's it, THE LORD IS THE ANSEWER....I said its worked for me for many years....So if you have a problem and don't know what to do, just give GOD control and everything will be alright. AND REMEMBER THE LORD IS THE ANSWER.....

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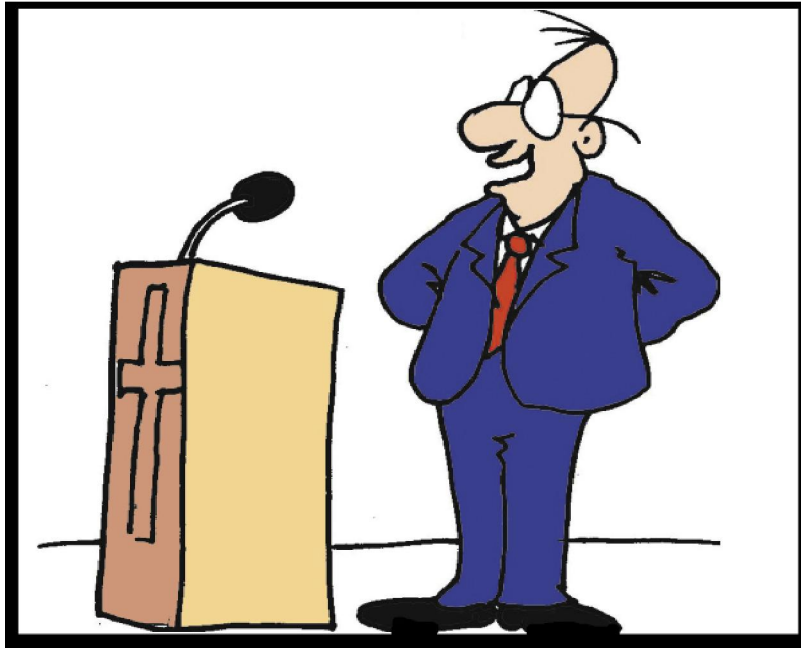
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Cousin Leroy

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees ole Leroy's car pattering along at 22 mph. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls Leroy over. Approaching the car, he notices that there is Leroy and 4 old ladies in the car and all of the ladies were wide eyed and white as ghosts. Leroy, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?" "Sir," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers." "Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly...Twenty-two miles an hour!" Leroy said a bit proudly. The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to him that "22 mph" was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, Leroy grinned and said "Wow don't I feel dumber than a box of rocks" he then thanked the officer for pointing out his mistake.. "But before I let you go, Sir, I have to ask . . . Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asks. "Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119."



Grandpa's Words of Wisdom

Man's way leads to a hopeless end! God's way leads to an endless hope!

Don't squat with your spurs on.

There are three kinds of men. The one that learns by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to touch the electric fence for themselves.

If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.

There's two theories to arguin' with a woman. Neither one works.

The Mirror

The other day, I happened by chance, As I passed a mirror, to give it a glance And I wondered who that old man could be, Who, with his mouth wide open, was looking at me His bald head was sprinkled with a little gray fuzz, And he wasn't at all handsome (like I always was) He looked like a sack of mismated parts, Put together without aid of instructions or charts And while I know that my shoulders don't slump, This person's were misshapen in one ugly hump' Now, if that was my image, I only can say, They don't make mirrors like they did in my day.

Declaration of Independence

A little boy just couldn't learn. One day his teacher asked him who signed the Declaration of Independence. He didn't know. For almost a week she asked him the same question every day, but still he couldn't come up with the right answer. Finally, in desperation, she called the boy's father to her office. "Your boy won't tell me who signed the Declaration of Independence," she complained. "Come here, son, and sit down," the dad said to the boy. "Now if you signed that crazy thing, just admit it so we can get out of here!"



“Clinging To Jesus”

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16

To whom or what do you cling to? Who or what gives you security? In the comic strip Peanuts, Linus is always with his blanket. I remember reading a strip where Linus is pictured sitting on the ground holding his blanket and sucking his thumb. He is sound asleep. In the next frame is Snoopy crouching ready to attack. The next few frames show Snoopy running to Linus and grabbing the blanket to steal it. Much to Snoopy's dismay, Linus holds on. Snoopy runs all over the yard trying to shake Linus loose from the blanket. In the last frame Snoopy is clutching one end of the blanket and Linus is clinging to the other end. The blanket is stretched across the top of Snoopy's house dangling Snoopy and Linus on each end. No one could take Linus' blanket away from him. We want something or someone to cling to for security. Linus clings to his blanket, what do you cling to? Clinging to some one or something can be good or bad. It all depends on who or what we cling to. You know the phrase, "misery loves company." Clinging to miserable people will make you miserable. This is why we have to have choose our friends carefully. We must be careful who we look to for advice. Clinging is healthy when I cling to people or things that help me grow. During our life time, we will cling to many people who will shape us into people of character and integrity: parents, grandparents, preachers, friends and so forth. Healthy relationships are those where I am encouraged, challenged, supported, and loved. The problem is this. Even healthy, solid people make mistakes. Even the person you admire the most will let you down some time. From time to time even the wisest person will make wrong decisions. We are all sinful human beings. So, who can I cling to who will never let me down or who never mislead me? Who can I cling to who will help me to grow into a mature spiritual person? The answer is simply: JESUS! Here's 4 reasons, we can cling to Jesus:

