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To ALL That Are Afar Off!

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. Acts 2:38-39

Love Your Enemies

A story is told of Peter Miller, a plain Baptist preacher living in Ephrata, Pennsylvania in the days of the Revolutionary War. Near his church lived a man who maligned the pastor to the last degree. The man became involved in treason and was arrested and sentenced to be hanged. The preacher started out on foot and walked the all seventy miles to Philadelphia to plead for the man's life. Washington heard his plea, but he said, "No, your plea for your friend cannot be granted." "My friend!" said the preacher. "He is the worst enemy I have." "What!" said Washington, "you have walked nearly seventy miles to save the life of an enemy? That puts the matter in a different light. I will grant the pardon."

But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.
Luke 6:35

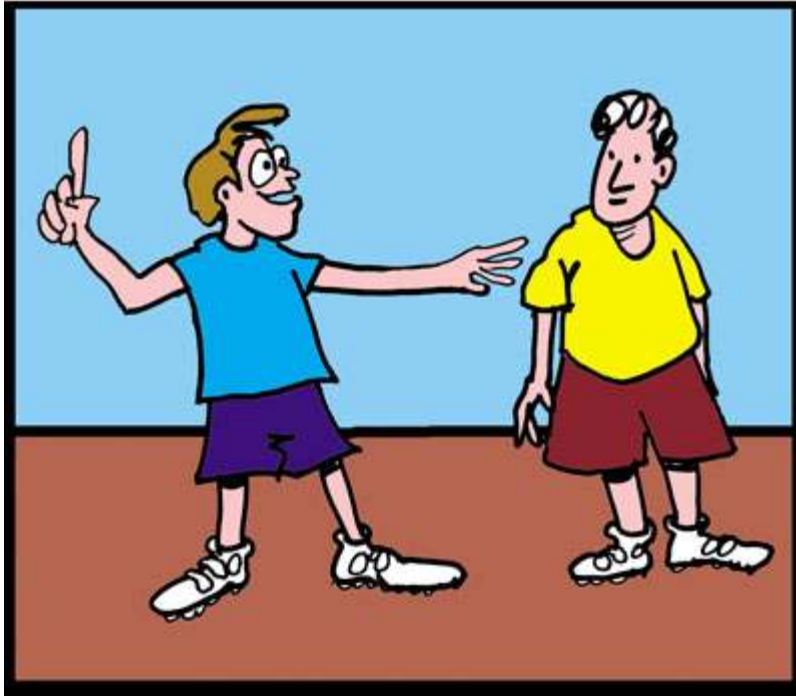
SING!

One of the memories of childhood, growing up in the mountains of Kentucky, was singing. It seemed everyone sang. Life was hard but they sang working the land, washing clothes, and going about their life. The church rang with songs of praise unto the Lord, for Jesus alone made their burdens lighter. Over in the Psalms, David tells us to sing praise unto our God. Do you sing as you go about your day? Brothers and Sisters, I can tell you a song or just a chorus from an old hymn will drive away discouragement. Worry has to go when you sing about Jesus and His blood. You might sing a chorus I learned from an old hymn I heard at Brother Surface's church - I sing it driving down the road, or anywhere: "His blood is on my soul, His blood is on my soul, I rest securely in His hand, His blood is on my soul." Oh the peace in knowing we are abiding under the shadow of the Almighty! Yes, it breaks my heart when I see our beautiful America in her decline, and the beast nature rising up. Yet, I sing! Are you worrying about the health care system? Precious one, you have the best health care system of all - Jesus, the Great Physician! Oh, Hallelujah! Draw close to the Lord. Send your prayer up before the throne of God for your children and your children's children. And, in all things give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. If the enemy can steal your joy, he will take your song. Psalm 95 says, come let us sing unto the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Don't worry about whether your "joyful noise" is beautiful to your ears or not. Sing unto the lord and bless His name - oh worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Look up, Jesus is coming! Praise God, I can sing: "The tempter cannot overcome or gain the least control, I have sweet peace and joy within, His blood is on my soul." Thank you, Jesus!

