

MARKET STREET



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

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Seeing Heaven As Our Goal

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"For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" — (1 Corinthians 5:1).

Paul reminds the Corinthians to live their lives to keep heaven in view. The first-century disciples were a fascinating group of people. In Acts, we find the early Christians suffering terrible persecution because they were disciples of Christ and believed in the resurrection of Christ. The life of Paul is well known for the things he suffered after he became a Christian. The question is often asked, "Why did Paul and the early disciples go through all of this suffering?" and "How was he able to be faithful?" The answer is: It was with the view of life he lived. Paul lived with a view of heaven. His goal in life was to be in heaven eternally, and we ought to live with this goal before us. How can we do this?

We Must Recognize That This World Is Not Our Home.

We must understand that all the things of this life that are such a joy to us here are not ours for eternity. One day we will leave this life and all the things of this life behind. The attitude that Abraham lived with as a stranger in a strange land. The Hebrew writer says Abraham "sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob...waited for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:9-10). Paul shows the same attitude as he writes, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better" (Philippians 1:21-23). Paul's focus in life was like that of Abraham, looking to God and Jesus Christ. God has blessed us in many ways, and ultimately, He is in control.

We Must Recognize That There Is A Better Place — A Rest

Paul said that to depart from this life and be with Christ was far better (Philippians 1:21). As we live life, we must endure many discomforts

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Classes..... 6:30 p.m.

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and pains. Paul's understanding of this is evident as he wrote, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Corinthians 4:17). Paul speaks of the terrible discomforts of life as being "light afflictions." He describes them as being weighed on a scale; the afflictions in this life would not outweigh the glories to come. In Romans 8:18, Paul says, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Paul is not suggesting that pain and suffering are joyful experiences of life, but living life with a view of heaven, they are overshadowed by the greatness to come. Paul makes this point when he says that the sufferings are "but for a moment" working an "eternal weight of glory." It is imperative to develop this attitude so that we will have the patience to faithfully endure the hardships of this life while anticipating a better place.

We Must Have Confidence in the Promises of God

The life of Paul was indeed a life of faith and confidence in the promises of God. In 2 Corinthians 5:1, Paul says, "we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Paul did not say, "we might have." What faith and confidence that Paul exhibited in his life. He lived knowing that if his life was taken from him at any moment, there was a place reserved for him. Why? It is because God had promised that there is a place (John 14:1-3; Titus 1:2; Revelation 2:7). Paul lived the promises made to Abraham and the fulfillment of them. Paul lived with the hope of heaven being certain. It is such a pity when those who are Christians live lives that are filled with doubt, despair, and uncertainty. If we are faithful to God, as Paul was, then we can have the same kind of confidence in the promises of God.

May we all develop faith to overcome and endure the pains and sufferings of this life. In doing so, we will live by faith, looking to God's word, obeying Him, doing His will, and placing our lives in the hollow of His hand. Yes, we can live the kind of life that Paul lived is seeing heaven as his goal.

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

Precious

Larry Jones

Everyone possesses things he considers precious. Perhaps they are jewels of great price, family photographs, or even memories that are especially dear. But the Bible speaks of several precious things. Let's consider those things God considers very costly and of great value.

The word of the Lord is Precious

"And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision" (1 Samuel 3:1). The word of Lord is called precious here because it was rare in those days. Is the word of the Lord precious to you in a day and age where most scorn and mock its words? If the word of the Lord is precious to you, you will desire it in order to grow (1 Peter 2:2-3), and you will desire to read and hear and keep its message (Revelation 1:3).

Christ is precious

"...Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious" (1 Peter 2:4). True, Christ is not precious to all men (1 Peter 2:8), but He is precious to those who believe (1 Peter 2:7). Consider His humble life (Matthew 8:20), His perfect example (1 Peter 2:21), His obedience (Hebrews 5:8-9), and that He is the Savior of the body (Ephesians 5:23).

Precious Blood of Christ

"...Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18-19). Life is in the blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission of sins (Hebrews 9:22). The blood of Christ is precious because in it He laid down His perfect life, the only sacrifice that could atone for man's sin. And the only way for the alien sinner to contact that blood, the death of Christ (Romans 5:8-9), for the forgiveness of sin, is through being buried with Him through baptism (Romans 6:1-4). It is Christ's precious blood that cleanses the Christian of his sin when he repents and confesses his sin to God (Acts 8:22).

Precious Faith

"Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus

Christ” (2 Peter 2:1). Have you heard and obeyed that one faith? (Ephesians 4:4)

Precious Promises

“...By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” God has given many promises to the Christian, including all spiritual blessings in Christ (Ephesians 1:3) and the promise of eternal life (Revelation 2:10). But to the disobedient there is only the promise of punishment and wrath to come. Are you a Christian and resting in the assurance of his promises?

Precious Deaths

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints” (Psalm 116:15). Saints are simply Christians (1 Corinthians 1:1-2). The death of one who is not in Christ is a sad occasion. But the death of the Christian is a precious thing in God’s eyes, and while those who remain may sorrow, their sorrow is accompanied by hope.

