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If the Son

therefore shall
make you free,
ye shall be free

indeed.

John 8:36



Pearls of Promise

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

Psalms 91:15

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Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers who believe in the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and who have accepted Him as their personal Savior. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows.

- * Triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- * Creation and Formation
- * Man is basically sinful and in need of salvation
- * Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior, which is the conception of Spiritual Life
- * Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul, and Body, A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ
- * Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by the speaking in other languages
- * Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
- * Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- * Washing of feet
- * Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers
- * Do not condone divorce and remarriage
- * Destruction of the wicked
- * Conditional Immortality
- * Rapture of the Man Child Class
- * Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly
- * A ministry supported by tithes and offerings

These doctrines shall be adhered to in the teachings of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.



“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

The class of 2022 are officially graduates of AFBC!

From the Alumni & Friends Banquet (which recently included Jim Boyd’s BBQ) to the Annual Business Meeting, and Graduation, we always enjoy AFBC’s commencement exercises. This year was no different. Getting together with friends and family to celebrate God’s faithfulness and the accomplishments of our graduates, was refreshing and fun.



Row 1- Michal Wasson, Kaitlyn Harris
Row 2- Shi Grier, Madison Gwatney, RyLee Buschman
Row 3- Grant Grier , Adrian Reyes

I’d like to share a few highlights with you from this week.

During our annual business meeting we ordained two amazing young men: Ivan Caro and Dan Corral. I, personally am very proud of these guys, and I am excited about the things God is going to do in and through them. Lives will be changed!

We also reviewed the finances for last school year. Although our expenses exceeded our income for the fiscal year, God is faithful. Even in the midst of rising costs and prices, we were able to make upgrades around the campus and God provided for all of our needs. We were also able to tithe 10% of the non designated funds we received this year to various missionaries, ministers and ministries around the world. Our heart is to be faithful steward’s of God’s blessings! Thank you so much for your support of AFBC!

Finally, we celebrated this years class as they graduated. This is an awesome class of students. Of the seven graduates, none of their cumulative averages was less that a 95 and four of them had higher that a 99. Three of these will be returning to AFBC as third year interns. We are very proud of this class, we are excited about their potential and our expectations are high for their ministries. We know as they continue to submit to the Lord’s plan, He will sanctify them and preserve them blameless unto the coming of the Lord. Jesus Christ.

As we prepare for next year, please keep us in your prayers.

There are a couple of upgrades we’d like to make.

1. We’d like to purchase new mattresses for the dorm rooms. We believe we can do this for around \$7,000.00.
2. We’d like to buy another van to help facilitate our ministry trips as well as local transportation. We do not have a price point on this as of yet.

Thank you so much for your support of AFBC. We could not do what we do without the overwhelming generosity of people like you, We love you and appreciate you so much!

Believing Big,

Brian Harris-AFBC Director

Camp Meeting 2022

Greetings in the name of the Lord! My name is Ben Clubb and I am the pastor at the Balko Community Faith Church in Balko, OK. My wife Tayler and I are the directors for the 2022 Camp Meeting in Laverne, OK coming up July 20th - 24th. Let me begin by saying that we are very excited for what the Lord has in store for us this year. The Holy Spirit has laid on my heart that we will see a great revival sweep through our area. I believe that we will see souls saved, chains of bondage and addiction broken, marriages restored and people filled with the Holy Spirit. We are living in perilous times and need revival now more than ever.

We have a great lineup of preachers set up for this year who are excited to bring the Word of God to you. This year we will have two services per day; one in the morning and one in the evening. During the afternoon we will have a Bible Study/forum composed of several Biblical topics. We believe that many people enjoy a study format and can really glean a lot of knowledge from God's Word in this setting. The dorms will be open to those who would like to stay on the campgrounds at Laverne. There are also several hotels in the area and of course you are welcome to bring your camper as in the past. We will also have some wonderful home cooked meals by several of the churches in our area.

I believe that we are going to see a mighty movement of God during this year's Camp Meeting. The MOST important thing you can do to help us prepare right now for this Camp Meeting is to pray. Pray that God's will be done in the hearts of all those in attendance, for His Word to go forth and for hearts and lives to be turned to Him in these last days.

Of you are planning to attend, we are going to kick off on Wednesday July 20th at 7:00 p.m. and finish up Sunday July 24th at 12:00 noon. We look forward to seeing all of you who can attend!

If you want any more information you can reach me at (580) 525-11200.

God Bless You! Ben Clubb

Campwood, TX

At Easter time we were able to gather for a Sunrise Service at the Vanderpool, TX Tabernacle. We had over 100 in attendance. Special music was provided by the Utopia Community Choir and God's Scrap Iron Group. Jim Boyd brought a message on our risen Savior.

We recently remodeled the inside of the church at Campwood and the next project will be to have a new metal roof put on.

We were so blessed to have the Apostolic Faith Bible College Music Team come and share with a great outpouring of God's Holy Spirit in our service.

Jim is now pastoring 2 churches. He was asked to pastor after the passing of a former pastor. After much prayer and seeking God he accepted the pastorate of Divide Chapel in Divide, TX. God is moving in our small churches. We have had several new faces in our congregations. We are having Bible Study on Wednesday nights. We finished the Book of Genesis and are at this time working on Exodus, Each time we read the scriptures, God opens up something new. As we pray and prepare, we can see the signs of our times. We are much nearer to our Lord's return. It is our responsibility during these times to watch, pray and share the Gospel to the lost.

We were again privileged to attend the AFBC Alumni Banquet and Graduation. What an inspiration Bro. Brian And Sis. Jenny Harris have been. God is working and blessing the Bible College through the staff, and the students. An amazing witness of the power of God's great work!

Jim and Shirley Boyd-Pastors- Trinity Full Gospel Church

Prosperity, MO

Greetings from Prosperity, MO. God is moving, our church is growing and we are encouraged to keep pressing on in the good Fight of Faith. In the past 6 months we've welcomed the following families to our congregation. They are: the Stovers, Greens, Jones, Billings, Severance; Cartwright and Corman families. They all have brought so much encouragement and excitement to the body.

In March, Ben and Lesley Dorris started a Men's Prayer Breakfast Fellowship bi-monthly, with a vision to see deeper relationships among our men at Prosperity. We also welcomed a new arrival of precious Oaklyn Haines in March. Her mommy, big sister, Granny and Papa attend Prosperity and are a tremendous blessing.

In recent weeks we were blessed with the AFBC Music Ministry Team as well as the Victorymen Quartet in service with us. We also congratulate 2 sets of newlyweds in our church body, Eric and Katy Cartwright and John and Chelsea Severance. They are attending service regularly.

Our pastor recently completed our Wednesday night Bible Study in Luke and now we are in the Book of Acts. Sunday and Wednesday services are live streamed on Facebook.

On May 15th we celebrated the High School Graduation of Jamie Ritter and Caleb Smith with a church dinner that was enjoyed by all.

Just recently our church was blessed financially to purchase a new air conditioner unit just in time for the summer months. God sees and meets all of our needs.

Prosperity is in need of a Youth Pastor for Junior High and High School ages. Requirements are as follows; must be born again, Spirit filled, fully committed to serving God and the local church, willing to work in unity with the church leadership, be in faithful attendance to all services and church events and be willing to work since this position is supported by free will offerings, not salaried. If you pray and feel burdened, please call pastors Joel and Tammy Dorris at 417-439-2921 or 417-439-2922.

Matthew 9:37-38 "then saith he unto his disciples, **The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.**"

In His Service.

Pastors-Joel and Tammy Dorris



Granby, MO

All is well and moving ahead here in Granby, MO. The AFBC music team was here the last part of April and we had a wonderful time of worship.

Mother's Day came and the blessings of the Lord were abundant in the services. We are getting settled in very well and the work is going on. Praise be to God for His direction and goodness!

Carol and Gaytha Oakes— Pastors-Granby Gospel Tabernacle

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Psalm 122:1



Let Freedom Ring!

Rev. Bill Derixson- Alvin, TX

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness"

U.S Declaration of Independence

The American colonists in the late 1700's had reached a point of oppression they could no longer bear. The government over them did not represent them. They were in fact slaves to the crown of England, their livelihood stripped from them with little regard for their health or safety. Massacres in the street, taxation without representation, and many other evils created in them a united front against their oppressor. Don't tread on me, live free or die, and no taxation without representation became the outcry of the American colonists. This dissention grew into an organization, then a movement, and finally a government, as Britain responded to these protests with intimidation and violence. Then on the 4th of July 1776, a Declaration was presented and signed, stating the American colonies by God's right and by dissolution, are free from the governance of England.

Of course, this started a war. England was not willing to lose sovereignty over the American colonies. The war was long and cost many lives on both sides. The king sacrificed the life of his countrymen to keep power and dominance, and the colonists sacrificed their own lives to establish freedom for themselves, but also for their posterity and fellow man. Many died without seeing their freedom believing that it would be won.

As believers this should all seem an allegory of spiritual truths to us. We were by the force of a tyrant King, all of our lives held in bondage to his service, because of sin. This tyrant held no love or respect for the people of his kingdom, but was glad to use, abuse, and discard them as rubbish. For many who have escaped the curse of his reign, there was a moment of declaration. I must be free from this curse of sin and death and be restored as the image bearer of God. To those who believed in Him, Jesus gave power to become the sons of God. A Declaration of Independence from the world and things of the world; the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, and a dedication to love and serve God.

Because of King Jesus, we are free from the government and reign of Satan god of this age. That doesn't mean there won't be a war. We will have to fight spiritual opposition to be free and remain free. The good news is we will not fight alone. God promises us the victory and to fight for us. If we remain on God's side, we are sure to have the victory. The weapons of the devil are fear and intimidation. Our weapons are not carnal but are mighty through God to the destruction of the enemy's strongholds. God will push out and eradicate all the enemies influence in our lives if we let Him. Many before us fought for this freedom and died only believing the promises. We have seen the freedom Christ brings and must fight for the Gospel to reach our posterity and all the oppressed in the enemy's camp.

Freedom is never free and is often lost when not fought to maintain it. We are witnessing the collapse of the America the colonists fought to promote and preserve. Their fight is over, ours is not. America will continue to decline if we do not realize our dependence on God, our freedom as a right ordained by God, the value of every life stamped with the image of God, the right of the governed to throw off wicked governments, and the certain bondage and slavery that will follow if we do not fight to ensure our freedom. America has been a beacon to the world, but our light is hid under a bushel of sin. Collectively we have forgotten God in the pursuit of ourselves. This is precisely how we lose ourselves and Freedom.

Turn back to God with all your hearts and let freedom ring!

2022 AFBC Scholarship Recipient

On May 5, 2022 a Scholarship was presented to Michal Wasson, a 2022 graduate of AFBC by Randall Bensch. The Scholarship fund was started several years ago to help graduates of AFBC further their education. Christian workers are needed in all fields of occupation.

Michal is the daughter of Tim Wasson and Roni Wasson. Her plans are to go to nursing school.

Please be in prayer for her as she continues to work for the Lord and as He opens doors for her.



**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven**

Matthew 5:16

Thank You!

AFBC Scholarship Board,

Thank you so much for your continued support in both prayer and finances with my education. I am thankful for your giving and generous, Christ-filled hearts.

I am currently cutting back on my class load as full time classes and full time working was causing a big stress in my life. I'm learning to hear the Lord in more real ways and learning obedience as well.

I appreciate your prayers as I navigate this life Christ gave to honor Him. I'm, praying for all of you as well!

Love y'all! Courtney Derixson- Alvin, Texas



Celebrating 50 Years!

Carol and Gaytha Oakes, pastors of the Granby Gospel Tabernacle in Granby, Missouri were united in marriage on April 29, 1972 in Hardesty, Oklahoma.

This year they were able to celebrate their 50th anniversary with family and friends. Their children Darla, Glenn and wife Carrie Oakes hosted the celebration at Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, Missouri.



Carol and Gaytha were able to see friends and family they had not seen in several years making it a joyous time for the happy couple.

The celebration was concluded with a word of prayer over Carol and Gaytha by those who remained, praying that God would continue to provide, protect and bless them with health and many more years to come. It was a wonderful time and we are thankful for all who came or sent cards.

2022 AFBC Alumni and Friends Banquet

Over 100 people gathered at the conclusion of the school year for the annual AFBC Alumni and Friends Banquet. The theme this year was "joy comes in the morning": from Psalm 30:5, "for his anger is but for a moment, his favor is for life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." The last two years have been difficult for many of us both collectively and personally, but God has been faithful and has brought joy out of the dark night. The banquet was a time to celebrate all that God has brought us through.



Students and Staff That Served BBQ



Greg Winn

Again this year, Jim Boyd of Campwood, Texas made his famous BBQ meal that was served by the students and staff of the college. Entertainment was provided by saxophonist, Greg Winn of the Tulsa, OK area. Greg has been in music ministry for many years and shared a part of his testimony of God's faithfulness in his life. Guests enjoyed the company of friends and family as we celebrated class reunions from 50 years to more recent. Overall, we enjoyed the presence of the Lord and were thankful to once again be able to gather together this year.

More photos from the evening can be viewed on the AFBC Alumni & Friends Facebook page. Thank you to all who helped make this night possible! May God bless and keep each one of you!

And may He bring you joy!



1972 AFBC Students in Attendance

Front Row-Karen (Crouse) Turner, Paula (Buschman) Cheatwood, Cindy Turner
Back Row-David Turner, Billy Huckabee, Glenda (Bensch) Buschman

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AFBC Missions Team Thank You!



Where They Went

This year the AFBC Missions Team stayed in the United States. The team started in Phoenix, AZ to work with Phoenix Inner City Kids (PICK) ran by Joan Gray. After several services, the team drove to Shiprock, NM and spent time at the Dineh Christian Center with pastors Freddy and Nancy Hall.

Thank You

None of this would have been possible without your generous donations. We raised nearly \$30,000.00 this year and used it to care for the needy, bless ministries, and spread the Gospel. The students' lives were changed forever and you were a part of that. Thank you for being willing to support AFBC.

WHAT THEY DID

While in Phoenix, the team:

- Held a kids service
- Held a youth service
- Cleaned PICK's entire facility
- Held a Sunday Service
- Ministered to the homeless

In Shiprock the Team:

- Heard Freddy and Nancy's story
- Ministered to the youth group
- testified in the main service

