



Life Lines

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Accept Nothing Less Than Real Christianity

From: Christianity Then and Now

Coca Cola presents its product as "The Real Thing." Everyone wants real, genuine currency, not counterfeit bills. When we purchase a product, we want the real thing, not some shoddy substitute made of cheap materials that will not serve the purpose.

Thinking people are looking for real Christianity. In our world, wherever there is a genuine product, there will usually be an imitation. Such is certainly the case in religion. Since Christ established His true church 2000 years ago, several thousand imitation churches have created and foisted on an unwitting public. Just as an imitation twenty dollar bill is worthless, so is a church founded by a sinful, mortal man. Think of the daring, brazen pride a man must have to imagine that he can create a better church than that founded by the Son of God. (Matthew 16:18) **"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it."**

If you went to a flea market and found clothing with quality name brands, but the proprietor admitted that they were cheap imitations from China, would you waste your money on them? Why then would anyone waste his time and risk his soul by being part of a church that is nothing more than a man-made imitation of the church Christ built. If the church were unimportant, such might be reasonable. But Christ purchased His church with His blood shed on the cross. (Acts 20:28) **"Be on guard for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."** The church is His

bride. (Ephesians 5:23-25) **"For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her."** The church is the family of God's children. (I Timothy 3:15) **". . . but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of truth."** Christ's church will be with Him in heaven. (Revelation 21:1-4) **"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'Behold the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying or pain; the first things have passed away.'"**

Don't settle for anything less than "Real Christianity." The difference in Christ's church and men's denominations is that of substance and shadow. Anything less than real Bible-based Christianity is of no more value than a shadow. A shadow cannot love you nor save you. The true religion of Christ can bring you into a saving relation with Jesus the Son of God who has all power in heaven and on earth. (Matt. 28:18)

Being A Self-Starter

*By Sid Womack, Elder
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One of the "129 Things to Do" in the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes manual is the Self-Starter activity. In it, young people are asked to commit to setting their own alarm clocks or clock radios, getting up in the mornings, dressing themselves and getting off to school on time. Young people who participate in the Self-Starter activity learn what everyday life as an adult is. By participating in this activity, young people relieve themselves and their parents of a daily contest of wills in trying to get the day started right.

"The goal of discipline is self-discipline." My mentor and father-in-law, Dr. Ray King used to say, and he was right. "When people take charge of their own behavior, others don't have to." This was the sage advice of someone who had been a successful school principal in Arkansas for a number of years before he went into teacher education. There's a lot there in the space of only a few well-chosen words. They apply to us, young and old, in our spiritual world today. The Lad to Leaders manual says words to the effect of "The person who always has to be told to do something will never become a leader." There are so many opportunities for us to do good. They may be in visiting a sick person or shut-in, sending a card of encouragement or condolence to some-one, having a youth devo, men's devo or ladies devo at your house, or inviting someone to come to church with us. James said, **"To him therefore that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is a sin."** (4:17) We need to be more self-starting people and see a job that needs doing which has merit and do it.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in tents of wickedness. For the Lord is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly!” (Psalm 84:10-11 NKJV)

Does God make the same promises to us today as He did to His people years ago? He does. We have those same promises today, and forever. Our battles are different, but we still have them. So His promise, “. . . *no good thing will He uphold from those who walk uprightly,*” is good for us today.

What is required of us? The words, “walk uprightly,” what do they mean? We must read the Scriptures to find the answer. We must pray. We must follow the example of Christ. We will fail some, but we can keep trying. We will never be perfect. That is why we have forgiveness.

Probably, at the worst time in history of the sinfulness of God’s people, He still promised them so much blessing that they wouldn’t have room for it! All they had to do was repent and turn from their sins. They should leave their idol worship and worship the true God. (Malachi 3:10)

How beautiful are God’s blessings? Can we understand exactly how enormous the blessings can be if we follow Him? I think we get carried away with our every day lives and forget just what He can do for us.

“I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread.” (Psalm 37:25)

It’s not just our daily nourishments He provides. He offers us peace and hope. He offers us a better life in eternity. Jesus said, *“I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.”* (John 6:35)

The thirst and hunger is not food and drink He offers. He offers eternal life.

This is the promise that awaits us if we walk uprightly.

This is a good thing.

Remember Our Sick

Mel Davis – brother of Eugene Davis, diagnosed with cancer.

Anna Deimund - hospitalized with stroke, long time friend of Don Sheeran, St. Louis.

Hoyt Ensey – aneurism surgery scheduled February 27.

Carol Graham – little Keith Martin’s grandmother, cancer surgery Feb. 19.

David Guthrie – (Southern Christian Home) diagnosed with colon cancer.

Pat Jackson – Sister of Eugene Davis, diagnosed with cancer.

Tracy Kissiah (Strickland) Conway hospital, coma, on life support, no change.

Jim Lackey – cancer, receiving treatments.

