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Completely Wrong, Wrong, Wrong!

This country has been able to put human beings on the moon and has aspirations to reach parts of the universe formerly unknown. The world we live in currently is populated by over seven billion individuals from over 200 countries speaking thousands of languages. Technology and communication advances have been able to connect individuals from every corner of the earth as never before. The outlook on further developments in human civilization, technological advances, and universal progress is clearly very upbeat, very optimistic and very promising. Indeed, each day comes with promises of intense progress into the human experience never known to earlier generations of humanity. It therefore baffles my mind that across the globe each of the numerous

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Unsung Events and Heroes

In 1944-45, The Germans launched a ferocious counter offensive against the Allied forces in Europe. This force was later called "The Battle of the Bulge". Had it succeeded in capturing the port in Antwerp, Holland, the Allied supply system would have been seriously compromised and their thrust into Germany halted.

For the Americans the "Bulge Battle" is epitomized by the heroic defense of Bastogne, Belgium by the 101st Airborne Division, through surrounded by superior German forces, could not be resupplied, due to inclement weather, no warm clothes, low on munitions and rations, when asked to surrender by the Germans, The American

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Robert Smalls

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Robert Smalls (April 5, 1839-February 23, 1915) was an enslaved African American who, during and after the American Civil War, gained freedom and became a ship's pilot, sea captain, and politician. He freed himself, his crew and their families from slavery on May 13, 1862, by commandeering a Confederate transport ship, CSS Planter, in Charleston harbor, and sailing it from

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Acts 2 Amplified Bible (AMP)

The Day of Pentecost

2 When the day of ^[a] Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place, ² and suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rushing violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ There appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were being distributed [among them], and they rested on each one of them [as each person received the Holy Spirit]. ⁴ And they were all filled [that is, diffused throughout their being] with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other ^[b] tongues (different languages), as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out [clearly and appropriately].

Let us all make a Fresh Start for God's next Spirit-filled movement for the Conference Year 2017-2018. Let us take the next exit that leads to empowerment for a growing and progressive community of faith. Let this become our message "A Fresh Start Next Exit to The Cross." You will find hope at the Cross.

Our Fresh Start Goals:

- Developing Prayer Circles through Small Groups
- Developing Strong Leaders for 21st Century (reaching the millennials for ministry)
- Strengthening the Music Department (increase number of singers in the choirs and worship services)
- Church-wide Evangelism – Doubling Sunday attendance (Sunday Church School and Worship Service) & Tuesday Bible Study (Up-reach - In-reach - Outreach – Marketing through promotional advertisement and social media.
- Developing Generous giving Ministry – Tithes, Offerings, Mortgage Gifts, Ministry gifts

Fresh Start Next Exit to the Cross:

Monday, July 10, 6:30 p.m. Ministerial Alliance Meeting

Saturday, August 26, Back-to-School & Cultural Bazaar

Saturday, September 30, Women's Health Conference

October – Men's Health Conference

November – Revival – Homecoming / 195th Church Anniversary Wed. – Sunday November 15-19

Sunday, March 25, Men's Day

May – Pastor & First Lady 25th Appreciation Month

Fresh Start Scriptures:

"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." (Luke 17:6, NIV)

"...O favored one [endued with grace]! The Lord is with you!..."
(Luke 1:28, AMP)

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap..." (Luke 6:38, NIV)

"...nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." (Luke 22:42, NKJV)

"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'" (Luke 2:13–14, NIV)

"...it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32, ASV)

"Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'" (Luke 9:23, NIV)

The fruit of the Spirit abides in us and it is up to us to cultivate it so that we may experience the blessing and the fullness of the Spirit. God is the husbandman...”He prunes, nurtures, waters and protects His own. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit will energize and control every faculty of our nature when our will joins the will of God. Then the “beauty of the Lord will be upon us” (Psalm 90:17) and “we shall bring forth fruit unto God” (Romans 7:4).”

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: TEMPERANCE

TEMPERANCE: Possessing power, strong, having mastery or possession of; self-control. TEMPERANCE controls when self is out of control. Steady, balance. TEMPERANCE enables the saint of God to praise Him in discipline or testing, trials and the battles of life.

In the Book of Nehemiah, the walls of Jerusalem were broken down and "a city, in ancient days, without walls, had lost its sense of identity and all its defenses. It was prey to every kind of enemy, natural, as well as human". (The Fruit of the Spirit; John w. Sanderson). A life that lacks self-control is similar to a city with broken down walls because it lacks defense and every conceivable evil seeks to enter in. An uncontrolled body and an uncontrolled spirit is at risk for destruction and spiritual decay.

How to cultivate the fruit of Temperance (Consider the athlete's self-discipline code): 1. Aim- run to win 2. Follow training rules - deny self of things that will hinder your winning. 3. Constant, sustained effort - have a well-defined goal: an intelligent manner of life and continue pressing toward the goal. 4. Remember, "You are not your own. You are brought with a price" (I Corinthians 6:19,20) 5. Remember to call every faculty into obedience to Christ, to the glory of God. 6. Allow the Holy Spirit's leading in reminding you of who you are, who God is, where you came from, and where you are headed.