1. He is the Son of God (4:14). Chapters 1-4 of Hebrews tells us that Jesus is superior to all creation because he created it. Jesus is also superior to the angels. He is not just a good man who excelled in his spirituality. Jesus is the Son of God. When you have a complaint with the service at restaurants, who do want to talk to? The manager. You want to talk to someone who has the authority to solve the problem. You want to talk to someone who is in charge. In Matthew 28:18 - And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. We can cling to Jesus because as the Son of God, he has complete authority to help us with our problems. Jesus has authority over every human, every angel, and over the devil and his demons. There is no one any higher in the chain of command.
2. He understands my weaknesses (4:15). Even though Jesus is the Son of God, he became a human being so that he could relate with us. While Jesus was fully human, he experienced life just we do. He got hungry, He got tired, He got frustrated with people, He laughed, He cried, He loved people, He was used by people, He was hurt by people, He was misunderstood by those closest to him, He was finite and He was limited to time and space just as are. Jesus understands your limitations and weaknesses because he has been there. But he doesn't allow us to use our weaknesses as an excuse. We tend to use our weaknesses to excuse ourselves from doing the right or responsible thing. However, if we're not careful, we will begin to use our weakness as excuse not to do what God is calling us to do. So, instead of clinging to the One is greater than our weaknesses, we cling to our weaknesses because we feel safe within them.
3. He was tempted just as I am tempted (4:15). Jesus not only understands our weaknesses, he understands temptation. Jesus was tempted just as we are. In Matthew chapter four is the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. There are three temptations that Satan used to entice Jesus: * To satisfy his hunger by turning stones into bread.* To test God's faithfulness by jumping from the highest point of the Temple .* To have power and control. There is a temptation that is included in each of these temptations that is at the heart of every temptation we face. The temptation to prove our identity. Satan said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God..." Every time you and I are tempted, our identity is being challenged. When you asked Jesus to be the Lord of your life, you gave all authority to him. You submitted yourself to his control and his authority.
4. He did not sin (4:15). Even though he was tempted, Jesus did not give in. He remained true to his identity as the Son of God and did not sin. He knew God better understood the purpose for the suffering than he did. He knew that God's plan was the best plan for everyone involved. When temptation comes, we have a choice to make. Who will I depend on? My strength. My wisdom. Will I cling to someone who is fallible and finite? Or will I cling to the One who is superior to all people? Will I cling to the One who understands my weaknesses? Will I cling to the One who has been there, but hasn't done that? Verse 16 contains a great promise. Because we cling to Jesus, we can boldly come to him when we need help and we will receive grace, mercy, and the help we need. To whom or what will you cling to in 2010? Cling to Jesus. Cling to his every word. For you when you cling to Jesus, you will have life that is filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and the one we need a lot, self-control.

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Our Lamps Are Gone Out!

*And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil;
for our lamps are gone out. Matthew 25:8*

The above passage of scripture is taken from the parable of the "Ten Virgins" in which Jesus was telling us "then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto..." so he was speaking of a coming event and then at the end of the parable he would show us that he was comparing this to his coming...his return. In this story we see ten virgins....five wise and five foolish. They all were awoken at the midnight hour with a cry that the Bridegroom was coming but the foolish virgins were not ready....they had no oil AND their lamps had gone out! The fact that their lamps had "gone out" lets us know that at one time their lamps were burning...at one time they had oil in their vessel. But now when the time had come for the Bridegroom to appear they find themselves NOT READY! We are going to look at some things that will cause our lamp to go out...to do this we are going to go to the Old Testament book of Samuel...*1Samual 3:1-3 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision. And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;* Here we see that the lamp of God had went out in the temple...why? What caused this? At that time this responsibility rested upon the shoulders of the Priest Eli...in the first part of this chapter and the chapter before this we can see clearly what was going on then and how that these same things will cause the lamp in our temple to go out today. 1. First...Eli had allowed his sons to sin and do horrible things in the sight of God and without any rebuke from him...we see then as is always the case...SIN will cause the lamp to go out. 2.The second thing we see in Eli's life is the Spirit of Compromise...in order for him to allow this sin to go without correction he had to compromise...compromising will cause our lamp to go out. 3. The third thing we see is at the beginning of chapter three that the "the Word of the Lord was precious in those days"...the word precious here means "scarce" or "that there was a great lack of"...the result will be the same in our life today...the lack of the Word of God in our life will cause our lamp to go out. 4. And fourth...last but certainly not least we see a Spirit of Neglect in Eli's life...he had neglected his spiritual duties so badly that he was at the place where it was manifesting itself in his physical body. Looking back now at the five foolish virgins that were not ready....caught by surprise and had no oil and their lamps no longer burned...they had neglected their lamps and their vessels of oil...maybe they thought they had "plenty of time"...maybe they thought "we will get it later"...whatever the reason they had played the fool and now it was to late to do anything about it. When you are saved...born again...by the grace of God...that lamp is lit inside of you...and YES it is FREE for whosoever will...there is nothing you can do to earn it or buy it. BUT with that being said...once that lamp is lit in your temple if you neglect your salvation...if you neglect your spiritual condition and live a life of sin and compromise...never feeding upon His Word...never attending church...having no prayer life...just drifting along with the world...you may also find yourself, like these virgins with no oil and a lamp that no longer burns. Don't let the devil convince you that you can get right later...that you can deal with the sin in your life later...hell is full of people who thought they would get right "later" until one day they ran out of time and it was to late to do anything about it.

