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## THE LANGUAGE OF VICTORY

- “I can do all things through Christ”.....Philippians 4:13
- “Our God shall fight for us”.....Nehemiah 4:20
- “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble”.....Psalm 46:1
- “Let us rise up and build”.....Nehemiah 2:18
- “In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths”.....Proverbs 3:5
- “Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken.....Psalm 37:25
- “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous”....1 Peter 3:12
- “God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able”.....1 Corinthians 10:13

## Would You Be Free?

Gary Colley



Studies have been made in prisons to determine the times most likely for prisoners to try to escape who have been incarcerated for many years. It was discovered that the most attempts would be made in the first few weeks, with fewer and fewer desires evident as time passed. The conclusion was that the longer the men were not free, the less they wanted to be!

It is the same with sin! More attempts are made early in a life devoted to worldliness than after time has passed. The conscience is given to us, clean, tender, and free, as we are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26). But sin hardens and mars the faculty by which we know right from wrong as sin gradually enthrones itself more and more in the deceived heart (Galatians 6:7-8). Finally, so many “chords” of sin have shackled the sin-

ner that he does not any longer attempt to escape from its clutches even when a way is prepared. The wise man Solomon wrote, *“His own iniquities shall take the wicked, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sin. He shall die for lack of instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray”* (Proverbs 5:22-23). The once pure, tender conscience becomes *“seared with a hot iron”* (1 Timothy 4:1). He no longer has the desire to escape sin!

There is a way prepared by the Savior, Jesus Christ (Hebrews 10:16-25), by which man can be made free if man will meet the conditions. Though he is under the sentence of death for his sin (Romans 6:23), Christ has purchased and built the church (Acts 20:28; Matthew 16:18) where man can escape from sins and the sentence of death for a new life (Matthew 11:28-30; Romans 8:1-2). Remember Paul’s words, *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in **Christ**”* (Ephesians 1:3, emphasis mine). Would it not be a shame if we spurned the Lord’s invitation and hardened our heart to His overtures of mercy? But the sinner does!

Jesus said to the Jews that believed on Him, *“If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* (John 8:31-32). There is no “maybe,” “perhaps,” or “suppose” connected with Jesus statement *“The truth shall make you free.”* This is freedom, indeed, which cannot be located anywhere else! We can be made free from sin, error in teaching and practice of false teachers, vain worship,

God’s wrath, and being accursed by continuing in His Word.

Bible study is the key! Paul said to Timothy, *“Till I come, give attendance to reading, exhortation, to doctrine”* (1 Timothy 4:13). This study should be done in our homes as well as in the planned programs for Bible study in the church. When you quit attending classes, you can expect the following results to follow:

1. Spiritual malnutrition will set in (1 Peter 2:1-2).
2. Worldly cares will take first place in life (Matthew 13:22).
3. We will forget the Lord of our lives (Hebrews 12:2).
4. We will neglect and let our talents rust (1 Timothy 4:14-15).
5. The deceitfulness of riches will take hold (Mark 4:19).
6. We will find fault with the work of the church (Philippians 2:14-16).
7. Pleasures will be more desired than worship (Luke 8:14; Hebrews 10:25).
8. Our hearts will “wax cold” for the Lord’s church (Matthew 24:12).
9. We will exchange our soul for material surroundings (Matthew 16:16).
10. We will influence our family and friends to be lost with us (Luke 16:19-31).

For those who continue in “well-doing” through the study of God’s Word (2 Timothy 2:15), they will enjoy the pleasures of a wonderful life here and, in eternity, the crown of life (2 Timothy 4:6-8). Which will you choose?