Until Next Time,
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CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Let's play church... I'll be the preacher and jump up and down and snort... and you can bring a motion to run me off!"



Cousin Leroy



A junk dealer came to Leroy's house one afternoon and Leroy's mother in law, Matilda Waggontunge answered the door. The junk man looked at Matilda and said, "Excuse me missus, have you got any old beer bottles you can let me have?" At this, she indignantly replied, "Well I never! Do I look as if I drink beer?" At this the man replied, "Sorry love, I suppose not. But, perhaps you have got some old vinegar bottles then?"

Six Stages of Sickness for Married Couples

- 1ST YEAR: "Listen, honey, I don't like the sound of that cough. I called the doc and he's going to stop by here and take a look at you. Why don't you just go on to bed and get the rest you need?"
- 2ND YEAR: "Maybe you better go lie down, darling. When you feel lousy you need the rest. I'll bring you some nice warm soup."
- 3RD YEAR: "No sense wearing yourself out when you're under the weather. When you finish those dishes and folding those clothes, you ought to go to bed and get some rest!"
- 4TH YEAR: "Why don't you take a couple aspirin?"
- 5TH YEAR: "You oughta go gargle or something, instead of sitting around barking like a dog!"
- 6TH YEAR: "For Pete's sake, stop sneezing. Are you trying to give me pneumonia?"



Grandpa's Words of Wisdom

"We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges"

"A good deal of trouble has been caused in the world by too much intelligence and too little wisdom"

"The trouble with being early is that nobody's there to appreciate it."

Ever wonder why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?"

Class Reunion

My wife and I were at my high school reunion. As I looked around, I noticed the other men in their expensive suits...and their bulging stomachs. Proud of the fact that I weighed just five pounds more than I did when I was in high school, the result of trying to beat a living out of a rocky hillside farm, I said to my wife, "I'm the only guy here who can still wear the suit he wore when he graduated." She glanced at the well-dressed crowd, then back at me, and said, "You're the only one who has to."

Smile!

Jesus Loves You & So Do We!!



The Sin That Has People Talking

Romans 1:28-32

28And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

We read in the above text about a group of people that God turned over to a reprobate mind that enjoys doing the wickedness of sin. There's a couple I want to bring to the light that are mentioned here, Whisperers and Backbiters. I want to address the topic on Gossip. At one point in everybody's life, we have gossiped in some form or fashion. Don't deny it or act "Super Spiritual" and say I have never done that because we have. Do you realize every time you talk about or run down your brother or sister in the Lord or even the sinner, you are doing it to Jesus himself. Matthew 25:40 - And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. The fact of the matter is people don't view gossip as being sinful. They don't realize how much damage that their tongue can do to an individual and their lives. Some like to get a laugh at other's expenses. The Bible says in Proverbs 18:21 -Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. We are so quick to spread damaging information that serves no purpose but to damage the individual. As a Christian you have no business getting involved in that garbage. 1st Peter 4:15 declares: But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. You shouldn't be an accuser of the brethren...? The devil is the accuser of the brethren. Why in the world would you want to be like him? Please remember that we are called to be a light in a world of darkness. Don't let your light go out by getting in the middle of gossip. Don't forget that our July Sermon CD for the month is the message I recently preached: "The Sin That Has People Talking."

