

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Well we've come to about the ½ way point in the calendar year; and we're all very familiar with the rapid passing of time. Looking at life as a journey, in which it is; someone might be ready to ask "are we there yet?" Thank God we know where our destination is when we put of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. *We'll be there in a little while.*

I was thinking God won't tire of hearing "thank you Father for the gift of eternal life, and or thank you, Jesus for taking my sins and dying on the cross. Thank you Holy Spirit for revealing to me my need for salvation and regenerating me."

- Now what we do with what we know is important.

In this world of confusion and disillusion, light shines in from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. God brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. We have a treasure in earthen vessels and it is not to be hoarded. The treasure is the promises of God. Truly they are exceeding great and precious promises. When faith is placed in one or more of those promises God rewards it. Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

1John 2:25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, *even* eternal life.

- God is fully able to perform that which He promised.

1John 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

1John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life..

Just as God won't tire of hearing "thank you Lord;" a sanctified Christian won't tire of remembering the blessedness of having eternal life. And what makes it even more wonderful is when we can open that treasure box of scripture and give one out to someone else.

Personal note here: Heaven came down and glory filled my soul Friday at about the noon hour. I got a chance to welcome about 20 or so young people to Cedar Rapids that were here for a dance competition. With one bundle of personal bibles and one bundle of "limited time only" chick tracts 42 out of 46 people accepted one or the other. *Far cry from previous weeks for acceptance rate.*

And let us not be not weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Sorry I didn't make plans for us to enter the Freedom Festival Parade, let's appoint an event planner for our church.

- Now what we do with what we know is important.

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Mt 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

"RICH LIFE IN CHRIST" John 15:7 – 11

Intro. John 10 Jesus said: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

How's your life in Christ?

v. 7 **Abiding in Christ**

v. 7 **Scripture laced life**

v. 7 **Prayer balanced life**

v. 8 **Fruitful life**

Dinner today: No RSVP needed

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

Wed. at 5:30 Visitation

Wed. at 7:00 Bible study & Prayer

Missionary of the week: Bierman's – Germany

It is ever the Holy Spirit's work to turn our eyes away from self to Jesus; but Satan's work is just the opposite of this, for he is constantly trying to make us regard ourselves instead of Christ. He insinuates, "Your sins are too great for pardon; you have no faith; you do not repent enough; you will never be able to continue to the end; you have not the joy of His children; you have such a wavering hold of Jesus." All these are thoughts about self, and we shall never find comfort or assurance by looking within. But the Holy Spirit turns our eyes entirely away from self: He tells us that we are nothing, but that "Christ is all in all." Remember, therefore, it is not *thy hold* of Christ that saves thee—it is Christ; it is not *thy joy* in Christ that saves thee—it is Christ; it is not even faith in Christ, though that be the instrument—it is Christ's blood and merits; therefore, look not so much to thy hand with which thou art grasping Christ, as to Christ; look not to thy hope, but to Jesus, the source of thy hope; look not to thy faith, but to Jesus, the author and finisher of thy faith. We shall never find happiness by looking at our prayers, our doings, or our feelings; it is what *Jesus* is, not what we are, that gives rest to the soul. If we would at once overcome Satan and have peace with God, it must be by "looking unto Jesus." **Keep thine eye simply on Him; let His death, His sufferings, His merits, His glories, His intercession, be fresh upon thy mind; when thou wakest in the morning look to Him; when thou liest down at night look to Him.** Oh! let not thy hopes or fears come between thee and Jesus; follow hard after Him, and He will never fail thee.