How to Recognize Temperance

Look for persons who: * have control over their bodies and do not indulge in harmful activities * have control over their spiritual life. * do not exhibit pride in less than godly goals * are not defenseless, but is fully dressed in the armor of God * is not angry, envious or covetous * shows spiritual growth and maturity * has a passion to be Christ like.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES: Philippians 3:18, 19; Proverbs 16:32; Proverbs 25:28; Luke 15:11-13; I Corinthians

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: FAITH

Faith: To believe, trust, or hope. Faith is an attitude whereby a man abandons all reliance in his own efforts to obtain salvation. It is complete trust in God, of reliance on Him alone for all that salvation means Fidelity. Faith is concerned with facts. Holy faith must be profitable. In the Book of James he tells us the devils believe “that there is one God”, but this faith does not profit them. True faith has a firm foundation and that foundation is God. It is not a passing phase, it is a continuing attitude. Faith is continuous with a past act of belief. (Bible Dictionary) faith manifests itself in being a trustworthy servant.

How do we cultivate the fruit of faith?

- “So then Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17)
- When we determine to obey God’s word, we shall be faithful in our actions.
- We believe the Gospel and allow it to demonstrate its power through our faithfulness
- Prayer and fasting

LOOK FOR PERSON WHO — • Is a child of God • Speaks the truth in his heart • Perseveres even in the midst of trouble • Whose belief is not shaken even when under persecution • Is attached to honesty • Will not sacrifice faith even if it interferes with his own pleasures and hinders personal advancement • Believes and obeys the word of God • Is steadfast, unmovable in the things of God • Dependable • Has spiritual sight

Warning Be aware of the enemies of faith – infidelity and half-heartedness.

Additional Scripture: Matthew 17:20, Hebrews 11, Romans 3:27, Roman 4:5, Galatians 2:20, 1 Corinthians 4:2



REVIVAL

Key Scripture: *“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea” Habakkuk 2:14.*

Key Thought: Earnest prayer paves the way for revival.

Prayer: Lord God, thank you for all the promises of your Word which give me hope for revival. Your Word is alive and dynamic, and it is sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and joints and marrow, and it is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the human heart. ¹ Let your Word have its work in my life, Father. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ²

I ask you to hasten the day when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your glory, as the waters cover the sea. ³ I know, dear Father, that it is not your will for anyone to perish. You want all people, everywhere, to come to repentance, and I believe your promises of revival. ⁴ Therefore, I will patiently watch and wait for your coming as a farmer waits for the fruit of the earth to come forth, after the early and latter rains. ⁵ Bring forth the latter rain of your Spirit upon earth, O God.

It excites me to anticipate the day when you will pour out your Spirit upon all flesh. Thank you for that stirring promise, Father. I believe is imminent, and when it hap-

pens, the young men and women will prophesy, old men will dream dreams, and young men will see visions. ⁶ You, Lord God, will make bare your holy arm for all the world to see, and all the ends of the earth will see your salvation. ⁷ I seek your promised revival, Lord.

When the revival fires you promise are ignited, Father, you will do a new thing in our midst. You will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. ⁸ Thank you, Lord God. You will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away. You will bind up that which was broken, and you will strengthen that which was sick. You will decree your judgment upon the people of the earth. ⁹

Lord, I ask you to usher in the end-time revival you have promised to your people. I look forward to that glorious revival with zeal and faith. I believe it will cause all the ends of the world to remember you and to turn toward you. All the nations will worship before you, because your's is the Kingdom, Father. ¹⁰ My Father in heaven, your name is hallowed. I pray that your kingdom will come, and your will shall be done, on earth as it is in heaven, for yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen. ¹¹

References: (1) Hebrews 4:12; (2) Psalms 51:10; (3) Habakkuk 2:14; (4) 2 Peter 3:9; (5) James 5:7; (6) Joel 2:28; (7) Isaiah 52:10; (8) Isaiah 43:19; (9) Ezekiel 34:16; (10) Psalms 22:27-28; (11) Matthew 6:9-13.

Words of Encouragement

There's power in your witness.
 Purpose for your pain.
 Joy where there's sadness.
 Rejoice, Live again.
 Represent God in everything. Shine!

The power of your walk is evidence of God's faithfulness.
 Your witness is evidence.
 Don't allow your situation to hinder your faith witness.
 Give witness to your faith. Bear witness. Soar!

¹⁶“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jews first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”
 Romans 1:16-17 (ESV)



Sunday School is a Family Affair

8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. We have classes for all ages – 3 to 103
 New Members Class meets at the same time.
 (For Transportation Needs Please call the Church 860-344-9527)

Come Grow with US!

THAT'S NOT FAIR

Devotional Reading: *2 Chronicles 19:4-7*

Background Scripture: *Exodus 3*

Scripture: *Exodus 3:1-12*

EXALT!

Declaration: *Exodus 3:1-12*

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his Father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a brush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on their account of their task-masters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land

flowing with milk and honey, to the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

Affirmation: God will deliver from oppression.

Unit II Introduction: Today begins Unit II of this Quarter, titled "Calling of Prophets." In this unit we look at how God called various prophets at different times for specific purposes. Included in this unit are the calls and responses of Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Amos. As we explore the call of these great prophets, we will see that everyone does not have the same calling, nor does everyone respond the same. What is most important is that they responded to God's call.

ENGAGE

Unit II of this quarter is entitled "Calling of Prophets," which looks at how God called various prophetic leaders at different times for specific purposes. Included in this unit are the calls and responses of Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and

Amos.