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REESIE'S RECIPES



Strawberry Flurry

8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup sugar

8-ounce container frozen whipped topping, thawed
2 cups strawberry slices
15-1/4-ounce can crushed pineapple, undrained
1-1/2 cups sliced bananas

Beat cream cheese at medium speed of an electric mixer until fluffy. Gradually add sugar, beating until smooth. Gently fold in the whipped topping and remaining ingredients, and spoon into a 9x13-inch dish. Cover with aluminum foil or lid and freeze until firm. Remove from freezer about 10 minutes before serving.

Chewy Chocolate No-bakes

1 cup (6 oz) semisweet chocolate pieces
16 large marshmallows
1/3 cup margarine (5 Tbsp + 1 tsp)
2 cups quaker oats (quick or old fashion)
1 cup (any combination of) raisins, diced dried mixed fruit, flaked coconut, mini marshmallows or chopped nuts.
1 tsp vanilla

In large sauce pan over low heat, melt chocolate pieces, marshmallows and margarine, stirring until smooth. Remove from heat, cool slightly. Stir in remaining ingredients. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto wax paper. Chill 2 to 3 hours. Let stand at room temperature about 15 minutes before serving. Store in tightly covered container in refrigerator.

Squash Casserole

3 cups squash cooked
1 medium onion
1 stick butter
1 bag stuffing mix, divided
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 (2 oz.) jar pimento's
1 (8 oz.) container sour cream
salt and pepper to taste

Cook squash and onion together until tender. Drain. Mix them with one half of the stuffing mix and then with the remaining ingredients. Put in a casserole dish and top with remaining stuffing. Bake at 350 for 35-40 minutes.

Incredible Meatloaf

1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
1/2 cup crushed Ritz crackers
3/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1 (1 ounce) package dry onion soup mix
2 eggs, beaten
1/4 cup ketchup
2 tablespoons steak sauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Stir the ground beef, crushed crackers, Cheddar cheese, and onion soup mix in a large bowl until well combined. Whisk the eggs, ketchup, and steak sauce in a separate bowl until smooth. Mix the egg mixture into the meat until evenly combined, if the mixture seems too dry, add a little water. Press into a 9x5 inch loaf pan. Bake in preheated oven until the meatloaf is no longer pink in the center, 45 to 60 minutes. Top with ketchup or gravy if desired.

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"Cucumbers, Melons, Leeks, Oh MY!"

Pastor Wayne Clabaugh, I

"And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?" Num 11:11 (KJV)

To the Israelites - Moses was their Deliverer! He had taken them out of bondage and was leading them to the Promised Land: a land flowing with milk and honey. Yet just three days out from the captors hands, the Israelites begin to murmur and complain. They said... *"Who shall give us flesh (meat) to eat? We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes." Numbers 11: 4-6 (KJV)* Doesn't that make you wonder if that's where the old saying, "three steps forward and two steps back" came from? But isn't that like the lot of us today? God's about to do something MIGHTY in our lives and we are finally walking in His will and the way gets a little rough so we remember that things were easier in the "old ways" and decide to return to or at least long for the "old days"? What do they say... "Misery loves company"? Maybe it's not so much that the misery they love - they just love the company they kept while going through it. To be the Point man (or woman), a person of distinction for the cause of Christ, is not subject to the accolades of man. It often means going without when others have; not sleeping while others sleep away; hoping against all hope, while others just give up. Through Moses, God told the children of Israel, "I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage." (ref., Deuteronomy 5:6) Friend, what does that say to you? It tells me that God had a purpose in the Israelites. It was not His design that they would be under bondage and it is not His design for you either - if you are one of His Children. Later on in the Book of Numbers, we find the Israelites getting ready to fight the Canaanites and cast out the giants, but they refused because they saw themselves as grasshoppers. (ref., Numbers 13:33) The Bible tells us that they wept all night long, just wanting to die - blaming God for their predicament. All they wanted to do was to go back to Egypt - which was their "house of bondage". If they had just believed God and gone into the Promised Land they would have had victory. (read entire Chapter of Numbers 14) Let me ask you today Saint of God, "are you willing to stand 'outside' your Promised Land weeping, crying out to God how unfair your life is - maybe even deciding in your heart to return back to your Egypt, your the house of bondage... or will you be the one go the distance in faith - knowing that God is on your side? Your Victory today depends on what you decide.

