



Life Lines

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“The Ultimate Journey” From Focus on Truth Website

Every person is born into this world and lives till death. For the Christian person however, he lives forever through a “new birth” in Christ. The term “born again” sounds strange to people in the world but not to Christians who understand the meaning of life after death. See John 3:5-8). In order to enter the kingdom of heaven, we must be born again through the water and the spirit.

This miraculous change takes place when we confess our sins, repent of our sinful life, confess Jesus as the Son of God and are buried with Christ in full submersion water baptism. In baptism our mortal bodies are cleansed of our sins and God’s Holy Spirit takes up residence in our hearts. Our body now becomes the kingdom of God, prepared for a prepared place in heaven. Now we have risen to new life and begin our ultimate journey as a Christian.

Now, as a spiritual person we begin to undergo changes in our emotional state, psychological state and most important our spiritual self. God is a trinity, consisting of God the Father, Jesus His only Son and the Holy Spirit. In one sense, man is also a trinity, composed of a mind, body and spirit. In order for our multi-level self to experience the miraculous changes discussed above, we must be guided and live our life by the Holy Scriptures, which controls our lives.

When we develop a passion for Christian living our Christ likeness helps us to overcome negative feelings like hate, envy and jealousy. Our redeemed soul now reflects the love of Christ. And we will live with Christ in peace in the heavenly realm.

When we hurt emotionally, we must depend on God’s love to heal our wounds. Through prayer and meditation on God’s word we will get through the difficult times in our lives. When we seek outside counseling, we need to remind ourselves that the very nature of psychology is rooted in the Bible, and that the definition of psychology means the “study of the soul.” The understanding of our intellect and emotions must come from a daily study of God’s word. Through the understanding of self, we are better able to understand other people in our life.

As born again Christians we develop the mind-set of Christ. And, though we live in a physical world we live our lives as spiritual beings. The guilt of our sins and the punishment thereof, has been removed, as we grow in Christ daily. As we develop a spiritual focus, there is nothing we cannot do in Christ. (See Philippians 4:13). Trials and temptations will still come our way but with the Lord Jesus guiding our lives, in everything we do, we will not fail. The only thing that could stand in our path would be our own prideful spirit. In that too, God will make us see the error of our ways.

When we demonstrate our ability to live our lives according to God’s

word, life becomes a joyful experience, in spite of the trials and temptations we might be going through. In this mortal life, our dependence must be fully on our Creator so that growth can take place as we continue on our ultimate journey. With our faith in God and guided by His Spirit our humanity is continually undergoing a transition from self to becoming a fully spirited person.

The gift of a spiritual life should be envied by the people of the world. As Christians living in Christ, we need to think and pray for those outside the church. The love we enjoy through Christ needs to be shared with lost souls. Along our ultimate journey there will be many people left behind as we reach our final destination. We need to reach out to others now before it is too late for them. Christ’s love should be reflected in our actions here on earth. As Christians sojourning along our ultimate journey, we become transformed in the newness of our mind and are no longer victims but victors. And through Christ’s power over death, we live a life free of guilt and worry and receive God’s promise of eternal life. In heaven, our ultimate journey takes on a whole new meaning.

Sent In By: Jim Killer,
An elder of the
Dover Church of Christ
Dover, Arkansas

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Not so much anymore, but one of the old favorites we use to sing, is *Hold to God's Unchanging Hand*. Often we sing along, not considering what the words actually mean to us. Thinking about the words can give much comfort because we realize that God does have "an unchanging hand." If anything happens to our union with God, it is because we have changed, not Him.

"For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'" (Hebrews 13:5b) God doesn't leave us. He doesn't change. **"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."** (Hebrews 13:8)

Change can be very good for us if we are failing to do as we should. Maybe we need a change in our attitude. We need change because we sin. It isn't necessary for our God, or our Lord Jesus Christ, to change because they have no sin. But sin puts us in a delicate position. Unless we are in God's good grace, sin will lead us to destruction. This should be something that we do not want.

How can we change? Where do we go to better ourselves? We should only depend on the word of God. **"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."** (Psalm 119:105) We must study and learn what change is to be made. We can't rely on others. Paul tells us to, **"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom . . ."** (Colossians 3:16a) We have to know the word before it can dwell in us.

We have never wanted to put our trust in something that does not last. We want something on which we can depend, something faithful, to the end. God's word is like this. It has lasted throughout the years and it will last through many more. **"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of God stands forever."** (Isaiah 40:8) He has told us, and it is so.

Often we get complacent. We may think things are going well, so there is no need to change. Maybe we had better take a long, hard look at what we are doing, or not doing. There is always something to be changed to make us purer and better, especially when it concerns our soul.

Remember Our Sick

Amie Barkley – appointment, Tues., 27th in Denver, CO.

Iris Bates – hospitalized, mild stroke. Marion Helton/Joan Vance's sister.