In The Masters Service, Evangelist Michael W. Heltsley

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VOTL HOME CHURCH CD'S & CASSETTES



We have several people on our monthly sermon mailing list that receive one sermon on CD each month. Some of them have told us that they do not have a "WORD" preaching church in their area or they are simply not physically able to get out and go to church and that the only WORD they really get comes from our pulpit. With that in mind and knowing that time is short and that all of us need as much WORD as we can get in these last days. We are blessed to offer "VOTL Home Church CD's & Cassettes"...each month we are sending out all of our

Sunday morning sermons from the previous month along with some of the music from our services as well! It is our prayer that these services will minister to all who sign up. All we ask in return from those who get the services each month is **2 very important things...1. That they stand with us in prayer for the work of the LORD in these last days and...2. If at all possible that they send in an offering of any size once a month to help cover the cost of the materials and to keep this outreach going.** We believe that these services will be a blessing to everyone...even those that do have a home church. **If you are interested you can sign up by e-mail at our website Or by writing us at the address on the last page of this newsletter. Even if you do not want the audio's Please prayerfully consider helping to support this new outreach so we can make it available to as many people as we can.**

**CORNERSTONE****WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD***Pastor Billy R. Douglas*

*And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.
Exodus 12:13*

We find here is the twelfth chapter of the book of Exodus the LORD giving instruction to the children of Israel...instruction on how to survive the tenth and final plague that he would send upon Egypt and the house of Pharaoh! There had already been nine plagues and each time the heart of Pharaoh would not obey the word from the LORD...oh at times it would look like he might loose his hold but in the end of each one he would only tighten his grip that much more. BUT at the beginning of this chapter the LORD would say..."This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." This alone lets us know that something is different about this plague...something NEW is about to happen...he would go so far as to tell them to have their shoes on and staff in hand...letting us know that the time for their deliverance had came!! What was this plague? The LORD himself was about to pass through Egypt and pass out judgment upon the house of Pharaoh and all his people...judgment for what? Judgment for sin...and what would be the punishment? The same as it has always been...Sin always brings forth DEATH! The Bible says that the wages of sin is death! On this great and terrible night of the LORD...he would pass through Egypt and the life of every first born from the throne of Pharaoh to the paupares shack would be taken! But how would the Israelites be protected? How would there first born be spared? Did the LORD say " Because you're a good man I will pass over you"? "Because you are an Israelite and not an Egyptian I will pass over you"? NO! Even if you were considered the most righteous man in all the land you would not be spared this judgment EXCEPT one way! And that way was that they MUST take a spotless male lamb and shed his blood and take that blood and apply it to the door posts and the mantle and then...AND ONLY THEN would they be spared from the judgment that was to come!!! My my my what an awesome picture of what would take place years later on a hill outside of Jerusalem when the spotless Lamb of God would shed his blood on an old rugged cross!! My friend there is ONLY ONE WAY to escape the judgment to come and that is to have the blood of the Gods Lamb applied to your life!! Then and only then can you stand justified and righteous before God! The Bible says in *Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.* Only by HIS blood and not by our works or religion can we be justified...that is the only righteousness that God honors! The Bible says in *Romans 3:20-22 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe...*so you see as it was on that night so long ago so it is today! The judgment of the LORD is coming because of the fall of Adam and the sin nature of man...and that judgment is DEATH...and the ONLY way of escape...the ONLY way of protection...the ONLY way to life is through the BLOOD of the Lamb! Gods only begotten son Jesus Christ! Glory to the LAMB OF GOD!! Until next time may the LORD bless and keep you is my prayer...Bro. Billy

Scripture of the Month

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:13





REESIE'S RECIPES



Chocolate Snowballs

- 1 pouch (1 lb 1.5 oz) Betty Crocker sugar cookie mix
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup unsweetened baking cocoa
- 1/2 cup finely chopped almonds
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 60 Hershey's Kisses milk chocolates, unwrapped
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar

Heat oven to 375°F. In large bowl, stir cookie mix, butter, egg, flour, cocoa, almonds and extract until soft dough forms. Shape dough into sixty 3/4-inch balls; wrap each around 1 milk chocolate candy. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until set. Immediately remove from cookie sheet. Cool slightly, about 5 minutes. Roll cookies in powdered sugar. Cool completely, about 15 minutes. Re-roll cookies in powdered sugar. Store tightly covered.