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But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 1 Peter 2:9

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SALVATION CORNER

We have set aside this corner of THE TRUMPET to show God's Plan of Salvation. If you are unsure where you will go when you die, please listen to what God has said in His Word:

FIRST . . . GOD LOVES YOU! "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" Jn. 3:16

SECOND . . . MAN IS A SINNER, AND SIN HAS SEPARATED HIM FROM GOD! "For there is not a just man upon Earth, that doeth good and sinneth not" Eccl. 7:20. "For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God" Rom. 3:23.

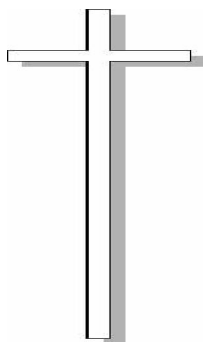
THIRD . . . JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SIN! "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God . . ." I Pet. 3:18 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" Acts 4:12

FOURTH . . . YOU MUST RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOUR. Jesus calls this experience the "new birth." He told Nicodemus: ". . . Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" Jn. 3:3.

We invite you now to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name" Jn. 1:12.

Pray this prayer and mean it with all of your heart: Dear Lord Jesus, I now realize that I am a sinner. I accept the fact that You died for me on the rugged Cross of Calvary. I now open my heart's door and receive You as Saviour and Lord of my life. Please take Full control of me and help me to be the kind of Christian You want me to be. Amen.

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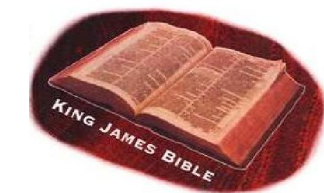
It Is Finished

Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart

*...when Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished:
and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost John 19:30*

What was finished? The great Plan of God, which had been formulated in the Mind of the Godhead from before the foundation of the world (I Pet. 1:18–20), by the death of Christ on the Cross, was now finished. The story of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified is, in fact, the emphasis of the entirety of the Bible. All of eternity marched toward this one great happening. Every act on this Earth, at least that which was of the Lord, had, as its goal, only the Cross of Christ. That which the First Adam had lost, the Last Adam now purchases back with the death of Himself. The phrase, “He gave up the ghost,” is, in the Greek Text, quite another word from “expired.” In John, the Holy Spirit emphasizes the voluntary nature of His Death. The special word found here is never used in this way in the Bible, except in this Passage in reference to Christ. Verses 33 through 35 and Verses 38 through 42 are fundamentally valuable as affirming beyond controversy the actual death of Jesus Christ. The added testimony of the Centurion (Mat., Chpt. 27) is also most valuable. For the doom to which the sinner is justly sentenced was death under the Wrath of God; if Christ did not really die and suffer that Wrath, then the Divine sentence has not been satisfied and the sinner is not released. But thank God, the Divine sentence was satisfied; all are released from the terrible debt of sin, at least all who will believe (Jn. 3:16). The moment that Jesus died on the Cross, the Scripture says, “And, behold, the Veil of the Temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the Earth did quake, and the rocks rent” (Mat. 27:51). This means that Redemption was now complete. The price had been paid, meaning the sin debt has been lifted; the way is now open to God, even to His very Throne, at least for all who put their Faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and what He did for us at Calvary’s Cross. The “finish” of that great Plan did not await the Resurrection, even though the Resurrection was most definitely necessary, as would be overly obvious. The reason it did not await the Resurrection is simply because Jesus atoned for all sin on the Cross, past, present, and future, which guaranteed the Resurrection. If Christ had failed to atone for even one sin, then Jesus could not have been raised from the dead. The reason is simple! “The wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23). But due to the fact that all sin was atoned, the Resurrection was in no way in doubt. It was at the Cross where the terrible sin debt was paid; at the Cross where the Righteousness of God was completely satisfied; at the Cross where a thrice-Holy God had His Holiness vindicated; at the Cross where the way to God was made completely open; at the Cross where the lost sons of Adam’s fallen race could make peace with God! It is finished!

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