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ATTITUDES TOWARD SIN & ERROR

2 Timothy 4:3-4; Romans 3:23

WE CAN:

DENY THEM

Pharisee.....Lk. 18:11; 1 Jn. 1:8
Ahab.....1 Kgs. 18:17
OR CONFESS.....Jas. 5:16

LIVE WITH THEM

Pilate.....Mt. 27:15-25; 2 Jn. 9-11
Corinth.....1 Cor. 5:1-2
OR LEAVE.....2 Cor. 6:17

IGNORE THEM

Belshazzar.....Dan. 5
Jews.....Matt. 13:15
OR TAKE HEED.....1 Tim. 4:16
WILL FIND US OUT....Num. 32:23

OPPOSE THEM

Paul.....Gal. 2:4-5; Eph. 5:11
Christ.....Matt. 21:12; 23:13-33
Paul "*fought a good fight*" 2 Tim. 4:7-8
SO MUST WE!

WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD SIN & ERROR?



From The Cross To The Crown

Robert Meredith

The hope of heaven should be the main aspiration of every Christian. The apostle to the Gentiles, Paul, wrote, "*In hope of eternal life*" (Titus 1:2). He also penned, "*I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 3:14). Hopefully every New Testament Christian if focused on the crown of glory which is promised to the faithful (Revelation 2:10; James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:8). The ability to receive this crown was made possible by the cross. Let us notice some ways that one travels from the cross to the crown.

The crown is made possible by the cross of Jesus. His atoning death has made it possible for mankind to possess this crown. Therefore, one goes from the cross to the crown. In the Old Testament times Jeremiah asked, "*Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of My people recovered?*" (Jeremiah 8:22). The point that

Jeremiah is making is that there was help for Judah, but they had not taken advantage of it because of their continued rejection of God's ways (Jeremiah 6:16). Today, man is still in need of God's grace, and must turn to the source of this grace, the cross of Christ. Peter proclaims, "*Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree; that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed*" (1 Peter 2:24). It is true that without the sacrifice of Jesus on the tree of Calvary we would have no hope of heaven. Jesus said He came "*to give His life a ransom for many*" (Matthew 20:28). He paid the price for our sins and now man has "*the hope of eternal life*" (Titus 1:2). Truly, Christians go from the cross to the crown.

Another way that Christians go from the cross to the crown is by their conversion. The cross is an instrument of death, and man must die to his sins if he desires the crown of glory. The Saints of Rome realized they were saved by grace, but had a misunderstanding concerning it. They believed they could constantly remain in sin and still be saved by grace. The Apostle Paul corrects this misunderstanding as recorded in Romans 6. Paul penned, "*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin*" (Romans 6:1-6). One's conversion mirrors Christ's sacrifice for sin.

He died for sin, was buried, an rose from the grave. When one obeys the gospel, he died to sin (repentance), is buried in a watery grave, and arises to walk in a new life. One must go to the "cross" (die to sin by repentance) or the crown will never be given by God.

A third way that one goes from the cross to the crown is by enduring faithfully the burdens of life. Difficulties and persecutions will come to all Christians (2 Timothy 3:12; Job 14:1). Jesus, as He taught the parable of the sower, pointed out that some people will obey the gospel, but will fall away in times of difficulty (Luke 8:13). This type of individual will miss the crown of glory. James wrote, "*Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him*" (James 1:12). If one fails to endure the burdens of life, he will not receive the crown. One should realize that these burdens can be taken to God through prayer. The Apostle Peter proclaimed, "*Casting all your care upon Him: for He careth for you*" (1 Peter 5:7). These burdens may seem heavy and unbearable at times, however, the crown (reward) given by God will make all difficulties seem light. Paul penned, "*For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory*" (2 Corinthians 4:17). The Apostle Paul, who endured such great burdens in his life (2 Corinthians 11:23-28), realized that in comparison to the reward of heaven, anything he might have to experience in this life would be considered light. By carrying your cross (Galatians 6:5) you can gain the crown (James 1:12).

Jesus went to the cross so that man might have the crown. We must go to our cross and die to sin so that we might receive a crown from Jesus. However, before that will happen, we must carry our cross (burdens) and exchange it for a crown.

News at Green Plain



Our **Monthly Luncheons** will be on **Thursday, the 15th, at 11:30 am**. The **Ladies** are going to **Dumplings** and the **Men to Quiznos**.