Hidden Valley Potato Salad

- 1 pkg. (1 oz) Hidden Valley Original Ranch Dressing mix
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup water
- 8 medium potatoes (boiled, peeled and cubed)
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion

Combine dressing mix, mayonnaise and water. Add potatoes, celery and onions. Toss to coat. Chill & serve.

Hidden Valley Mashed Potatoes

- 4 c Mashed potatoes
- 1 pk Ranch Salad Dressing Mix
- Butter or margarine

Prepare 4 cups mashed potatoes from scratch, or instant mashed potatoes according to package directions, omitting salt. Stir in Hidden Valley Original Ranch Salad Dressing Mix and add butter or margarine.

Flag Cheesecake

Ingredients

- 1 qt. (4 cups) fresh strawberries, divided
 - 1-1/2 cups boiling water
 - 2 pkg. (3 oz. each) JELL-O Strawberry Flavor Gelatin ice cubes
 - 1 cup cold water
 - 1 pkg. (10.75 oz.) pound cake, cut into 10 slices
 - 1-1/3 cups blueberries, divided
 - 2 pkg. (8 oz. each) Cream Cheese, softened
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 1 tub (8 oz.) COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed
- SLICE 1 cup strawberries; halve remaining strawberries. Set aside. Add boiling water to gelatin mixes in large bowl; stir 2 min. until completely dissolved. Add ice to cold water to measure 2 cups. Add to gelatin; stir until ice is completely melted. Refrigerate 5 min. or until slightly thickened. MEANWHILE, line bottom of 13x9-inch dish with cake. Add sliced strawberries and 1 cup blueberries to thickened gelatin; stir gently. Spoon over cake. Refrigerate 4 hours or until set. BEAT cream cheese and sugar in large bowl with whisk until well blended. Stir in COOL WHIP; spread over gelatin. Arrange strawberry halves on cream cheese mixture to resemble stripes of flag. Add remaining blueberries for stars.

Taco Meat Loaf

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 small green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 15 saltine crackers, crushed
- 8 ounces shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 (1.25 ounce) package taco seasoning mix

In a medium skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion, and green pepper and saute until onions are soft. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In a large mixing bowl, place ground beef, crushed crackers, Cheddar cheese, taco seasoning, and sauteed onion and green pepper. Mix thoroughly.



NEVER FORGET

Sister Nancy Willis

Sometime ago I heard a song about a little orphan boy, and a King of great wealth.. The King had no children of his own, so he decided to adopt this little boy. The little boy who was poor, dirty, and only had torn ragged clothes, he was very happy to get adopted. So when the King adopted him, he gave him the finest of everything, after all he was now the son of a King. He had a great inheritance. One day the King noticed a box of old clothes sitting in the corner. He asked his son why didn't he throw them away, the son said because I never want to forget where I came from. A lot of people after they get saved they seem to forget where the Lord brought them from. They think they are better than anyone else. They have forgot that they to at one time was lost in sin. They judge people and never show love and compassion. They have forgot that they too used to be in this condition. And if not for the mercy and grace of God would still be there. In Matt. 18;11- it tells us that Jesus came to save those which was lost. And I thank him so much for saving me, and I never want to forget where he brought me from. How one day he saved me, adopted me, and now I to am a child of THE KING.

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Will The Real Christian Please Stand up?

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"And when he had called the people unto Him with His disciple also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Mark 8:34 (KJV)

