



Life Lines

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What Is the Gospel of Christ?

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The theme of all the New Testament is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Practically every page provides information on the topic. In its simplest terms, the gospel of Jesus is the "good news" concerning Him.

In a day when there is so little good news, it is important to spread the good news of Jesus.

The gospel message is that although man is a sinner, deserving of death, God loved mankind enough to provide salvation. Paul warned that ". . . *all have sinned and come short of the glory of God*" (Romans 3:23), and ". . . *the wages of sin is death.*" (Romans 6:23) Comfort comes, however, in knowing that ". . . *the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" (Romans 6:23) Christians are ". . . *justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*" (Romans 3:24) The amazing grace of God is truly good news.

At the gospel's heart is Christ's death, burial and resurrection. As Peter preached the first "gospel sermon" on Pentecost, he spoke of "*Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs.*"

(Acts 2:22) Although put to death, death could not hold Him: "*This Jesus hath God raised up.*" (Acts 2:32) "*Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.*" (Acts 2:36) The people were pricked in their heart, and said, "*Men and brethren, what shall we do?*" (Acts 2:37) Peter told them how to accept the good news: "*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.*" (Acts 2:38) The gospel is for ". . . *all that are afar off.*" (Acts 2:39) The church would include the Gentiles as well as the Jews.

Faith moved many to obey: "*They that gladly received His word were baptized; and the same day they were added unto them about three thousand souls.*" (Acts 2:41) The church grew rapidly and many were added to the church. (Acts 2:47)

Christ commands: "*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*" (Matthew 18:19-20)

TO MY CHILD

Things I Can and Cannot Do

- I can share your life,
But I cannot live it for you.
- I can teach you things,
But I cannot make you learn.
- I can give you direction,
But I cannot always lead you.
- I can allow you freedom,
But I cannot account for it.
- I can take you to worship,
But I cannot make you believe.
- I can teach you right from wrong,
But I cannot decide for you.
- I can give you love,
But I cannot force it upon you.
- I can teach you to share,
But I cannot make you unselfish.
- I can teach you respect,
But I cannot force you to show honor.
- I can tell you the facts of life,
But I cannot build your reputation.
- I can tell you about lofty goals,
But I cannot achieve them for you.
- I can teach you to obey,
But I cannot answer for your actions.
- I can warn about your sins,
But I cannot make your morals.
- I can love you as my child,
But I cannot place you in God's family.
- I can teach you about Jesus,
But I cannot make Him your Savior.
- I can teach you about prayer,
But I cannot make you pray.
- I can tell you how to live,
But I cannot give you eternal life.

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House to House/Heart to Heart
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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Someone once wrote, “no one can be pure, gentle and good without the world being better for it.”

If you are like me, you think of being pure, good and gentle as being pleasing to the Lord. We try to be good because we want to obey God and go to heaven some day. We are good because we want to be an example to others. But, I had not thought deeply about it this way, to realize when we are good we are making the world a better place. We try to be good because we were taught to be this way.

Now, I am realizing that all of the kind things my Christian friends are doing for some, are actually helping all of us. They are making a better world for all of us.

“It is one of the beautiful compensations of this life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.”

Charles Dudley Warner

The greatest example of someone being pure, gentle and good, who made the world better for it, is Jesus Christ our Lord. By dying for us, being our sacrifice, He made the world a better place. Without His sacrifice, we would have an empty, hopeless life. He arose from the grave, ascended back into heaven, to prepare us a beautiful home in heaven. We have this promise for the hereafter and we have a promise now of a Comforter here on this earth. Jesus answers our prayers. The Holy Spirit helps us when we pray. (Romans 8:26-27) The world is a better place because of God’s word that gives us spiritual nourishment every day. This gives us a direct line of communication with Him.

This world will not compare with the one awaiting us. But, since we live here, and we don’t know how long, we must make the best of this world. We must do good to make the world a little better.

“Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.”

James Matthew Barrie

Remember Our Sick

Bob Bennett –home, needs our prayers.

Lynn Dils – mother of Chuck Dils, moved to Baptist Hospital.

David & Mary Franke – serious health problems.

Robin King –brother of Karen Womack, rare disease, Bartanella.

Rose Lee – carpal-tunnel surgery, both hands, October 15th.