Today's lesson centers on God's concerns for the injustices endured by the people of God and God's movement to deliver them from their suffering predicament. Sometimes people get accustomed to living with the injustices that prevail in society, as was the case with the Israelites, who had endured such a condition of bondage in Egypt for four hundred years. Things were getting worse for them. Clearly, God was displeased with the hardships they were enduring. One may ask, "What does it take to address injustice?" In this case, the answer is God. God chose Moses to address injustice and empowered him with the knowledge of God's identity, purposes, and presence. We find in this lesson that God's response to the abhorrent enslavement and unfair bondage of one people to another is to rise up a deliverer on behalf of the oppressed.

Briefly discuss the dichotomy of colonial America simultaneously having been a safe haven for the oppressed (i.e. immigrants) and a sanctuary for oppressors (i.e. slave owners).

EDUCATE

Exodus 3:1-12 - As we explore the calling of various prophets in this unit, we are repeatedly reminded that God encounters different people in different ways, under different circumstances, and for different purposes. Moses' initial encounter with God was truly

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Pray for all of our children, teens, young adults in this school years that God's hands will be upon them keeping them from all hurt, harm and danger. Also pray for all of our families, friends, and all of God's children.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18
 "... Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." v. 10, 11

The Shield of Faith (Eph. 6:16)
 Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace (Eph. 6:15)
 The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.

The Helmet of Salvation (Eph. 6:17)
 Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

The Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph. 6:14)
 Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

The Belt of Truth (Eph. 6:14)
 Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

The Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17)
 which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

Ephesians 6:10-20 (New King James Version)

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,^[a] against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Read the BIBLE in ONE Year

JULY

1. Psalms 112-114
2. Psalms 115-118
3. Psalms 119
4. Psalms 120-123
5. Psalms 124-128
6. Psalms 129-132
7. Psalms 133-136

8. Psalms 137-139
9. Psalms 140-144
10. Psalms 145-147
11. Psalms 148-150
12. Proverbs 1-3
13. Proverbs 4-7
14. Proverbs 8-11
15. Proverbs 12-14

16. Proverbs 15-18
17. Proverbs 19-21
18. Proverbs 22-24
19. Proverbs 25-28
20. Proverbs 29-31
21. Ecclesiastes 1-3
22. Ecclesiastes 4-6
23. Ecclesiastes 7-9

24. Ecclesiastes 10-12
25. Song 1-4
26. Song 5-8
27. Isaiah 1-3
28. Isaiah 4-6
29. Isaiah 7-9
30. Isaiah 10-12
31. Isaiah 13-15

AUGUST

1. Isaiah 16-18
2. Isaiah 19-21
3. Isaiah 22-24
4. Isaiah 25-27
5. Isaiah 28-30
6. Isaiah 31-33
7. Isaiah 34-36

8. Isaiah 37-39
9. Isaiah 40-42
10. Isaiah 43-45
11. Isaiah 46-48
12. Isaiah 49-51
13. Isaiah 52-54
14. Isaiah 55-57
15. Isaiah 58-60

16. Isaiah 61-63
17. Isaiah 64-66
18. Jeremiah 1-2
19. Jeremiah 3-5
20. Jeremiah 6-8
21. Jeremiah 9-12
22. Jeremiah 13-16
23. Jeremiah 17-20

24. Jeremiah 21-23
25. Jeremiah 24-26
26. Jeremiah 27-29
27. Jeremiah 30-32
28. Jeremiah 33-36
29. Jeremiah 37-39
30. Jeremiah 40-42
31. Jeremiah 43-46

SEPTEMBER

1. Jeremiah 47-49
2. Jeremiah 50-52
3. Lamentations 1-5
4. Ezekiel 1-3
5. Ezekiel 4-7
6. Ezekiel 8-11
7. Ezekiel 12-14

8. Ezekiel 15-18
9. Ezekiel 19-21
10. Ezekiel 22-24
11. Ezekiel 25-27
12. Ezekiel 28-30
13. Ezekiel 31-33
14. Ezekiel 34-36
15. Ezekiel 37-39

16. Ezekiel 40-42
17. Ezekiel 43-45
18. Ezekiel 46-48
19. Daniel 1-3
20. Daniel 4-6
21. Daniel 7-9
22. Daniel 10-12
23. Hosea 1-4

24. Hosea 5-7
25. Hosea 8-10
26. Hosea 11-14
27. Joel 1-3
28. Amos 1-3
29. Amos 4-6
30. Amos 7-9

The Season After Pentecost (June 7 - December 2)

The Season After Pentecost is sometimes referred to as Whitsuntide or Trinity season. This period has also been divided by some denominations into The Season After Pentecost and Kingdomtide. When the period is divided, The Season After Pentecost covers 10-14 Sundays, and Kingdomtide covers 13-14 Sundays.

Color: Red is the liturgical color for the Season After Pentecost. Red is symbolic of loyalty, power, witness, Christian zeal, blood, fire, the work and ministry of the church, and the Holy Spirit.

Name of God	Meaning	Application
ADONAI	The Lord My Great Lord	God is the Master and majestic Lord. God is our total authority.
EL	The Strong One	He is more powerful than any false god. God will overcome all obstacles. We can depend on God.
EL ELOHE YISRAEL	God, the God of Israel	The God of Israel is distinct and separate from all false gods of the world.
EL ELYON	The God Most High	He is the Sovereign God in whom we can put our trust. El Elyon has supremacy over all false gods.

