

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.

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Is There Any Hope?

David A. Cox

"Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance" — (Psalm 42:5).

One thing is quite certain, life is filled with dire circumstances, personal problems, or natural calamities of one kind or another. As such circumstances befall men, many times the question comes, "Is there any hope?"

The Bible teaches, "The world passeth away, and the lust thereof" (1 John 2:17a). Peter wrote, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat, both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10). When one asks if there is any hope in this life and the world in which we live, the scriptures' answer is clear; No! The sobering fact is that those who place their trust in this life and what it offers will be lost without hope.

To truthfully answer the question, "Is there any hope?" The answer is "Yes!" This is because of Jesus Christ and his coming to earth and living a perfect life among man, and sacrificing himself for us. Jesus died on the cross to redeem us from sin (Ephesians 1:7). Because of the death of Christ, we might have life (1 John 4:10). Because of Jesus' resurrection, we have a hope that lives. Peter writes about this fact as he wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). So indeed, there is hope in God. The Hebrew writer refers to this hope as "an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" (Hebrews 6:19). This hope is our stabilizing force through the storms of life, as an anchor is to a sea vessel on the stormy sea.

This hope is available to all who will: put their trust in God (Hebrews 11:6); repent of their sins (Luke 13:3); confess Christ before men (Romans 19:9-10); be buried in baptism in the name of Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4); and live faithful lives in serving God

(Revelation 2:10). John writes, “and the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever” (1 John 2:17).

Yes, there is hope! Let us see the hope that is available to us. Let us be thankful to God for the hope that abides. Let us share with all the hope that is to be found in serving God.



“I Don’t Know Enough Yet”

Yater Tant

How often gospel preachers and other Christians hear those words from the lips of someone they are trying to persuade to obey the gospel. And in most cases the statement is false.

The apostles of the Lord went out among pagan people who had never even heard the name of Christ or of God. They preached one gospel sermon, and so simple was the scheme of redemption that these heathen people, by far the majority of whom could neither read nor write their own names, could understand and obey the word of the apostles.

Perhaps in the very fact of their simple, uncluttered paganism we have the answer. They had not been taught a lot of things about Christ that weren’t so; their minds were not cluttered and confused, bewildered and befuddled by the “theologies” of men. With them it was a simple choice between Christ and Paganism. It was not a choice between the relative importance of Christ’s commands — whether some of them were “essential” and some “non-essential.” It did not occur to them that any of his commands were non-essential. They were not bedevilled by the conflicting claims of parties and sects and schisms, each screaming its own excellence and anathematizing its fellows.

The honest soul who holds back from obeying the Lord today because he thinks he “doesn’t know enough,” should take a lesson from these early disciples. Come to the word of God with the same open mind, the same desire to learn that they brought to the apostles’ words and the truth of God is as brilliant and unmistakable in our day as it was in theirs. You will not be confused

by claims of men; you will not read in God’s word of a single one of the modern “protestant” churches, any more than you will read of the Roman Catholic church. There is not one word in the Bible telling how one may become a member of any of these human organizations.

If a man will divest his mind of all thoughts of this church or that church, this creed or that creed, and simply open the Book and do what it teaches him, God will “add” that man to his church. He will not be confused; he will not be misled. If one knows that Christ is the Son of God, and that his word must be obeyed, one knows enough to imitate his obedience — an obedience that will bring him step by step into full fellowship in the family of God, and will bring him finally to heaven itself.

~via *Apostolic Doctrine*; Vol. 6 No. 8; August 1965.



“Do Not Be Afraid”

Clay Gentry

Fear can be a crippling emotion. It can keep us from doing the right thing at the time when it is most needed. We can get down on ourselves because we are fearful, and think we lack the courage to do what is right. Sometimes we think that the most courageous person is the one who lacks fear. Some of the greats of the Bible were at times afraid to act — yet they overcame fear and did what was right.

The disciples of the Lord were often afraid. Sometimes this fear was crippling to them. And several times Jesus stopped and said, “Do not be afraid.”

Do Not Be Afraid To Tell Others That Jesus Has Risen: As Mary Magdalene clutched the feet of her risen Lord He gave her a special mission — “Do not be afraid” He said, “Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me” (Matthew 28: 10). In a sense, this is our mission today. Go and tell others that Jesus has risen and that they will see Him again. Fear, however can keep us from sharing the good news. One of the biggest fears that hinder us is that many don’t know what to say. Jesus makes the message simple, “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great

things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you” (Mark 5:19). “Do not be afraid to go and tell” the wonderful news of Jesus Christ to friends and family. With the Lord by your side, there is not need to fear.

Do Not Be Afraid During The Storms Of Life: In Matthew 14, Jesus made His disciples cross the Sea of Galilee to wait for Him on the other side. A fierce storm, however, overtakes them and the waves beat against the boat. The storm was such that the disciples feared for their lives. When Jesus comes, He tells them, “Do not be afraid” (14:27). The same comforting words of Jesus still calm the storms of our lives today. When storms rage and the contrary winds blow against your life, remember, there is One that will come to your aid saying, “it is I; do not be afraid.”