Are these things precious to you? Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21).

~via *Moscow church of Christ*; Moscow, Idaho.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Bob Broadus	Phillip Vaughn
Margaret Vaughn	Jared Smith Family
Jennifer Threet	Judy Brown
Jay Baker	Ruby Dean Ezell
Pat Nixon	Paul Adcock
Dale Adcock	Steve Stringer
Helen Blankenship	James Adams
Shirley Miller	Betty Lovell
Doris Lovell	Keith Holt
Buzz Lovell	
Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:	
Sharon Nave	Priscilla Tucker
Peggy Pepper	Vicki Stringer
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Doris Reid	Lloyd Adams
Charles Burns	Cindy Walker

Kenneth Fisher	Al Pollard
Matt Bassford	Sadricia Wilson
Wynell Romine	Anthony Sutton
Jerry Lawrence	Barbara Piper
Henry Fusch	Liz Fusch

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Connie Brock, rm. 62	

Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 84a	Alice Roberson, rm. 49
Ann Bush, rm. 75	

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home
Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge
Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter’s in Huntsville
Barbara Carter; Goldton at Athens
Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville
Irene Inman; at home
Bobby Ogles; Story Point West, Knoxville, Tennessee
Stan Stanford; Goldtron at Athens
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Dan Lovell; Encompass Rehabilitation – Huntsville
Michael Vaughn; NHC Rehab. — Columbia, Tenn.
Kimberly Pressnell; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 1545

Updates:

Bob Broadus has been diagnosed with the virus this week...**The Smith Family**: *Jared, Jennifer, Owen, Wyatt & Henry* are doing better after having rounds of sickness go through the family...**Phillip Vaughn** was able to come home from the hospital on Thursday night ...**Dale Adcock** got a walking boot and will have it for six weeks. She will be going to the doctor this week for her elbow ...**Frank Melton** had a Cardioversion done on Friday and will need to go to Huntsville for further treatment ...**Paul Adcock** had a MRI done on Friday...**Doris McGuire’s son, Tim McGuire**, was able to come home from the hospital and is recovering from his surgery...**Bonnie Sutton’s daughter, Kimberly Pressnell**, continues in the Huntsville Hospital recovering from her surgery last Thursday...**Mitzi Carruth** has back surgery scheduled on February 27th ...**Michael Vaughn** was moved to NHC HealthCare-Rehabilitation in Columbia, Tennessee this week...**Jackie Cox’s niece, Sadricia Wilson**, completed her cancer treatments in Tijuana, Mexico this week ...Remember our expecting mothers, **Heather Cox**, and **Laura Adams** in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: Remember the Children's Bible Drill this afternoon at 4:45 before our evening service. I hope that all of our children will be able to come and participate in this time of instruction and learning.

PICTURES: Have you had your picture made? We are continuing to make and update pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. Please plan to get your picture made in the next few weeks.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Ashes:* Harold & Barb have been in Fort Walton Beach, Florida for vacation... **Larry Holt** is in Birmingham this weekend.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Jones Road church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be Bill Hall... The *Eastside church* will begin a meeting Friday night and it will continue through Sunday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Wiley Deason*... The *Gooch Lane church* in Madison will begin a meeting on Friday and it will continue through Sunday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Mark Broyles*.

CONFESSION: We were touched as *Kenia Adams* came forward asking for prayers for strength in her life and stating that she had missed services when she could have been here. We appreciate Kenia and her good heart that desire to live a life that is pleasing to God. May we all encourage Kenia as she has and will encourage us.

WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING: On Saturday and Sunday February 25th-26th, *Tim Stevens* will be with the church here following the Annual Singing on Friday night. Tim will be working with our Song Leaders as they will be focusing on directing our worship to God. There will be sessions on Saturday morning and afternoon. Mark your calendars for this weekend.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Jan. 29th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	114
	Morning Worship	141
	Evening Worship	108
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	83

Eleventh Annual Singing

February 24, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Tim Stevens



MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
514 WEST MARKET STREET
ATHENS, ALABAMA

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, February 5th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Stephen Lynn
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Marty Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting	Marcus Morris
Serving	Charles Vaughn
	Ronnie Locke
	Sam Gregory
	Matthew Vaughn
Closing Prayer	Nathaniel Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Stephen Lynn
Song Leader	Clayton Hamm
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed
Other Assignments for the week of February 5 th :	
Ushers.....	Marvin Putman/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl

Wednesday, February 8th:

Song Leader	Albert Haraway
Bible Reading.....	Matthew Usery
	(Acts 4:23-37)
Prayer.....	Landon Adams
Invitation.....	Hayden Pierce
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Sunday, February 12th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Hunter Cox
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Tucker
Assisting	Terry Andrews
Serving	Marvin Putman
	Harold Davis
	Heath Dollar
	Roger Hammonds
Closing Prayer	Landon Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Griffin Holt
Prayer.....	Albert Haraway
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer	Tommy Coblentz
Other Assignments for the week of February 12 th :	
Ushers.....	Tommy Coblentz/Larry Mitchell
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt