



Life Lines

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Christian Hope

The hope, which a Christian possesses, is far greater in substance than mere wishful thinking. The writer of the Hebrews letter said, “. . . *faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*” (Hebrews 11:1)

The apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, who had been “*called to be saints*”: “*For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.*”

That is why Christians base their hope on the substance of faith and their faith on evidence.

The word hope comes into comparison with such words as desire, expect, anticipate, wait, and look for. My hope is weak if these aspects of my hope is weak. The author of Hebrews wrote, “*But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He hath prepared for them a city.*” (Hebrews 11:16)

Again, “*According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all my boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.*” (Philippians 1:20)

Further: “*For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the*

living and true God: and to wait for

His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.” (I Thessalonians 1:9-10)

Finally: “*Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness, wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace.*” (II Peter 3:13-14)

The word hope and comparable terms are used in the Bible to contrast it with despair.

The apostle Paul wrote that the Ephesians were at one time “. . . *without Christ . . . having no hope and without God in this world.*” (Ephesians 2:12; I Thessalonians 4:13) But he adds, “*Now in Christ Jesus ye . . . are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*” (Ephesians 2:13)

That is why the apostle was able to write to the Colossians brethren and say, “*To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you the hope of glory.*” (Colossians 1:27)

The apostle Paul continues to admonish the Galatians, “*Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*” (Galatians 6:9)

He is saying to them, in farm language, that in preparing the soil for the sowing of the seed and spending the growing season in watering and cultivating the crop that they should not become weary and faint, because their hope will be

realized in the fall at the time of gathering and harvesting the produce.

The Christian’s hope becomes “. . . *an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast.*” (Hebrews 6:19)

When Robert Owen visited Alexander Campbell at his farm in Bethany, Campbell took Owen out to the pasture to show him his prized cattle. Owen pointed out one of the calves and said to Campbell, “I’m just like that animal, neither of us has any fear of death.”

“Yes,” replied Campbell, “but neither of you have hope.”

Brother N. B. Hardeman would describe hell to his Bible class as “a place where hope is a stranger and mercy has never been found.”

The Christian’s hope is built upon our desire and expectation that God can and will keep His promise. (Titus 1:2)

The apostle Peter wrote that love “. . . *believeth all things (and) hopeth all things.*” (I Corinthians 13:7)

The apostle Paul encourages us to “. . . *sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*” (I Peter 3:15)

It is surely true that our hope is deepened when it is challenged, and we are able to defend our hope against all questions.

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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”
(Proverbs 14:12)

This verse doesn't seem to coincide with “Do it your way.” If it feels okay, do it.

Sin has bought too much pain and destruction in our world. Homes are broken because someone broke the rules.

We have sin against society; the breaking of our laws. Then, we have sin that breaks the rules established by God. Sin that is rejected by God may not be rejected by man. Envy, grumbling, lying, adultery, sexual immorality; these usually don't send you to jail. Unless done in extreme, or envying to the point of taking something from someone, then you have broken the law. However, they are punishable by God.

We must be guided by some form of rules. God gave us the pattern and guidebook to use. Remember how often He warned the Israelites to obey the laws He had given to them. He promised them a good long life if they obeyed. It seems as if they couldn't go more than a day before they were sinning again (just as we do today).

Because of disobedience during the time of Moses, God destroyed many of His people. God dealt with them directly. Even after giving the law and explaining it to them, sin crept in.

Later, during the time of the judges, the people did the same. *“In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”*
(Judges 17:6) Does this sound familiar?

We can't do what is right in our own eyes and expect to be pleasing to God.

We are expected to “do what is right in the sight of the Lord.”

Prayers and Sympathy to the family and friends of **Robert (Bob) Bennett** who passed away Friday, April 2, 2010.
Services Tuesday, April 6, 2010, Dover Church of Christ, William Boley officiated.

Remember Our Sick

Alec Barkley – appt. with Pulmonologist April 9th, in Denver.

Danny Brown – cancer

Shirlie Chadwick - knee surgery May 4th

Robert/Vickie Cox – serious health problems.

Don Letterton – Billie Nichols' nephew, cancer, hospice.

Janette Litch – battling cancer.

Beverly Myers – back problems, appointment April 8th.

Billie Nichols – knee surgery not scheduled, sees doctor April 9th.

Margaret (Marty) Robbins – cancer

Mary Stamps – surgery went well, home recovering.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: Evelyn Burton
Bob Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Joyce Austin
Helen Brown
Alma Burris
Lorene McNutt

Stella Manor: Louise Killer
Janice Brashear

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Melvin Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, David/Mary Franke, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joe Kline, Rose Lee, Mario Litch, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Don/BJ Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Gary/Dorene Shinn, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend, Judy Will and W. T. & Sue Williams.

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

Expectant Mothers: Kelley Chance, Andrea Henson.

Our Military: prayers for D. J. Bandy, Jr., Travis Coe, Byron Lee, April Morgan, Billy Joe Ralston and others serving our nation.

I've Learned That . . .

In April, Maya Angelou, a lovely black lady was interviewed by Oprah on her 70+ birthday. Oprah asked her what she thought of growing older.

Maya Angelou said it was “exciting, regardless of the body changes.” She said there were many, occurring every day.

Maya Angelou also said this: **“I've learned that** no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on and it will be better tomorrow.

“I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights.

“I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

“I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

“I've learned that making a “living” is not the same thing as making a life.

“I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands, you need to be able to throw some things back.

“I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision . . .

“I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one . . .

“I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug or just a friendly pat on the back . . .

“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

*Sent in by B. J. Sheeran
St. Louis, Missouri*

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

DOVER LADIES' DAY!!!

Saturday, April 24th

9:00 AM – Noon

Continental Breakfast
& Potluck Luncheon

Theme: "Ahhh...Spring!
A time to Grow."

Speaker: Kim Reynolds
Wilson

Plumerville, Arkansas

For more info:

phone 479-331-3428 or

E-mail staff@dovercoc.org

Please join us for
fellowship, skit, food and
to enjoy the speaker.

Youth HiWay Clean-up

Sunday, April 18th

(Following Morning Services)

Bring your lunch.

Change clothes & do the Clean-up

Mark Your Calendars

In May The Dover Church
of Christ will recognize our
2010 Graduates Sunday,
May 23, 6 PM

This is our list so far:

Dover High School

Blake Forehand

Josh Pennington

Shoshana Spittler

Jamie D. Stone

Drew Walters

Atkins

Shelby Statler

Hector

Lane Smith

College

Chris Ramirez

Bobbie Robbins

Tristan Stamps

Michael Williams

If there are others *Please*
let Shirlye Chadwick know.

"Evangelistically Speaking Lectureship"

April 16 – 18

Mars Hill congregation

Vilonia, Arkansas

APRIL Birthdays

- 02 Iva Lay
- 06 Andrea Henson
- 09 Skylar Creel
Suzy Pennington
- 12 Beverly Myers
- 14 Danielle Smith
- 15 Loredana Qualls
- 16 Zach Pennington
- 17 Lane Smith
- 18 Gicala Lee
- 19 Earlene Davis
- 20 Earl Stamps
- 21 Mario Litch
- 22 Curtis Rackley
Brett Walters
- 23 Rusty Parker
- 27 Sharon Rackley
- 29 Kati Pennington

If we missed your birth-
day, *Please* let us know
so it won't happen again.

"In Search of the Lord's Way"

The Search Program
can now be accessed
any time on website
www.searchtv.org

Or

Mack Lyon

Phil Sanders

Weekly Lesson can
be heard and seen on
KARK, Channel 4
Sunday, 7:30 AM

THOSE TO SERVE

April 18, 2010

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Earl Stamps
Donny Forehand

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman
Serve: Chris Besterfeldt
Chris Loper
Chris Moss
Drew Walters

Scripture Reading

Alan Boatright

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Chris Moss
Brett Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Leota Hickey

Communion to Shut-Ins

Chris Loper

Greeters

The Elders

Wednesday Night Devotional April 21, 2010

Jim Killer

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.
Minister: Micah Williams
Church Office: 479-331-3428
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

Nursery Attendants:

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

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