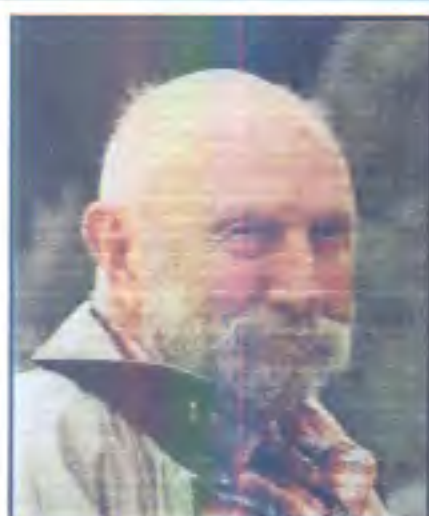
AFBC Music Team- Matthew Harris

This spring, our music team was finally able to resume touring. Touring had been on a pause since March of 2020 when the world, and AFBC, went online. Although classes resumed in the fall, we could not figure a way to continue touring that felt responsible. We tried different substitutes over the next year, but nothing could quite replace it. We value tour as an important part of the AFBC experience. It's when everything the students are learning in the classroom is put into practice and the growth is exponential. This year's spring tour was no exception. Our team of 9 students and 4 staff members travelled over 4500 miles and held 14 services in 17 days. Our tour theme this year was "*Believe Big*" and focused on the idea that God is able to go exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. (Eph 3:20) We set out to remind churches that we serve a BIG God who is STILL moving and speaking and healing and saving! Our first service was Sunday morning in Alvin, TX. The students stepped up and began to sing and minister like they had been doing it for years. The music was great, but the hunger this team had to minister and see God move was unmatched! They stepped out in faith, believing God to be as big as He says He is in His word, and He showed up! We watched as God was performing several healings and miracles, filling people with His Spirit and drawing people into deeper communion with their Savior. It was incredible! As we continued on tour, God continued to show up and pour Himself out on the churches. The students continued to grow in faith with each service and their ministry extended beyond the platform with testimonies coming from gas stations and homes all along the tour.- We had such a good time on our 2022 spring tour.



We held services in Texas, Alabama, Tennessee, and West Virginia. The students were able to spend time at the ocean and in the snowy mountains. We fed camels, toured ranches and roamed the River Walk. But as fun as all of that was, the memories that will stick with the students the longest will be the ones at the altars.

In Memory



Jay Smith Jr.- 1938-2022

Jay was born at Silverton, Oregon on Jan. 21, 1938 to J. Hugh Smith and Frances Eustace. His growing up years were spent in Molalla, Oregon and Emmett, Idaho. He passed away on Feb. 23, 2022, at Bend, Oregon. Jay served in the United States Navy from 1955 to 1958, where he served as an aircraft mechanic. He married Virginia Palmer Smith on July 2, 1961 and they were married over 60 years. Much of their adult life was spent in Alaska, where he worked construction through the piledrivers union, ran a variety of businesses and pastored churches. Jay spent about 40 years in Alaska. Shortly after arriving in Alaska, he settled in the small community of Willow where he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior and his life changed dramatically. He attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS.

After completing a term there, he returned to serve in the church in Willow and later became the pastor. Several years later, they moved 50 miles north and founded a church in Trapper Creek. To support his family, Jay started a sawmill business. He used lumber from that mill to build the church building there. Jay enjoyed hunting, and fishing. While in Willow, he took flying lessons and earned his pilots license. After Virginia started teaching in remote villages, he bought a small plane and that became the basic transportation to and from schools where she taught. He loved flying and was very calm in challenging situations. He even survived three crashes with the only damage being the checkbook for repair costs. Jay was a dreamer, an inventor, and a builder. He was quick to see opportunities and willing to take risks to seize them. In 1983, he started a guardrail construction company. He ran the field operations while his wife handled the business management. He built most of the equipment for the company including several guardrail punches and a guardrail straightener, using his own innovations and design. Over the years, he built several log and frame homes, and a commercial building. In 2011 he moved to Burns, Oregon, where he bought ranch property. He loved spending time at the cabin there, where he developed the spring to provide water and designed a solar system to provide all the conveniences. In Burns, he became a part of Life Foursquare Church, where he was part of the leadership team. He was preceded in death by his parents Hugh Smith and Frances Eustace and three sisters; Shirley Mel-lott, Marietta Griffin and June Ingersoll, He is survived by his wife, his son and his wife, Bill and Vicky Smith, his grandson and his wife, Travis and Jolene Smith, his great-granddaughter, Kaylee Ann Smith and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. A Memorial Service was held at Life Foursquare Church on April 2, 2022.

