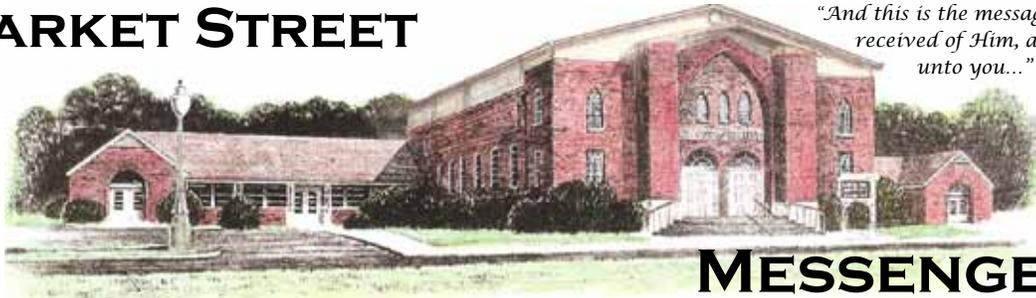


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)

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Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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Crucified With Christ

David A. Cox

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

This statement from Paul is a most interesting statement. How is it that Paul could say that Christ now lives in him? It was because Paul had molded himself into the image of Christ. How did this happen?

Paul began this process when he went to Damascus, and Ananias told him to "Arise, and be baptized and wash away thy sins" (Acts 22:16). Paul had lived in the flesh as a Jew and as a Jew could glory in who he was (Philippians 3:7-14). But at Paul's conversion, that changed. He no longer lived doing what he previously thought was right or what would give him a lofty reputation among the religious and political leaders. He crucified self to live for Christ.

Paul wrote to the Romans concerning the crucifying of the old man. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life... Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin" (Romans 6:3-4,6). Notice Paul said Christians are buried in baptism and rise to walk a new life. Why? Because the old man of sin had been crucified; he had put to death the affections and lusts of the flesh (Galatians 5:24).

Our new life will focus on the things above, and not on things on the earth. We will have our minds set on Christ for He is now our life (Colossians 3:1-4). Yes, we continue to live in the flesh, but now that Christ is enthroned in our lives, our actions will be pleasing to Him. Our lives will be lives of faith. Trusting Him and looking to His word to find the direction for our lives (Romans 10:17; Proverbs 3:5).

What is the motive of the Christian's life? One motive may be heaven, the prepared home for the faithful, and that is a great motive. But another motive Paul mentions here is the sacrifice of Christ for us upon the cross, "He loved me and gave himself for me." As we walk in life thinking of how much Christ valued us by giving His life for us, we should be motivated to live to please Him and to do the work He has left for us to do.

May God help us to be "crucified with Christ" and to mold our life into the image of His dear Son. May our hearts and minds say as the song says:

*"Mold me, make me, as you'd have me be,
Take me, use me, that the lost may see,
Guard me, guide me, thru this pilgrim land,
Make me as clay in the potter's hand."*

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"Except You Repent"

Dan Richardson

A basic truth regarding man's relationship with God is repentance. In Luke 13:1-5, Jesus teaches about repentance – what hinders it, why we need it, the consequences if we don't repent. Consider His teachings.

1) **Hindrance To Repentance** (vs. 1). History is replete with mistaken notions about sin, which hinder repentance. Genuine repentance demands a proper understanding of conviction regarding sin. In this text, Jesus deals with the error that associates one's sinfulness to his degree of suffering, as two catastrophic incidents of that time are considered. While it is true that suffering and death associated with earth life are consequences of sin's entrance into the world (Genesis 3), it does not hold true that suffering is a gauge for sinfulness. Suffering is universal, experienced by the just and unjust alike (Romans 8:20-25; 2 Corinthians 4:16-17). In fact, the righteous often suffer as a consequence of their godliness (2 Timothy 3:12), and, with God's help, it becomes a means for spiritual development (James 1:2-4). Therefore such a view of sin not only unjustly condemns the innocent (cf. Job's friends and the disciples question regarding the blind man, John 9:1-3), it also diverts attention from honest self-examination regarding

one's personal sin, to the observation of others.

2) **The Need For Repentance** (vs. 2, 4). Jesus teaches that all are guilty of sin (cf. Romans 3:23). Scripturally defined, sin is "lawlessness" or acting without God's law as the directive in our lives (1 John 3:4; cf. Matthew 7:21-23). David, recognizing this fact concerning his adultery with Bathsheba, confessed before God, "Against thee, and thee only, have I sinned..." (Psalm 51:4). One's transgressions can be either of "commission" (open violation, transgression of a command, 2 John 9), or "omission" (a failure to do what is commanded, James 4:17). Furthermore, one can sin and be counted guilty before God, even though committed with sincerity and in good conscience. A sin of ignorance is still a sin (1 Timothy 1:12-13). Therefore, the need for all to repent is clear.

3) **The Urgency Of Repentance** (vs. 3, 5). The urgency for repentance is clearly set forth in Jesus' command: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." "Ye" constitutes individual responsibility. In other words, whatever else others may be guilty of – what they're doing or not doing – doesn't change your personal duty to repent of your sin. "Except" suggests the conditional nature of repentance and that I must exercise my freedom of choice to do so (Joshua 24:15; Acts 2:37-38; 17:30). There is no neutral ground here; we will all make a choice (Matthew 12:30). "Repent" means a change of heart or mind which is the result of "godly sorrow" working in our hearts, and which will result in a changed life (2 Corinthians 7:10-11).

