

# MARKET STREET



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

## MESSENGER

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#### Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.

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## *Peace in the Christian's Life*

**David A. Cox**

*“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you, Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.” — (John 14:27)*

At times, life can be so chaotic and stressful. The world around us may seem to be falling apart, and nothing appears to have order. However, during these uncertain, chaotic, and stressful times God's people should stand out as beacons of peace. Jesus says that he gives peace, but not the peace of the world. How can we have and be beacons of peace in times of uncertainty, chaos, and stress?

### Understand Peace.

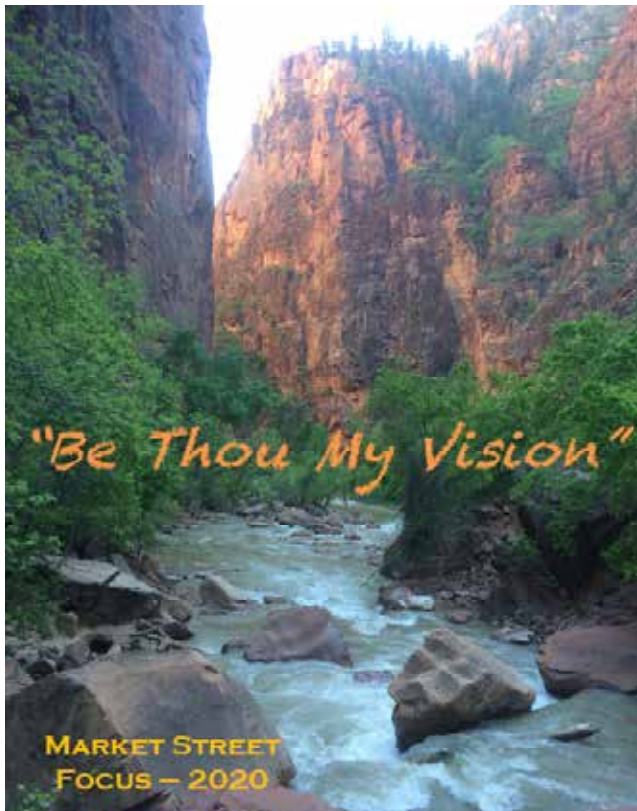
Peace is defined as “quiet, calm, tranquility, harmony in relationships.” As children of God, we should seek peace in our life. We should pursue peace with ourselves and with others. In summing up the Christian's responsibilities, Peter says, “Let him seek peace and pursue it” (1 Peter 3:11b). In seeking for peace, we must know the things which will disrupt peace and steer our lives away from those things. Things that disrupt peace are the attitudes and dispositions of sin or that lead us to sin. There is turmoil in the home, financial upheavals, relationship struggles, physical and emotional oppression. All of these things will destroy the peace we should have in life.

### How To Achieve and Maintain Peace.

*Determine to Live and Pursue a Righteous Life.* A righteous life is a life characterized by being upright, moral, and virtuous. It is a life that is governed by God and His word since He is the decider of what is right and what is wrong. My attitude, disposition, and treatment of others will be according to the plan God has given to man. It is a life that follows the pattern of Jesus' life. It is a life that “love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and will all your mind” (Matthew 22:38; 26:36-38). It is a life that “loves your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:38; Luke 10:25-37). It is a life that “loves your enemies” (Matthew 5:44; Luke 23:34-38). When we come to live and pursue a righteous life, we will have peace.

*Seek and Pursue Restoration.* Man does not live a sinless life. Man sins and comes short of God's mark (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8). However, man does not have to remain in sin with no hope because of the failures of the past. Thanks be to God for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, and the sacrifice He gave for our forgiveness of sin. Man can receive the forgiveness of sin by coming into contact with the blood of Jesus that brought forgiveness. Man needs to seek and pursue the forgiveness of sin, by doing what God's word tells him to do (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, etc.). When one does what God's word says, he is not earning his salvation but is merely doing the good works that he has been told him to do (Ephesians 2:10). The cleansing power and the grace of God will now cleanse him from his sins. He is now at peace with God. There is no longer an estrangement between him and God, and as he continues to live within the law of God, then the peace of God will remain with him. He will have the peace and the promises that God desires for man to have.

