

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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As they say “we’re not out of the woods yet;” but there is a clearing just up the way. You might know that January was named after the Roman god Janus (the god of doors) – well I thank the God of the Bible that the door on January is closing in a few days.

In hind sight it wasn’t too troublesome; at least I hope that is true in your case. Recently having come thru a heavy snowfall whatever comes next might not seem too severe. You are not superstitious and think that by saying that I put a hex on things? Balak was superstitious, the Athenians were superstitious, but a born again child of God doesn’t have to be; he has the true God to guide and to shield.

Hebrews 2:18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Back with the weather theme, from what I have read summer and winter will continue on even in the Millennial reign of Christ. I am still looking through a glass darkly, yet would think that the erratic element in nature will be subdued and the curse from Adam’s disobedience will be rectified.

Zechariah 14:8 And it shall be in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

One thing we do know for certainty is this mortal shall put on immortality and this corruptible shall put on incorruption. We’re going to have a glorified body like unto Jesus Christ. So let it snow, let it Hail Columbia, let the earth be removed; we have a body that is impervious to anything thrown at it.

Philippians 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Philippians 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

The world goes on deluded by religion, philosophy, and false hopes of utopia and blinded by the god of this world. The child of God has the Holy Spirit of God and the infallible book of God and a divine nature from God to keep him or her (***you are one or the other***) from being deceived. Neglect not any of the three. Feed the divine nature, read the Bible and keep your spirit in harmony with the Holy Ghost. If you get weary or feel things weighing too heavy on you. Remember you are blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. No, that is not meat and drink, no it is not creature comforts or earthly treasures. It is forgiveness of sins, acceptance in the beloved and a sealing with that holy Spirit of promise.

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Lk 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

“TIMES OF REFRESHING”

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when **the times of refreshing** shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Intro. Doctrinally that verse is pertaining to the 2nd Advent of Jesus Christ.

What do you connect refreshing with?

Repenting brings refreshing, being converted is refreshing, sins gone is refreshing

- Cool beverage on a hot day to quench thirst
Prov. 25:25
Isa. 55:1
John 4:13, 14, 15
Isa 49:10 (Doctrinally fitting)
- Idea of a restful place (Elim – Ex. 15:27)
Psalm 116:7
- Family gathering (or not)
Genesis 43:34; Genesis 45:15 Joseph and his brethren
1st Thes. 4:13 – 18
- Fellowship with the believers
Rom. 15:32; 1st Cor. 16:18; 2nd Cor. 7:13
- Speaking the things pertaining to God
Job 32:20

There is dinner after service downstairs – care to join us?

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

Wed. at 7:00 Bible study & Prayer

Missionary of the week: Roberts – Vietnam

Current missionaries we support

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