Jesus presents before man an ultimatum: "repent... or perish." This perishing is eternal. Hell will be filled with all who, in error or neglect, didn't properly consider their sin and repent of them (Revelations 20:15; 21:8). "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" (Psalm.32:1).

-via Search; Vanduser, Missouri.



Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

He Who Endures To The End

Grant B. Caldwell

Jesus said, "Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and father his child; and children will rise up against and cause them to be put to death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 10:21-22).

Hated By All – Did you ever feel like you just could not win? You tried to live right and do what the Lord wanted, but somehow, it just seemed like everyone was on your case. Jesus said there would be days like that and we need to have the faith necessary to deal with it.

Hated By Family – There is nothing which hurts worse than to have those we love turn against us. It is often the case that children who are attracted by the world find it difficult to be submissive and obedient to their parents who are trying to teach them the way of the Lord. Paul said, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise" (Ephesians 6:1-2). At other times, family members are turned off because one of them calls for authority in some matter and believes some pet project of the others is unscriptural. Whatever the cause, families are destroyed because some stand with the Lord and others do not. A little later in this chapter, Jesus quotes the prophet Micah (7:6) saying, "A man's foes will be those of his own household" (verse 36).

Hated by All Men – Everyone wants to be liked. However, it is axiomatic that not everyone will be your friend, if for nothing more than just a matter of personality. This is especially true for those who have real convictions. If you stand for nothing, then you can agree with everyone. If, on the other hand, you believe the word of God to be truth and stand for its premises, many will be your enemy. Your very presence will be a constant reminder of their sin. They may try to get you fired from your job. They may threaten your good name. They may make every effort to take what you have. Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

He Who Endures – Since Jesus has overcome, it is

possible and necessary for us to overcome with Him. John said, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). It is sad for us when family and friends turn against us. It is necessary, though, for us to continue in our determination to be and do that which the Lord teaches. We may lose for the moment, but we will certainly be victorious in the final outcome. (See Romans 8:18 and 2 Corinthians 4:16- 5:8.) May God give us the strength and faith we so desperately need in such an hour.

-via *News & Notes*; Madison, Alabama.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Mary Hinkle	Anita Wheeler
Bonnie Sutton	Mot Dollar
Jim Whitt	Robert & Mot Beasley
Ella Melvin	Reba Byram
Gilbert Hardy	Marjorie Dunnivant
Essie Hardison	Irene Inman
Jeanette Weir	Carl Hargrave
Gwen Bullock	Elizabeth Howard
Donald Cole	Abi Gilbert
Betty Hamm	Ava Brooke Campbell
Linda Ordonez	David Richardson
Phillip Harwell	Gene Carpenter
Ann Bush	Pam Perry
Ben Hinkle	Al Pollard
Anita Willis	Helen Rushing
Matt Poff	Una King Currier
Charles Burns	Analynn Tegg
Eli Williams	

In The Hospital:

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 111	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Matty Murray, rm. 2	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Judith Groce, rm. 21	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Gayle Mills, rm. 15	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Mable Crafts, rm. 98	Helen Trousdale, rm. 43
Terry Camp, rm. 91	

Limestone Health Facility:

Bobbie Adcock, rm. 110
Mildred Landers, rm. 103
Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

Limestone Lodge:

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 20W

Limestone Manor:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

Shut-In:

Hazel Brooks, at home
Wynell Casteel, at home
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

OUT OF TOWN: The Bradleys: Steve and Marilyn have been in Houston, Texas visiting with family... **Kerry Cox and Ida Nell Griffin** are on the trip with the Athens Bible School senior class to Washington, D.C. and New York City.

SINGING NIGHT THIS MONTH: Our regular schedule song service for November will be moved to November 29th. On the fourth Sunday night, November 22nd, **Steve Usery** will be speaking during the evening service.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Rehabilitation and Senior Care on Tuesday afternoon at 5:30.

PICTURES: Remember that we are currently making pictures for our directory in classroom 20 in the east wing. If you have not had your picture made, or need to have it re-made, please do so after services today.

RESPONSES: In the last couple of weeks **Ross Melvin** and **Sherry Davis** have come forward requesting prayers on their behalf as they desire to live the life of faith and service to God. I appreciate the good hearts exhibited by Ross and Sherry. Let us continue to encourage them as they have and continue to encourage us in our lives as children of God.

WORK GROUPS: Work Group two will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Nov. 8th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 148
Morning Worship 195
Evening Worship..... 151

Wednesday:
Bible Classes..... 118

Remember Our Service This Afternoon at 4:00.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, November 15th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Marty Adams
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper
Presiding Kenneth Smith
Assisting Steve Usery
Serving Charles Vaughn Landon Adams
..... Stefan Fudge Marvin Putman
Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Jason Conn
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Kenneth Smith
Closing Prayer Norman Brown

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 15th:
Usher Heath Dollar
Work Sound System Landon Adams

Wednesday, November 18th:

Song Leader Tommy Burns
Bible Reading..... (1 Corinthians 14:13-28)
..... Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer Kenneth Adams
Invitation Dan Reed
Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Sunday, November 22nd:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marcus Morris
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Norman Brown
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Jerry McGlocklin
Assisting Dwaine Allfrey
Serving Bonnie Sutton Matthew Vaughn
..... Danny Johnson Nathaniel Adams
Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Evening Worship

Announcements Marcus Morris
Song Leader Tony Thomas
Prayer Keith Hinkle
Preaching Steve Usery
Lord's Supper Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer Russell Melvin

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 22nd:
Usher Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System Marty Adams