Tommy Causey - critically ill.

Troy Curtis– home recovering.

Melvin Davis – had surgery, Jan 19, home doing well.

Hoyt Ensey – home, showing improvement.

Cale Kirtley – home recovering, 3 weeks old, had surgery for a stomach blockage. Grandson of Vickie Cox & great-grandson of Billie Nichols.

Eugene Qualls – home, slow recovery. Had surgery on crushed and broken leg.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**

Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Joyce Austin

Evelyn Driver

Lorene McNutt

Gertrude Burgess

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Bill Boley, Lloyd Boley, Lois Boley, Susie Boley, Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Pat Holloway, Dorothy King, Rose Lee, Linda Melton, Helen Moore, Julie Moss, BJ/Don Sheeran, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend, and Judy Will.

Special Children: Zeke Church, Garrett Hogan, Tiffany Knight, Elysia Lee, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Our Military: D. J. Bandy, Travis Coe and Byron Lee.

**No Area Wide Devo
For the Month of February
CHRISTeens Instead.**

**H 4 H (Hunger for
Healing), Dover Church of
Christ every Tuesday, 6PM
thru March 31st.**

The Cold Within

From Home Touch

Six humans trapped by happenstance
In dark and bitter cold
Each one possessed a stick of wood
Or so the story's told.

Their dying fire in need of logs
The first woman held hers back
For of the faces around the flame
She noticed one was black.

The second man looking all about
Saw no one of his church
And couldn't bring himself to give
The fire his stick of birch.

The rich man sat and thought
Of all the wealth he had in store
Why should his stick be used
to warm
The lazy, shiftless poor!

The poor man sat in tattered clothes
He gave his coat a hitch
No way would he let his stick
be used
By the greedy selfish rich.

The black man bitter and full of rage
Held his oak branch tight
For all he saw in his stick of wood
Was a chance to spite the white.

The last man of the forlorn group
Did nothing except for gain
Giving only to those who gave
Was how he played the game.

The branches held in fate's
cruel hands
Was proof of human sin
They didn't die from the cold without
They died from the cold within.

Wanda Thomas of Dover, Arkansas, passed away Sunday, January 25, 2009. She was a grandmother to Chris Thomas and a great-grandmother to Tori and Taylor Thomas.

Prayers are needed for the family and many friends of **Wanda Thomas**.

Events

Dover Church of Christ Children's Church

Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon

Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Story and
Activities
Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

2009

Lads to Leaders
Leaderettes

Overall Theme:

*“ . . . All that You
command us we will do,
and wherever You send
us we will go.”*

(Joshua 1:16)

CHRISTeens 2009

February 20-22
West Side Church of Christ
Russellville, Arkansas

No Dover Church in
home Youth Devos
for February or
March for 2009.

Mark Your Calendars

The song leading, songs
of praise and scripture
reading will continue
every Sunday, 5 PM, for
Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes.

Annual Sweetheart Breakfast

Saturday, February 14th
9:00 AM
(Men Cooking , 7 AM)
For more info see:
Cara Williams

Dover Ladies Night
Thursday, 7 PM
February 19, 2009.
Hostess: Pat McAlister

DOVER LADIES' DAY!

April 25, 2009
Dover Church of Christ
Dover, Arkansas
Continental Breakfast and
Registration 9:00 AM
Program 9:30 AM
Lunch: 12:00 Noon
Theme: “Today's Moments
become . . .
Tomorrow's Treasured
Memories . . .

February Birthdays

- 03 Mildred Turner
Jon David Vance
- 08 Mary McAlister
- 09 Juanita Whitted
- 11 Kristen Nordin
- 12 Shawn Bates
Tommy Oakes
Emily Straight
- 15 Zackary Shelton
- 16 Rachel Curtis
- 19 Carolyn Bennett
Tyler Mullins
- 20 Kaci Statler
- 21 Julie Moss
- 22 Eugene Davis
Keri Letson
Troy Meadows
- 23 Pat McAlister
Linda Vance Phillips
- 24 Earl Kennedy
- 27 Caleb Chance
- 28 Theresa Motley

If we missed your birthday, *please*
let us know so it won't happen
again.

“In Search of the Lord's Way”

Now 24/7
The Search Program
can now be accessed
any time on website:
www.searchtv.org
Mack Lyon's weekly
lesson can be heard
and seen on
KARK, Channel 4
Sunday, 7:30 AM

THOSE TO SERVE

February 08, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Chris Loper
Brett Walters

Communion

Podium: Jim Killer
Serve: Chris Besterfeldt
Chris Moss
Donny Forehand
Drew Walters

Scripture Reading

Blake Walters

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Brent Hottinger
Blake Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Allen & Marilyn Veasman

Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger

Greeters

Jim & JoAnn Killer

Wednesday Night Devotional February 11, 2009

Drew Walters

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

6:30 P.M.

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Jim Killer 331-2802
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Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: JoAnn Killer

Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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