Ray Motley – Theresa Motley’s father-in-law, in St. Mary’s with pneumonia. Out of ICU.

Christy Pickle – Cara Williams’ sister, in Africa for 3 months (internship).

Summer Russell – injured in an auto accident 12-23-06, still in AMS, (coma) head and spinal injuries.

Bud Wait – back in Hospital, in rehab. Hoping to come home soon.

Donna Walters – home from hospital, some heart blockage, but can be treated.

Shut-ins - need prayers and visits.

Dover Area: **Bernice Brown**

Evelyn Burton

Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

Evelyn Driver

Thelma Hatcher

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer,**

Mary Lee

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Daisy Hogins Anderson, Lawrence Boley, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Gail Brewer, Ina Dell Cloud, Tom Cloud, Jeff Davis, Charles Ensey, Barbara Forehand, Sue Griffin, Charles Hickey, Robert and Rose Lee, Bill and Mary McAlister, El Mering, Teresa Phillips, Charles Proctor, Annie Robinson, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Stone Family and Jewel Waldrip.

Special Children: Emmy May, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Military: Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Steve Ferguson, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

Bless all my friends and family

**Hello God, I called tonight
To talk a little while
I need a friend who’ll listen
To my anxiety and trial.**

**You see, I can’t quite make it
Through a day just on my own . . .
I need your love to guide me,
So I’ll never feel alone.**

**I want to ask you please to keep,
My family safe and sound.
Come and fill their lives with
confidence
For whatever fate they’re bound.**

**Give me faith, dear God, to face
Each hour throughout the day,
And not to worry over things
I can’t change in any way.**

**I thank you God, for being home
And listening to my call,
For giving me such good advice
When I stumble and fall.**

**Your number, God, is the only one
That answers every time.
I never get a busy signal,
Never had to pay a dime.**

**So thank you, God, for listening
To my troubles and my sorrow.
Good night, God, I love you, too,
And I’ll call again tomorrow!**

*Author Unknown
Sent in by Iris Bates,
Springdale, AR*

God’s Plan for Saving Man

God’s Grace – Ephesians 2:8

Christ’s Blood – Romans 5:9

The Holy Spirit’s Gospel –
Romans 1:16

Sinner’s Faith – Acts 16:31

Sinner’s Repentance – Luke 13:3

Sinner’s Confession – Romans 10:10

Sinner’s Baptism – I Peter 3:21

Christian’s Work – James 2:24

Christian’s Hope – Romans 8:24

Christian’s Endurance –

Revelation 2:10

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

CHRISTeens 2007

February 23rd thru 25th

West Side Church of Christ
2300 West "C" Street
Russellville, AR 72801
wsyouth.org

Registration is limited
to the first 1000 registered
9th thru 12th Grades,
including sponsors.

Men's Regular Meeting

Monday, March 5th,
Dover Church of Christ
7:00 PM

Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes

meets for practice
every Sunday
4:00 to 6:00 PM

Mark Your Calendars

Gospel Meeting

February 25 – March 1
10:00 AM Sunday
7:00 PM Nightly

Center Ridge Church of Christ
Center Ridge, Arkansas

Speakers

Sunday: Fred Whitelaw
Mon. PM: Loyd Harris
Tues. PM: Tom Hartaway
Wed. PM: Leon Barnes
Thurs. PM: David Riley

Celebration!!

March 4, 2007

Joe and Becky Miller's
50 Wedding Anniversary!

Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
2:00 – 4:00 PM

LADIES' DAY!!

Dover Church of Christ
Mark Your Calendars
Saturday, April 28th,

More info to follow!

Dover's Youth Devo

Sunday, March 4th
After evening services
Brent/Kelli Hottinger's

March Birthdays

- 02 Kelly Williams
- 03 Bryan Bates
Keaton Creel
Rick Hollis
- 07 Harold Turner
Colton Williams
- 12 Carl Lawley
- 13 Matthew Moss
- 17 Jim Killer
- 18 Ryan Whiteside
- 21 William Boley
- 22 Alan Herron
- 25 Blake Brown
- 26 Mike Creel
Jessalyn Davis
Shelby Statler
- 27 Wilma Johnson
- 28 Kaeli Miller

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 at any time on its
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 25, 2007

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Gary Williams
Jim Killer

Communion

Podium: Marion Helton
Serve: Rick Hollis
Sid Womack
Robert Bird
Chris Moss

Scripture Reading

Rex McDaniel

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Merrell Shoptaw
Joe Miller

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Troy and Rachel Curtis

Communion to Shut-Ins

William Boley
Merrell Shoptaw

Greeters

Gary and Sonia Williams

Wednesday Night Devotional

February 28, 2007

Randall 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
7:00 P.M.

Minister: Micah Williams
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Or Cell: 479-264-9244

Elders:

William Boley 858-7131
Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

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

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Kaeli Miller
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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