Jesus is the provider of peace. Let us live our lives in this world, but not lose focus on the peace we have due to all the chaos around us. The world will not know peace until the world comes to know Jesus. Let us live our lives and show to the world the peace that can be achieved and maintained.



## *The Grandest Name*

**Cecil F. Cox**

I want to ask you a question. Why be a Christian? Many times, people reason that being a Christian requires very much of one. This is true. Being a Christian requires dedication and commitment to God and His will. Being a Christian requires sacrifice. It is not the easiest life one could live. As one looks at these things, he may be tempted to rephrase the question. Why would anyone want to be a Christian?

One reason to be a Christian is to wear the grandest name given among men whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12). Let me ask you, how does it feel to wear the name "American"? But may I emphasize that this grandeur and glory is multiplied again and again when we think about wearing the name "Christian." In James 2:7, speaking of those who persecuted Christians, James said, "Do not they blaspheme that worthy (honorable) name by which ye are called?" We want to emphasize, the name "Christian" is a worthy name! The name Christian is an honorable name.

Someone may ask, "Why"? Some believe the name Christian was given to Christians by their enemies, in derision. They tell us the name was given as an object of ridicule. This is not the case. In Acts 11:26, we read, "...the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch." The words, "*were called*" in this verse are from a word meaning, "a divine calling".

So, according to the passage, God was the One who did the calling. J. H. Thayer, in defining the words, "*were called*" says, "to give divine command or admonition, to teach from heaven, to be divinely admonished, instructed." So, this calling was not by their enemies in derision or ridicule but rather, it was given to them by God (Isaiah 62:2). When we wear the name Christian, we wear the name God gave to His people. It is a shame that many people today wear a name in religion that has come from man and not named by God. When we are Christians, we can wear the grandest, greatest name given among men.

This is the name in which the apostle Peter strongly affirms how we can glorify God (1 Peter 4:16). The apostle Paul said that the name of Christ is above every name (Phil 2:9). He zealously and earnestly sought to persuade King Agrippa to become a Christian (Acts 26:28).

We must realize that there is something in a name. We should gladly wear the name God has given us. In religion, we need nothing more, nothing less and nothing else.

~via *Westside Window*; Yorktown, Indiana.



## *Three Ways To Elevate Your Thoughts*

**Matthew H. Allen**

*God, you are my God; I eagerly seek you. I thirst for you; my body faints for you in a land that is dry, desolate, and without water. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. My lips will glorify you because your faithful love is better than life. So I will bless you as long as I live; at your name, I will lift up my hands. You satisfy me as with rich food; my mouth will praise you with joyful lips. When I think of you as I lie on my bed, I meditate on you during the night watches because you are my helper; I will rejoice in the shadow of your wings. I follow close to you; your right hand holds on to me. - Psalm 63.1-8*

It is thought that Psalm 63 reflects on the time when David fled into the wilderness of Judea to get away from Absalom, whose forces were trying to kill him. David was intensely lonely. He was weary and sad. The future most certainly looked bleak and uncertain.

2020 may have been a year where you have battled similar emotions. Right now many are weary. There are days where it feels like one problem is being stacked on top of another. When these moments come, you must decide to eagerly seek God. What does this look like?

**Praise God.** When David reflected on God's power and glory, he couldn't help but give praise. We are never alone in life. Our heavenly Father has more than enough power to easily rescue us from any problem. God lives to make your paths straight. The ways of the Lord are right, and the upright walk in them, Hosea 14.9b.

**Remember where you dwell.** David committed to remember how God had been his help and that he dwelt in the shadow of God's wings. Just as a fierce bird of prey shelters its young under its wing, so our God shelters and protects us. God will protect, assist, and fight for His children.

**Commit your future to God's control.** No matter what came to pass, whether he would remain king or not, or whether he would live or die, David chose to trust God's will for him. Remember, your future is in God's hands. He will use you and your circumstances to display His glory, love, and grace. No matter what happens, cling to Him.

As you reflect on God and His blessings, you'll find your spirits lifting. Move with trust and confidence, because your heavenly Father upholds you. Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you, 1 Peter 5.7.

~via *The Pathway Home*; Centerville, Ohio.