Visitation Group #2 meets **Sunday, the 18th**.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: **Wednesday, the 21st**.



Gospel Meeting: **LBL Church of Christ, April 18-21; 7:00 pm** (Monday - Wednesday), different speakers each night.



Ladies' Day: **Coldwater Church of Christ, Saturday, the 17th, at 9:00 am**, with **Cammie Evans**.



Singing & Gospel Meeting: **Friendship Church of Christ. Singing - Friday, the 16th, at 7:00 pm. Gospel Meeting - April 17-18 at 7:30 pm** with **Ronny Stubblefield**.



Gospel Meeting: **Walnut Grove Church of Christ, April 18-21, 7:00 pm** (Monday - Wednesday) with **Derrick Coble**.



Gospel Meeting: **Cadiz Church of Christ, April 18-21, 7:00 pm** (Monday - Wednesday) with **Jeff Bell**.

Let us try to take advantage of the many opportunities we have to visit area congregations and support them in their Gospel Meetings.



Prayer List: **Lloyd Adams** (Ross' step-grandfather), **Paul Brandon**, **Darlene Hale** (Mary Vincent's sister), **Lori Pond** (Gail & Vicki's sister-in-law), **Starkie Hall** (Bobby's father), **Bennie Tyson**, and any who may be in need of our prayers.

Shut-ins: **Anne Brinkley, Tom Meredith & Mary Miller**.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I've seen footballs that had no air,
And cars that had no lights,
I've seen men who had no hair,
And guns that had no sights.

I've seen locks that had no key,
And grapes that had no juice;
But I've never seen an absentee,
Without a big excuse.

...Selected

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling Of God in Christ Jesus."
(Philippians 3:14)

ATTENDANCE April 11, 2010

Bible Study	78	Worship P.M.	92
Worship A.M.	94	Mid-week (4-7)	52

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
April 2010

USHERS: Robert Barrett & Cody Canter
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Larry Enoch

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
AM: Frank Pool & Roy Wyatt
Substitute: Bobby Hall

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
AM: Jesse Vincent & Preston Barrett
Substitute: Frank Towery

Sunday PM
4-18.....Larry Enoch
4-25.....Larry Enoch

SCRIPTURE READING:
4-18.....Chad Canter (2 Cor. 12:14-15)
4-25.....Rex Enoch

OPENING PRAYER:
4-18.....Brent Morris Jr.
4-25.....Eddie Ward

CLOSING PRAYER:
4-18.....Dave Thompson
4-25.....Roy Wyatt

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Jesse Vincent & Preston Barrett

SONG LEADERS:
Sunday Morning.....Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening.....Eddie Ward
Wednesday.....James Pigg
Substitute.....Bill Stubblefield

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:
Isaac Ward & Katelyn Canter

LAWN CARE: Rex Enoch

GREETERS: Dave & Ann Thompson

If you are unable to serve, please
contact Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.



Luke 6

1. What did the Pharisees criticize Jesus and his disciples for doing?
2. What did He remind them that David had done?
3. Jesus had one question for the Scribes and Pharisees. What was it?
4. What Parable did Jesus speak in chapter 6?
5. Jesus said those who come to Him and keep His word were like what?

1. For plucking & eating corn on the Sabbath day (v. 2)
2. He had gone into the house of God and eaten the showbread, which only the Priests were to eat (vs. 3-4)
3. Is it lawful on the Sabbath days to do good or evil? To save life or to destroy it? (v. 9)
4. The blind leading the blind (v. 39)
5. A man who builds his house on a rock (v. 48)



**Remember to
bring snacks
for the
hospital.**



**Pantry Item
Chili**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes.....10:00 A.M.
Worship.....10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.
For transportation call 492-8206
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RADIO PROGRAMS

WORDS OF LIFE RADIO BROADCAST
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SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES RADIO BROADCAST
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**SERMON TOPICS FOR
April 18, 2010**

A.M. - Not Yours, But You

P.M. - The Jews Sought to Kill Him

WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED

Hear the gospel
Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17

Believe
Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6

Repent
Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30

Confess faith in Christ
Mt. 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10

Be baptized (immersed)
*Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16;
Rom. 6.1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21*

Continue faithful unto death
Mt. 25:21,34; 2 Pt. 1:1-11; Rev. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:6-9