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countries continues to use ancient and clearly primitive methods to select its leaders and managers of their political affairs. Gone are the days when war generals were needed to protect citizens from the rouge neighbor lurking from all cardinal points of the settlement. Gone are the days when the most outlandish and flamboyant voice in the crowd was the favorite to lead the people. Gone are the days when the supreme deity stepped in and chose the appropriate leader for the people. Gone are the days when the people just had no ideas and relied on royalty to make decisions for them. Gone are the days when might, as in the survival of the fittest, put leadership in the hands of those with the means of suppression. Gone should be the days when any group, family, clan and kinfolk had leadership grip and ruled as they wished only accountable to themselves.

Observing the current American political atmosphere, I cannot understand how any country with such enormously rich technological history, myriad of educational entities and deep cultural heritage would entertain the spectacle of campaigning that borders on comic proportions. Further to my dismay, it is obvious that no single country in the world today has been able to come up with the appropriate scheme – thinking out of the box – to elect, to select and to pick the right leader for its people. It is no wonder that we have been enveloped universally by cultural, economic and political upheaval for generations before and continuing unabated.

We have to step out of the proverbial box of historical decadence to come up with a suitable solution to this debacle and tragic developments. Can you see a 'horse and buggy' coach on a busy, city boulevard where all the passengers are hanging on to their smart phones and other electronic devices while they crawl slowly along trying to get nowhere fast?

Considering where we are today in the annals of human existence, the

vast majority of the heads of state, presidents, prime ministers, monarchs and so-called leaders of this world, from any country or sovereign nation have none of the requisite leadership skills necessary to lead the country they have been entrusted with. What would anyone of them have to say for themselves if they were asked to explain what qualified them to become the leader of their respective nations? By following the same ancient Greco-Roman approach to choosing the leaders of the people we have completely abrogated leadership qualities to the gutters of filthy politics. And it is not funny. It is absurd and it is ridiculous.

Leadership is not fleeting and ephemeral. It is a serious commitment that requires education, training, grooming, mentoring, conditioning, skill and experience. Political leadership is even more so than the regular social leadership. Not every person with a voice and pulse can scream and wish his or her way into leading a nation of people. I am talking about the position of the highest CEO of any nation. The voice of the people counts immensely, so is the skill-set of the leader. All over the globe we are selecting leaders based on popularity contests underwritten by emotions and misguided loyalties rather than competence and expertise. The so-called first citizen of any nation should have an overwhelming bag of qualities and attributes that should help him or her to lead in ways that are devoid of ill intentions and only guided by natural, humane, sensible and professional desires and objectives.

It is not plausible for any living human being of any nation today to have all the necessary qualities and attributes for this kind of selfless and guided leadership. Therefore there has to be a formal, well designed approach to teach, train, groom, coach, guide, mentor, condition and prepare individuals for such leadership roles as heads of state of a county. If you think about what it takes to train, groom and equip an American military individual as compared to a child soldier in a guerrilla outfit in some

jungle environment anywhere you get my drift. I propose for any of the thousands of institutions and centers of learning in the world to come up with a viable, practical curriculum that will serve as a starting point in the training of the leaders of today.

The basis of this formal training combined with guided grooming and mentoring of aspiring leaders should be the following attributes: Literary and linguistic competence, cultural hygiene, civic responsibilities, political proficiency, moral awareness, social consciousness, selfless predisposition, humane tendencies, 360-global perception, individual personal esteem and accountabilities, statesmanship and personal respect. The level and extent of formally educating and teaching individuals to achieve such competencies should become a universally accepted protocol.

For a world led by competent, selfless, humane leaders, we have to institute formal processes by which individuals who aspire to lead his or her people can have the training and competencies necessary to succeed. As the world turns we have to adjust our priorities to meet the needs of the next generations in order to make this world a better place for them. Let's step out of the box of our usual tendencies in order to act in step with the speed and proficiencies of today's technologies and telecommunication advances. Political leadership has to come out of its dark, ancient and primitive heritage.

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Confederate-controlled waters to the U.S. blockade. His example and persuasion helped convince President Lincoln to accept African-American soldiers into the U. S. Army and the U.S. Navy.

Smalls was born in Beaufort, South Carolina. After the American Civil War, he returned there and became a politician, winning election as a Republican to the South Carolina State legislature and the United States House of Representatives during the Reconstruction era. As a politician, Smalls authored state legislation

providing for South Carolina to have the first free and compulsory public school system in the United States. He founded the Republican Party of South Carolina. Due to the state's white Democrats disfranchising most blacks (who made up much of the republican Party), Smalls was the last Republican to represent South Carolina's 5th congressional district until 2010).

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from South Carolina's 7th district.

In Office: March 18, 1884 - March 3, 1887

Preceded by: Edmund W. M. Mackey

Succeeded by: William Elliott

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from South Carolina's 5th district

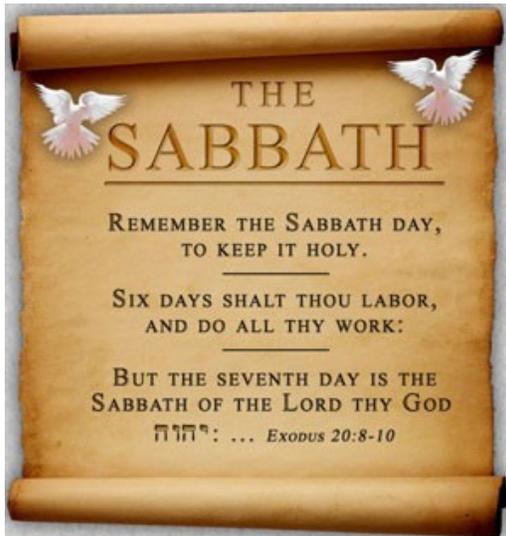
In office: July 19, 1882 - March 3, 1883

Preceded by: George D. Tilman

Succeeded by: John J. Hemphill

In office: March 4, 1875 - March 3, 1879

Preceded by: District re-establish John D. Ashmore before district eliminated after 1860.



WHY IS SUNDAY SACRED?

Scriptures: Genesis 2:2, Exodus 20:8, Exodus 31:13-16, Matthew 28:1-6 and Mark 16:1-8

Introduction: Many people are confused about Sabbath Day worship and Sunday worship. This lesson will clarify the question through God's word and refute confusion about why we worship on Sunday.

Lesson Aim: To understand that God's word is truth from Genesis to Revelations, and to appreciate and celebrate God's **New Testament Covenant**.

The Sabbath is a holy day established by_ God. The word Sabbath means "rest." God sanctified the 7th day of the week, Saturday as the Sabbath, and declared it holy unto you. (Genesis 2:2; Exodus 20:8-11). God did not make a gentle suggestion for His people, the Israelites to rest from their own labors; instead, He mandated it.

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commander of the Airborne replied "NUTS"!

What is not recognized or acknowledged is the presence of additional U.S. Army troops, surrounded like the 101st Airborne. Among them were elements of the 10th Armored division, stragglers from units overrun by the Germans but managed to escape. Two of these military formations were the all Black 333rd Field Artillery Group & the 969th Field Artillery Battalion.

The 333rd was initially assigned as artillery support to the 106th Infantry Division. After two regiments of the division surrendered to the Germans,

the 333rd was ordered to Bastogne.

The 333rd had established an excellent firing record since landing in Normandy on D-Day. The "word was their guns were able to place a pickle in a pickle barrel 12 miles away".

According to the official U.S. Army record, "The 333rd Battalion, which sustained heavier losses at Bastogne more than any other VIII Corps Artillery unit, lost a total of 6 officers and 222 men, 9 guns, 34 trucks, and 12 weapon carriers."

The 969th FAB fought valiantly during the Bulge receiving the following accolade from Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, commanding the 101st

Airborne:

"The Officers and Men of the 101st Airborne Division wish to express to your command their appreciation of the gallant support rendered by the 969th Field Artillery Battalion in the recent defense of Bastogne, Belgium. The success of this defense is attributable to the shoulder to shoulder cooperation of all units involved. This division is proud to have shared the Battlefield with your command. A recommendation for a unit citation of 969th Field Artillery Battalion is being forwarded by this Headquarters".

Submitted by Dr. Jerome H. Long

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unique. It occurred on an ordinary day that, up to that moment, had yielded no obvious clues that such a profound experience might take place. Moses was tending his father-in-law Jethro's flock on mount Horeb, which was commonly known as Sinai or the mountain of God," (3:1). This is the same mountain where Aaron later meets Moses, (4:27) and where God gives Moses the Ten Commandments after the exodus from Egypt. (19:11 - 20:17). It is on this mountain that four hundred years of silence is broken between God and the children of Israel.

The theophany, or manifestation of God, experienced by Moses was in the form of a bush that was burning without being consumed by the fire. From the center of this bush came a voice that called twice by name (3:4). After Moses acknowledges his presence, the voice instructs him to remove his sandals and informs him that he is standing on holy ground.

The notion that such an ordinary place, (i.e., in front of a bush on a mountain) was declared to be "holy ground" reinforces the common theme throughout the Pentateuch that casts holiness in terms of a person's object's or location's relation to God. Whenever God is encountered and a life-changing experience happens, it indeed becomes a holy, sacred place.

In this unique, revelatory event, God speaks directly to Moses. Upon coming to the realization that he is in the presence of the divine, Moses is understandably filled with awe and fear of death, as expressed in the saying, "No one looks on the face of God and lives!" the time has come for God to reveal to Moses what he must do for God's people. After seeing their oppression and hearing their cries, concern about their suffering moves God to respond, not by coming

down and delivering them in person, but by sending Moses. Sometimes justice comes when humans accepts God's invitation to become partners in the work of deliverance and redemption (cf. Micah 6:8). Thus, God calls Moses to be Israel's deliverer and promises to be with him, providing assurance that God's power will enable him to accomplish the task he is called to perform, Moses' objection, "Who am I?" seems to echo the words of the Israelite who was mistreating his neighbor when Moses tried to intervene: "Who made you a ruler and judge over us?" (Exodus 2:14). See Acts 7:35. (Little did that Israelite realize the prophetic significance of his rhetorical question!)

God's promise to be "with" someone ought to instill confidence that God's power will be actively present to ensure the mission or calling will be accomplished successfully. (See also Genesis 26:3.) God offers Moses a sign for reassurance: "When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain," (Exodus 3:12). This promise would only be fulfilled after Moses' acceptance and obedience to God's calling. Unlike Gideon's fleece (Judges 6:36-40), it seem to offer no prior confirmation of success. But, along the way, Moses would indeed be encouraged by many divine and wonders before finally returning to the mountain with the people God. (See Exodus 3:14-19.)

As Christian, we can look to the example of Moses for inspiration as we strive to fulfill our own divine callings. We begin to look at the unfairness and suffering of others from God's point of view and are motivated by the Holy Spirit to act as God's agents to help bring about justice in the world. Moses' story lets us know that obedience to one's calling takes patience, persistence, and endurance. It encourages us to

press on when feelings of inadequacy try to dissuade us from believing that we can make a difference in our quest for "liberty and justice for all." We rely on God's presence and power to accomplish what God has called us to do. We look to biblical, as well as modern-day heroes of faith, as examples that God will ultimately deliver the intended results. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the chief champion in our time for the eradication of civil injustice in the world, would encourage his followers by having hundreds and hundreds of demonstrators lock arms and sing the civil rights movement song, "We Shall Overcome Some Day." One of the verses of the song reassures both singer and listener that "God will see us through," denoting that our faith in the Lord must remain strong as we work so that "justice [will] roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream," (Amos 5:24).

ELEVATE

Life isn't always fair. Some of the injustices that abound in our society and the world at large include unfair labor practices, racial profiling, sex trafficking, biases against the poor and mentally or physically challenged, wage and earnings gaps, social injustice in education, and discrimination based on things like race, age, gender and ethnicity. While some people sincerely detest these and other forms injustices, there are yet others who seek to explain and justify them. Some passionately seek ways to respond when they see injustice against others, while others are more inclined to turn a blind eye and refuse to get involved themselves, which becomes a passive way of perpetuating injustice. Eldridge Clever once said, "There is no more neutrality in the world. You either have to be part of the solution, or you're going to be part of the

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**Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have.
For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you."
So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. Hebrews 13:5,6.**

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As we search our hearts and pray for guidance on how we are to participate in matters of injustice, we should also search the Scriptures and see what God says. Below are several verses that address justice. Take time to read each of them three times, then select at least 5 upon which to meditate. Finally, commit at least one of these Scripture to memory.

Amos 5:24, Hosea 12:6, Psalm 106:3, James 1:27, Micah 6:8, Isaiah 1:17, Isaiah 51:4-5, Proverbs 28:5,

Zechariah 7:9, Leviticus 19:15, Deuteronomy 16:20, Psalm 37:27-29, Proverbs 29:7, Ecclesiastes 3:17, Isaiah 30:18-19, Isaiah 61:8-9, Luke 18:1-8, Proverbs 21:15, Proverbs 33:5,

I THINK:

1. Write a letter to God describing your feelings of inadequacy to act as God’s agent of justice and acknowledge your need for God to empower you.
2. Compare and contrast Stephen’s summary of Moses’ call in Acts 7:30-35 with the account in

Exodus. What significant points does Stephen make?

VERSE OF THE WEEK: *The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt. Exodus 3:9-10*

From The Young People-Adult Quarterly (Ages 18 and up) International Sunday School Lessons for Christian Teaching

IT DEPENDS ON WHOS HANDS IT'S IN!

<p>A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19. A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million. It depends on whose hands it's in.</p> <p>A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6. A baseball in Mark McGwire's hands is worth \$19 million. It depends on whose hands it's in.</p> <p>A tennis racket is useless in my hands. A tennis racket in Pete Sampras' hands is a Wimbledon Championship. It depends on whose hands it's in.</p> <p>A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal. A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea. It depends on whose hands it's in.</p>	<p>A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy. A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon. It depends on whose hands it's in.</p> <p>Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches. Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands. It depends on whose hands it's in.</p> <p>Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse. Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world. It depends on whose hands it's in.</p> <p>As you see now it depends on whose hands it's in. So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and your relationships in God's hands because – It depends on whose hands it's in. »</p>
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Obedience

Key Scripture: “If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land” (Isaiah 1:19, NKJV).

Key Thought: Obedience is a life style.

Prayer: Dear God, I love you and I want to obey you. I’m thrilled with your Word that teaches me that as I obey you and keep your words, I will experience your love, and you will make your abode with me.¹ Your abiding presence gives me fullness of joy,² and inspires me to obey you

more and more.

As I ponder the importance of obedience in my life, Lord, I am truly stunned by your promise which tells me that if I will obey your voice and keep your covenant, I will become your special treasure.³ Your Word teaches me that all your promises are yes to me, in Christ Jesus.⁴

Please forgive me, Lord, for each time when I have disobeyed you in any way. I truly repent of all disobedience in my life.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and

teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.⁵ Let your Spirit guide me into all truth, according to your Word.⁶

I now surrender to your will in all things,⁷ as I commit myself to obeying you.

References: (1) John 14:23; (2) Psalms 16:11; (3) Exodus 19:5; (4) 2 Corinthians 1:20; (5) Psalms 25:4-5; (6) John 16:13; (7) Luke 22:42.

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The Sabbath Has Two Purposes:

1. The Sabbath is a day commanded the Jews to rest from their own secular labors.

2. It is the 7th day of each week set aside to remember all that God has done for His people and to worship and praise Him for it.

The **Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent God** set aside a day out of each week for his people and sanctified it as holy. He knew humankind needed a day out of each week to relinquish our hurried, bustling lives of rushing and hustling. Therefore, He mandated this day for praise, worship, and thanksgiving to Him, so He could refresh and renew our spirits. Only God can make us holy, because He is holy and He said in His Word: "Be ye holy as I am holy." **Read: Leviticus 11:45-** "I am the Lord who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore, be holy as I am holy."

1 Peter 1:15-16- But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; v-16-For it is written: Be holy for I am holy.