Do Not Be Afraid When Death Comes: Jairus desperately sought out the healing powers of Jesus for his ailing daughter. When he received the news that his little girl had died, his heart must have been crushed. Jesus recognized the loss of his hope and the fear that came into his heart, and said to him, “Do not be afraid; only believe” (Mark 5:36). The apostle Paul did not fear death, instead he welcomed it by recognizing that on the other side of death's door lay a “far better” place (Philippians 1:23). When death stands at the door of our lives or that of a loved one, the words of Jesus still ring true: “Do not be afraid; only believe.” Believe! Believe that those who die in the Lord will be blessed and have rest from their labors (Revelation 14:13).

Do Not Be Afraid To Speak Out Against Sin: Corinth was a city given to debauchery. A quick scan of the sins listed in 1 Corinthians 6: 9,10 should make anyone blush. It is in this atmosphere that Paul preaches the saving grace of God. When he first arrives, he stands in “weakness, in fear, and in much trembling” (2:3). But the Lord comforts him: “Do not be afraid...for I have many people in this city” (Acts 18:9,10).

When it seems like the world is given over to sin and you want to throw up your hands and say, “Forget it! No one will listen!” — Jesus comes and says, “Do not be afraid, but speak.” And who knows, the next person to whom you speak may be numbered among “the many” who belong to Him.

Fear can keep us from doing what needs to be done in service to the kingdom — but only if we let it. Jesus says, “Do not be afraid” but press on to the goal,

accomplish the work. Let us not be people who yield to fear, but instead, let us turn to the Master and allow Him to help us...master our fears.

~via *Biblical Insights*; Vol. 8 No. 3; March 2008.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Shirley Miller	Tony Thomas
Pat Nixon	Bonnie Sutton
Harold Davis	Tommy Coblentz
Allison Usery	Frank Melton
Bobbie Adcock	JoAnn Gilbert
Jimmy Johnson	Doris Lovell
Justice Gentry	Glynda Walker
Bobby Ogles	Ann Bush
Marsha Young	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Donna Wright	Loretta Warner
Vicki Stringer	Freddie Mae Elmore
Nikki Ogles	Anita Wheeler
Lona Jackson	Judy Vaughn
Jeanette Weir	Janice Cagle
Cornelia Pepper	Ella Melvin
Wayne Wooldridge	Carrie Warner
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Charles Burns
David Collier	Phillip Harwell
Una King Currier	Lloyd Adams
Gene Carpenter	Wade Williams

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Peggy Pepper, Valley View Rehabilitation

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

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

Limestone Health Facility:

Bettye Harrison, rm. 59	Frances Bowers, rm. 67
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	Mary Ruth Gardner, rm.

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Marci Bassett, Limestone Manor
 Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
 Barbara Carter, Traditions

Irene Inman, at home
 Stan Stanford, at home
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
 Alan Thornton, Limestone Lodge
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Tony Thomas had the first part of his back surgery this past Thursday morning at Crestwood Hospital in Huntsville. He is to have the second part of the surgery this Tuesday, February 9th...**Marvin Putman** is scheduled for a heart catheterization on Thursday ... **Margaret Carter** had surgery this past Monday for some skin cancer. She is doing well...**Theresa Tucker** is improving from the hernia surgery she had last week ...**Bonnie Sutton** is doing better with his pneumonia ...**Tommy Coblentz** continues to improve from the skin graft he had done on his head last week ... **Donna Wright** had a biopsy done this week and the lung had no new cancer...**Frank Melton** is going to have surgery on his eye ...**Bob Broadus** cataract surgery for this past week was postponed ...**Marci Bassett** has declined and will be moving from Limestone Manor in the coming weeks...**Wade Williams, David Barnett's son-in-law**, has completed his treatments for lymphoma.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Judy Vaughn** in the passing of her aunt, **Opal Romine**, this past Monday. There was a graveside service Thursday afternoon at the Civitan Cemetery in Rogersville.

OUT OF TOWN: The Stiles: *Chuck and Benita* are in Vicksburg, Mississippi...**Christian Usery** continues working in Birmingham.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of January 31st:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	91
	Morning Worship	120
	Evening Worship	85
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	67



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, February 7th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Tucker
Assisting	Stephen Lynn
Serving	Griffin Holt..... Roger Hammonds
.....	Danny Johnson..... Russ Wulfekuhl
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer	Larry Holt

Other Assignments for the week of February 7th:

Ushers.....	Keenon Currier/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, February 10th:

Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Bible Reading	Kenneth Adams
.....	(1 Peter 4:11-19)
Prayer.....	Frank Melton
Invitation	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt

Sunday, February 14th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Dan Reed
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting	Mike Ogles
Serving	Sam Gregory
.....	Marcus Morris..... Landon Adams
Closing Prayer	Wayne Vaughn

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Tommy Coblentz
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer	Kenneth Smith

Other Assignments for the week of February 14th:

Ushers.....	Christian Usery/Steve Usery
Work Sound System.....	Marty R.Adams