Roger Glenn– 1951-2022

Roger Merle Glenn, 71, of Combs, AR passed away on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at his home. He was born Jan. 5, 1951 to Robert and Mary Louise Glenn in Prairie Grove, AR. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Roger married his wife, Sheila on Dec. 31, 1987 in Combs, AR. Together they had two children, Kendra and Kendall. Roger worked as a logger for many years, creating many memories and making many friends who he cherished greatly. He, then, worked at Parker Wood Products for several years before not being able to work any more. Roger enjoyed going to church with his family at Crosses Community Church in Crosses, AR. He loved his church family and thought very highly of them. Roger's faith in God only grew stronger in his battle with cancer. His full trust was in Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our Faith. Roger enjoyed laughing and joking around with his friends, watching Gunsmoke and Andy Griffith and playing with his grandson, Fletcher Marue Glenn. He also enjoyed watching TV with his cat, Pepper. He loved spending time with his family and talking with his sister and brother, Linda and Ronnie.



Survivors include his wife, Sheila Glenn of Combs, AR; daughter, Kendra Glenn of Combs, AR; son, Kendall Glenn and his wife, Laticia of Rogers, AR; grandson Fletcher Marue Glenn of Rogers, AR; sister Linda Glenn Johnson and her husband Larry of Boston, AR; brother, Ronnie Glenn and his wife Julie of Springdale, AR; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on March 21, 2022 at Crosses Community Church with Pastors Rex Eaton and Bill Waggoner officiating. Burial was in Patrick Cemetery.

Donna Cox– 1960-2022

Donna Jean Cox, age 61, of Galena, KS passed away on March 30, 2022 at her home. Donna was born Sept. 10, 1960 in Wichita, KS. Her parents were Thomas M. and Barbara Sue (Folger) Hopkins. She has lived in Galena most of her life, moving there as a young girl.

She worked at LaBarge in Joplin, MO retiring after 25 years of service. She was a member of Spring Grove Apostolic Faith Church in Galena. She and her family enjoyed going camping and fishing when she was young. Later in life she enjoyed anything with her grandkids and still spoiling her own children. Some of her favorite things to do were cooking, chatting with her sisters, driving around with her husband, especially on the motorcycle, and doing anything that involved spending time with her family.

Donna was married to Bryan Keith Cox on June 23, 1977 in Miami, OK. After 44 years of being happily married, he survives. Additional survivors include two sons, Brandon Cox (Stacy) and Brendon Cox (Tiffany) both of Galena; two sisters, Sue Huffman, Galena, and Brenda Hayes, Baxter Springs, KS and four grandchildren, Madyson Cox, Mason Cox, Quinton Cox and Khloee Cox. Donna was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Gayle Conrad (PeeWee).

A memorial Service was held At the Spring Grove Apostolic Faith Church on April 2, 2022.



It Paid Off

A sergeant was telling his family about his conversion. He had gone into the army as an unbeliever, but had come out a saved man.

“How did it happen?” asked his brother. “It happened one night in the barracks.” Then he went on to tell the story. “We had a private in our company who lived his Christianity all the time. We gave that fellow an awful time. “One night we came in after having marched in a terrible rain. All of us were very wet and tired. Our one thought was to find the quickest way to get to bed. But this Christian private took time to kneel down and have his prayer time with the Lord.”

“This made me so angry, that I picked up one of my muddy boots and threw it at him. It hit him on the side of the head, but this didn't stop him from praying. I picked up my other boot and heaved it in his direction. I hit him again, but he continued to pray.”

“The next morning beside my bunk stood my boots beautifully cleaned and polished. That broke me and I was saved that day. After what I had done to him, he had shown kindness to me.”

Christian people can learn a great deal from an attitude like that of the private. He not only talked his religion, but he had showed it in his day to day actions.

The Bible tells us to love those who hate us, and do good to those who persecute us. Certainly this was evident in the life of the private. Is it just as evident in your life? Do you show kindness, tolerance and Christian love to others around you who question your belief in God?

Author Unknown



But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

Matthew 5:44

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