The Sabbath Is A Sign Between God And Man:

Read:

- Exodus 31:13-18
- Isaiah 59:13-14

Question: What is the punishment for desecrating the Sabbath?

Further Study of the Old Testament Relating to This Sabbath Lesson:

- Exodus 31:12-18
- Leviticus 19:3; 30
- Ezekiel 20:12-20
- Isaiah 1:13; 58: 13-14;
- Isaiah 66: 23-24

Later in Old Testament times, the Jewish elders added their traditions to the simple Sabbath Law; so much so, that the law became burdensome and even foolish for the people. Then, in the New Testament, Jesus came teaching against the Jewish elders and leader's traditions, but not against

God's established Sabbath Law.

"New- moons" and "Sabbaths" refer to monthly offerings (Numbers 28:11-4) and weekly and special annual Sabbaths on the Day of Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles Leviticus 16:31; 23, 34, and 39).

The people worshipped but did not feel sorry for their sins; so they continued offering sacrifices for forgiveness. But gifts and sacrifices mean nothing to God, when they come from someone with a corrupt heart.

Sacrifices were to be an outward sign of their inward faith in God. Many people today are like the Israelites of old, who placed more importance on the rituals of their religion than on the God they worshipped.

Now, to answer the question asked in the lesson topic, **Why Is Sunday Sacred?**

After the ascension of Jesus Christ, His disciples met on the ascension of Jesus Christ, his disciples met on the first day of each week for rest, praise and worship. The Jews celebrated both Sabbaths for awhile, but the Gentile Christians having never kept any such day before, celebrated only Sunday, the first day of the week was the day the New Testament Christians observed as the day Christ arose. Therefore, Sunday observance came into the church during "New Testament" times.

Read:

- Matthew 28:1-6
- Mark 16: 1-8;
- Luke 24:1-12
- John 20:1-9.

The Law written in Exodus 24:31 and Leviticus 19:9-10 prevented farmers from becoming greedy and ignoring God on the Sabbath, and these laws also protected laborers from being overworked. Deuteronomy 23:25 made provisions for travelers and for the poor among the people.

However, Jesus Christ came fulfilling the Prophets and the Law.

Read:

- Matt. 5:17-18;
- Luke 24:14-44

Question: Should we observe Saturday worship instead of Sunday?

A Shadow of God's Reality:

The Law served as a shadow of the reality of things to come in the person of Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son.

Read:

- Matthew 5:17-22
- John 20:1; 19
- Matthew 22:34-40

Scriptures for Study

- Galatians 4: 10 - 11
- Mark 3: 4,
- Colossians 2: 16 - 17,
- Hebrews 8: 7 - 12,
- Revelations 14: 13

Remember, the Lord said, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of man is even Lord of the Sabbath." (Mark 2: 23 - 27)

Study Scriptures

- Mark 3: 4; 2: 27 - 28,
- Luke 6: 5,
- John 5: 17 -24,
- Acts: 13: 4; 16: 13; 18: 4



REVIVAL

Key Scripture: *“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea” Habakkuk 2:14.*

Key Thought: Earnest prayer paves the way for revival.

Prayer: Lord God, thank you for all the promises of your Word which give me hope for revival. Your Word is alive and dynamic, and it is sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and joints and marrow, and it is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the human heart. ¹ Let your Word have its work in my life, Father. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ²

I ask you to hasten the day when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your glory, as the waters cover the sea. ³ I know, dear Father, that it is not your will for anyone to perish. You want all people, everywhere, to come to repentance, and I believe your promises of revival. ⁴ Therefore, I will patiently watch and wait for your coming as a farmer waits for the fruit of the earth to come forth, after the early and latter rains. ⁵ Bring forth the latter rain of your Spirit upon earth, O God.

It excites me to anticipate the day when you will pour out your Spirit upon all flesh. Thank you for that stirring promise, Father. I believe is imminent, and when it happens, the young men and women will prophesy, old men will

dream dreams, and young men will see visions. ⁶ You, Lord God, will make bare your holy arm for all the world to see, and all the ends of the earth will see your salvation. ⁷ I seek your promised revival, Lord.

When the revival fires you promise are ignited, Father, you will do a new thing in our midst. You will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. ⁸ Thank you, Lord God. You will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away. You will bind up that which was broken, and you will strengthen that which was sick. You will decree your judgment upon the people of the earth. ⁹

Lord, I ask you to usher in the end-time revival you have promised to your people. I look forward to that glorious revival with zeal and faith. I believe it will cause all the ends of the world to remember you and to turn toward you. All the nations will worship before you, because your's is the Kingdom, Father. ¹⁰ My Father in heaven, your name is hallowed. I pray that your kingdom will come, and your will shall be done, on earth as it is in heaven, for yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen. ¹¹

References: (1) Hebrews 4:12; (2) Psalms 51:10; (3) Habakkuk 2:14; (4) 2 Peter 3:9; (5) James 5:7; (6) Joel 2:28; (7) Isaiah 52:10; (8) Isaiah 43:19; (9) Ezekiel 34:16; (10) Psalms 22:27-28; (11) Matthew 6:9-13.

Spiritual Growth

Key Scripture: *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby” (1 Peter 2:2)*

Key Thought: God's Word is food for growth.

Prayer: Thank you, Father, for showing me that as I desire and drink the sincere milk of your Word I will grow spiritually¹. All Scripture has been given by your inspiration², and I want to live by every word that proceeds from your mouth³. I will study your Word so that I will never need to be ashamed, because I will know how to rightly divide your Word of truth⁴.