Janette Litch – blood clot in leg, having more chemo.

Ray Nichols – pacemaker check-up Oct. 15th.

Gerald Simoneaux – Sonia Williams’ father, critically ill. Not responding, moved to an extended-care facility.

Earl Whitted – surgery re-scheduled, check-up at AR Heart Hosp., Oct. 15th.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: Evelyn Burton

Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Joyce Austin

Helen Brown

Evelyn Driver

Lorene McNutt

Stella Manor: Louise Killer

Janice Brashear

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Iris Bates, Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, James/Shirley Chadwick, Frankie Colvin, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Melvin Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Jim Dempsey, Charles Ensey, Larry/Rhonda Freeman, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joe Kline, Jim Lackey, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Jeff Myers, BJ/Don Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Gary & Doreen Shinn, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Carolyn Statler, Juanita Townsend, Judy Will and Jim Wisbrock.

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

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

WISHING

Do you wish the world were better?

Let me tell you what to do.

Set a watch upon your actions,
Keep them always straight and true.

Rid your mind of selfish motives,
Let your thoughts be clean and high

You can make a little Eden

Of the sphere you occupy.

Do you wish the world were wiser?

Well, suppose you make a start,

By accumulating wisdom

In the scrapbook of your heart;

Do not waste one page on folly;

Live to learn, and learn to live.

If you want to give men knowledge

You must get it, ere you give.

Do you wish the world were happy?

Then remember day by day

Just to scatter seeds of kindness

As you pass along the way,

For the pleasures of the many

May be oft times traced to one,

As the hand that plants an acorn

Shelters armies from the sun.

Author Unknown

Home Touch

Recipe for Happiness

Happiness is something we create in our mind.

It’s not something you search for and so seldom find –

It’s just waking up and beginning the day

By counting blessings and kneeling to pray –

It’s giving up thoughts that breed discontent

And accepting what comes as “heaven sent”

It’s giving up wishing for things we have not

And making the best of whatever we’ve got –

It’s knowing that the future is secure for us,

And pursuing our tasks without fret or fuss–

For it’s by completing what God gives us to do

That we find contentment and happiness, too.

“I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.”

(Philippians 4:11)

House to House/Heart to Heart

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 Lawn Care

Saturday,
October 31st
Chris Moss
Kevin Nordin

Dover Ladies

CCSC Noon Luncheon
Wednesday,
November 4, 2009

GIFTS & GUARDS

Dover Church of Christ
Will Meet Sunday
November 1st, 4 PM
November 15th, 4PM

Collecting for Angel Tree
Sunday, November 1st,
See: Leigh Anne Forehand

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ
Fall Festival
October 24th
Saturday, 5 PM
Camp Caudle
See Amanda Besterfeldt
for details

Dover Men's Devo Re-Scheduled

4th Thursday, October 22nd
Donny Forehand's, 7 PM

Dover Youth Group Devo
Sunday November 1st,
following evening services.
Steve & Suzy Pennington's

Dover Men's Devo
November 12th, 7 PM
Host: Brent Hottinger

Dover Ladies Night,
Thursday, Nov. 19th, 7 PM
Hostess: Diane M. Walters

*"Always be yourself. Because
the people that matter, don't
mind. And the ones that mind,
don't matter.*

Sent In By: Janie McQueen, Dover, AR

October Birthdays

01 Rose Lee
Shannon Nicole
09 Jason Clark
12 Susie Boley
13 Kelley Chance
Cyndie Loper
14 Janie McQueen
15 Heath Forehand
16 Bonnie Vinson
19 Robert Lee
22 Kelsi Hottinger
Emma Letson
23 Blake Walters
27 Carin Vaughn

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 1st!
(fall back one hour)

"In Search of the
Lord's Way"
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

October 25, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

William Boley
Tommy Oakes

Communion

Podium: Chris Loper
Serve: Marion Helton
Michael Robbins
Rex McDaniel
Rick Hollis

Scripture Reading

Lee Henson

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Steve Pennington
Sid Womack

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Allen & Marilyn Veasman

Communion to Shut-Ins

William Boley

Greeters

The Elders

Wednesday Night Devotional

October 28, 2009

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
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: JoAnn Killer
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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