Are you a Christian? Are you a real Christian? If you were to end up in court for being a Christian would there be enough evidence to find you guilty. Many call their selves Christian, but they are not Christ like. As a real Christian we should be Christ like in all that we say and all that we do. Being a Christian means being a miniature Christ. As a Cadet at the Salvation Army School for Officer we had to spend one Friday on the street corners of the downtown Chicago Loop. Our task was to stop passers-by and ask them if they were a Christian. Now our main goal was to lead them to a true relationship with Christ. Some of our answers were, "I guess I am a Christian after all I give to several charities. I live a good life. I treat people kind. I have never hurt any one". Our most popular answer was, "Yes, I am a Christians because I go to church". Well my friend, I am here to tell you that working in a barn does not make you a horse, no more than going to church makes you a Christian. A Christian is one who has come to the Savior and given their life to Jesus. They are committed men, women, teenagers and children who say "Yes Lord" and follow is leading. A Christian strives to be Christ like in all that they say and do. Did you hear that, in ALL that they SAY and DO. Mark 8:34 says "And when he had called the people unto Him with His disciple also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Do you love Jesus, then follow him, be Christ like. Being humble is probably one of the greatest marks of being a Christian of being Christ like. Matthew 20:27" And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." Remember Jesus did not come to this earth as the richly robed king, that many were looking for. He came a baby born in a stable, he came as a penniless teacher, he came as a servant. Jesus had to suffer and be degraded, he had to face the cross and Calvary. Those who nailed Him on the Cross He loved and forgave. Do you love those who have hurt you and can you forgive them. Are you willing to suffer the same for Him? I am here to tell you that the day is coming when we may have to suffer simply because we are Christians. Will you be willing to stand and say I AM A CHRISTIAN or will you hide in the shadows because you fear for your life? Will the real Christian Please Stand.

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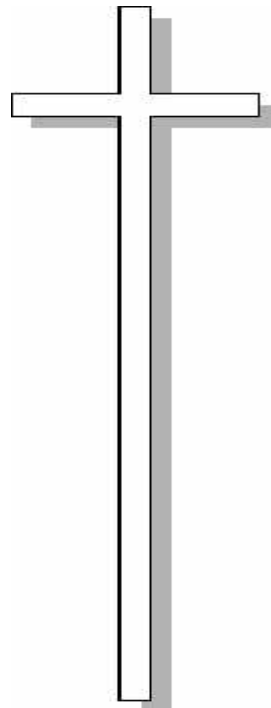
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Ray & Mary Owens
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Mary Taylor
Red Dukes
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SALVATION CORNER

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.

If you prayed this prayer in all sincerity, you are now a Child of God! So that we might rejoice with you, please write, call or email us today and we will send you some material to help you with your new walk with the LORD!



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The WORD For Everyday

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted Him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? (Lk. 10:25).

In the Israel of Jesus' day, a lawyer was one who devoted himself to the study of the Law of Moses. This lawyer meant to test Christ's knowledge of the Law. Eternal life is man's greatest interest; no more tremendous question could be asked than that of this Verse. In His reply, the Lord immediately points to the Bible as an infallible authority. In the lawyer's answer, which, incidentally, was correct, is revealed a clear knowledge of God and of Truth which men in Israel possessed at that time, or at least could possess, if they so desired. It was knowledge immeasurably in advance of that of other parts of the world. Greece, with its pagan poets and philosophers, claimed great knowledge; they had, however, no knowledge of the things that really counted. Sadly, the lawyer, though he answered correctly, did not evidence faith correctly, because he was self-righteous. He was determined to win Heaven by religious self-efforts. At a point in his Ministry, Spurgeon was criticized for not speaking enough about science, etc. His answer to the accusation was revealing. When he took the pulpit on the Sunday morning in question, he laid his Bible on the podium, and then said: "There is a woman in this audience who recently lost a child. To know where that child presently is, she cannot go to science. She must go to the Bible." The great Preacher was, in essence, saying that the answers that really matter are found only in the Word of God. No person truly can be said to be educated, no matter how many university degrees they might hold, unless they are properly educated in the Word of God. This is one of the reasons that many of the modern translations, so-called, of the Bible (which are really mere paraphrases) are so dangerous. Jesus didn't say, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every thought ...," but rather, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the Mouth of God" (Mat. 4:4). In the Christian life, the daily study of the Word of God (but make certain that it actually is the Word of God that you are studying) must have first place. All other duties must give way to it.

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