As I walk in the light of your Word⁵, Father, I will meditate upon your precepts, and give myself totally to them⁶. Speaking the truth in love, I will grow up into Christ in all things⁷. Father, I deeply desire to fully know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge, so that I would be filled with all your fullness⁸.

I rejoice, O Lord, in the promise of your Word that tells me that I will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon⁹. My delight, dear Father, is in your Word, and in your Word I will meditate day and night. You assure me that this will cause me to be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, and whatever I do shall prosper¹⁰.

Thank you, Father, for helping me to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be glory forevermore¹¹.

References: (1) 1 Peter 2:2; (2) 2 Timothy 3:16; (3) Matthew 4:4; (4) 2 Timothy 2:15; (5) Psalms 119:105; (6) 1 Timothy 4:15; (7) Ephesians 4:15; (8) Ephesians 3:19; (9) Psalms 92:12-13; (10) Psalms 1:2-3; (11) 2 Peter 3:18.

CELEBRATE FREEDOM

READ: Romans 6:15-23

The law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:2

After being kidnapped, held hostage for thirteen days, and released, New Zealand news cameraman Olaf Wiig, with a broad smile on his face, announced, "I feel more alive now than I have in my entire life."

For reasons difficult to understand, being freed is more exhilarating than being free.

For those who enjoy freedom every day, Olaf's joy was a good reminder of how easily we forget how blessed we are. This is also true spiritually. Those of us who have been Christians for a long time often forget what it's like to be held hostage by sin. We can become complacent and even ungrateful. But then God sends a reminder in the form of a new believer who gives an exuberant testimony of what God has done in his or her life, and once again we see the joy that is ours when we are "free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2).

If freedom has become boring to you, if you tend to focus on what you can't do, consider this: Not only are you no longer a slave to sin, but you are freed to be holy and to enjoy eternal life with Christ Jesus! (Romans 6:22)

Celebrate your freedom in Christ by taking the time to thank God for the things you are free to do as His servant. Julie Ackerman Link

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<p>Monday 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bible Study, Eddy Shelter 6:00 p.m. Zumba 7:00 Media Ministry (1st and 3rd of month)</p>	<p>Thursday 6:00 p.m. Steward Board</p>	<p>Saturday 10:00 a.m. Pastors Aide (2nd) 11:00 a.m. Security Ministry Meeting (2nd Saturday of month) 12:00 noon Missionaries (2nd Saturday of month)</p>

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, July 10 - 6:00 pm
Ministerial Health Alliance Meeting:
Building Coalitions with Law Enforcement
 Will meet at Cross Street in Classroom 3

Tuesday, July 11
 6:00 pm - **Alive in The Word**
 7:00 pm - Class Leaders, Steward & Trustee Board Meeting

Sunday, July 16
After Morning Worship
Sunday School: 10 Reasons to Attend Event

Tuesday, July 25 - Thursday, July 27
Vacation Bible School
 5:30 pm: Light Supper
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Bible Study

Tuesday, July 25 & Thursday, July 27
7:00 pm
Women's Choir rehearsal
 Women's choir will be singing on Sunday, July 30.

Friday, July 28 & Saturday, July 29
Hartford District
Christian Education Convention
 Spottswood A. M. E. Zion Church
 25 Crestwood Lane, New Britain, CT
 Rev. Jacqueline King, Pastor

Saturday, July 29
Joe Harris Family & Friends Cook-out
 Pierson Park, Cromwell

Saturday, September 30
Women's Health Conference

Doxology
Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.
Jude 24-25



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"I am a Christian"

By Maya Angelou

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'."
I'm whispering "I was lost,
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble
And need Christ to be my guide.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches
So I call upon His name.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not holier than thou.
I'm just a simple sinner
Who received God's good grace, some-
how!

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.



Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision and make it plain on
tablets, that he may run who reads it.
Habakkuk 2:2

The Jabez Prayer

And Jabez called on the God of Israel
saying, "Oh, that You would bless me
indeed, and enlarge my territory, that
Your hand would keep me from evil,
that I may nor cause pain!" So God
granted him what he requested.
1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

"God's Word"

*For the word of God is quick, and power-
ful, and sharper than any two-edged
sword, piercing even to the dividing asun-
der of soul and spirit, and of the joints
and marrow, and is a discerner of the
thoughts and intents of the heart"*
Hebrews 4:12

Prayer: Forever, O Lord, your Word is
settled in heaven. I bless you because
you have given me rest according to all
that you have promised to me. Not one
word of all your good promises has ever
failed. In light of this truth, I will walk in
your Word at all times.
I love your Word, Father, it is a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path. All of
your words are pure, O God, and you are
a shield to me. Lord God, your way is
perfect, and your Word is tried. You are a

shield and a mighty buckler to me as I
trust in you.
With your Word you made the heavens,
O Lord. all of your promises are yes in
Christ, unto your glory, O God. You have
spoken through your Word since ancient
times, in order to give light to those who
sit in darkness, and you guide my feet in
the way of peace.
Your Word is quick, alive, and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword.
It pierces even to the dividing asunder of
my soul and spirit, and of my joints and
marrow, and is a discerner of the
thoughts and intents of my heart.
Father, I am thankful for your Word, and I
will endeavor to walk in the light of your
Word all the days of my life.

If you were to die today, do you know where you will spend eternity ???

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