## *News & Notes...*

### **THE SICK:**

Steve Bradley  
Bob Broadus  
Jennifer Threet  
Mitzi Carruth  
Loretta Warner  
Doris Lovell  
Tessa Bacci

Tony & Sue Thomas  
Sue Taylor  
Marion Mitchell  
JoAnn Gilbert  
Bobbie Adcock  
Ann Bush

### ***Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:***

Donna Wright  
Nikki Ogles  
Lona Jackson  
Judy Vaughn  
Jeanette Weir  
Wayne Wooldridge  
Kenneth Fisher  
Charles Burns  
Phillip Harwell  
Matt Poff  
Carrie Warner  
Joan Carpenter

Freddie Mae Elmore  
Anita Wheeler  
Janice Cagle  
Ella Melvin  
Cornelia Pepper  
Cindy Walker  
Al Pollard  
David Collier  
Una King Currier  
Gene Carpenter  
Lloyd Adams

***In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:***

*Pat Kilpatrick*; Madison Hospital, Madison  
*Norman Hamm*; Millenium - Huntsville

***Athens Health & Rehabilitation:***

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15 Elease Barksdale, rm. 22A  
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77 Connie Brock, rm. 62  
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36 Christine Hudson, rm. 77  
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

***Limestone Health Facility:***

Bettye Harrison, rm. Alice Roberson, rm. 49

***Shut-In or Away From Home:***

Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge  
Marci Bassett, Limestone Manor  
Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor  
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville  
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison  
Irene Inman, at home  
Stan Stanford, at home  
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison  
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

***Updates:***

***Tony & Sue Thomas*** were diagnosed with the virus this past week. ... ***Steve Bradley*** had hernia surgery on Thursday of this past week ... ***Bob Broadus*** has an infection in his foot ... ***Ross Melvin*** is scheduled to have a CAT scan done this Wednesday ... ***Ruby Dean Ezell's daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Pat Kilpatrick,*** have been diagnosed with the virus.

**VIRGINIA MEYER (1930 — 2020):** It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of sister ***Virginia Meyer.*** Virginia passed away Saturday morning. Virginia loved the Market Street church during her time with us. Virginia moved here from Richmond, Virginia, 8 or 9 years ago, and placed membership here and was active until her health declined to the point that she could not attend. Her arrangements are incomplete at this time. She is at the Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. May the Lord bless Virginia's family at this time.

**HYDERABAD, INDIA:** This past Friday it was my privilege to speak, via Zoom, to the ***Balanager church*** in Hyderabad, Telagana India. The preacher for the church there is ***Johnson Babu*** who we assist in his work there.

**OUT OF TOWN: The Holts:** *Shelia and Addison* have been in Florida this week ... ***The Hammonds:*** *Roger and Wendy* have been at Gulf Shores this week... ***The Coxes:*** *Hunter and Heather* have been at Gulf Shores this week... ***The Stiles:*** *Chuck and Benita* are in Vicksburg, Mississippi... ***Opal Conn*** is in Vicksburg, Mississippi... ***Christian Usery*** is in Long Beach, California.

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

***Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>:***

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....  
Song Leader .....  
Prayer.....  
Preaching.....  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding.....  
Assisting.....  
Serving.....  
.....  
Closing Prayer.....

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....  
Song Leader .....  
Prayer.....  
Preaching.....  
Lord's Supper .....  
Closing Prayer.....

Other Assignments for the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers.....  
Work Sound System.....

***Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>:***

Song Leader .....  
Bible Reading.....  
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Prayer.....  
Invitation.....  
Closing Prayer.....

***Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>:***

*Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Terry Andrews  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer..... Tommy Coblentz  
Preaching..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding..... Larry Holt  
Assisting..... Marty Adams  
Serving..... Sam Gregory ..... Charles Vaughn  
..... Matthew Vaughn.... Keenon Currier  
Closing Prayer..... Harold Ash

*Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Terry Andrews  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer..... Larry Tucker  
Preaching..... Song Service  
Lord's Supper ..... Larry Holt  
Closing Prayer..... Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for the week of July 26<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers..... Russ Wulfekuhl/Heath Dollar  
Work Sound System..... Landon Adams