\*\*\*\*\***Would you be free?**\*\*\*\*\*

## THE ART OF GROWING UP

**UP** is the magic word of growth. Use it as a guide in growing up into what you want to be.

**GET UP** in the morning with the determination to make the most of your day.

**STEP UP** to each task with enthusiasm and dedication.

**STAND UP** to your problems and difficulties. Face them and lick them.

**THINK UP.** There is an upper level in your mind—live in that!

**BRACE UP.** Tighten your belt and keep moving forward when the going gets tough.

**CHEER UP.** The worst thing that can happen to you can be the best thing that can happen to you, if you don't let it get the best of you.

**CLIMB UP.** The ladder of success reaches upward rung by rung, but you must do the climbing.

**MEASURE UP.** Much is required of you today. Meet the challenge of the times by doing your full share for Christ's sake and the common good.

**BOUNCE UP** when you fall down. Everyone falls now and then. Quitters just lie there. Heroes have bounce!

**LOOK UP.** Remember the words of the psalmist: *"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help."* Look to God for inspiration and guidance.

**REACH UP.** Keep stretching your mind and spirit. Don't wait to become a great person—be one now.

**LIVE UP** to the highest and best you know. Consider how a tree lifts its branches to the sky.

With God's help, **THE ONLY WAY TO GROW IS UP!**

...Selected



**Prayer List:** **Matthias Meredith** (has been diagnosed with Juvenile Myoclonic Epilepsy), **Wilton Holland**, **Brent Klinzing** (Pansy Henry's grandson), **Joan Turnbow** (Betty Enoch's mother), **Gail Wright** and any who may be in need of our prayers.

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

## News at Green Plain

Our sympathy to the family of **Charles Thompson**, the brother of David Thompson. Let us keep this family in our prayers.

Our sympathy also to the family of **Clyde Parker** in his passing. Let us remember Margrette & Rex and the rest of the family at this time.

We greatly rejoice over **Cody Canter's** decision to be immersed with Christ. He was baptized on Wednesday, the 24th.

Our **VBS** will be **July 1-3**, from **6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** See **Larry Enoch** if you can help with teaching, teacher's aid, or refreshments.

**Visitation Group #1** meets Sunday, the **5th**.

*We sincerely appreciate the beautiful cards, food, visitation at the funeral home and the kind words of sympathy at the passing of our loved one.*

*Dave & Ann Thompson*

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

*"Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."*

*Ephesians 1:3*

### ATTENDANCE June 28, 2009

|              |    |                 |    |
|--------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Bible Study  | 67 | Worship P.M.    | 68 |
| Worship A.M. | 77 | Mid-week (6-24) | 59 |

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
July 2009**

USHERS: Tristan Enoch & Preston Barrett  
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Larry Enoch

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE:  
A.M.: Bobby Ward & Roy Wyatt  
Substitute: Frank Pool

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE :  
A.M.: Bobby Hall & Dave Thompson  
Substitute: Frank Towery

Sunday P.M.  
7-5.....Bobby Hall  
7-12.....Eddie Ward  
7-19.....Paul Brandon  
7-26.....Rex Enoch

SCRIPTURE READING:  
7-5.....Max Henry (Eph. 2:1-6)  
7-12.....Charles Enoch  
7-19.....Chad Canter  
7-26.....Rob Enoch

OPENING PRAYER:  
7-5.....Bobby Ward  
7-12.....Preston Barrett  
7-19.....Larry Enoch  
7-26.....Robert Meredith

CLOSING PRAYER:  
7-5.....Jesse Vincent  
7-12.....Brent Morris Jr.  
7-19.....Hayes Grady  
7-26.....Jim Fielder

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:  
Tristan Enoch & Preston Barrett

SONG LEADERS:  
Sunday Morning...Charles Enoch  
Sunday Evening...James Pigg  
Wednesday ... Chad Canter  
Substitute....Eddie Ward

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:  
Isaac Ward & Katelyn Canter

GREETERS: Dave & Ann Thompson  
LAWN CARE: Mike Ernstberger

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



**Matthew 12**

1. What did Jesus' disciples do on the Sabbath that the Pharisees criticized?
2. By whom did the people accuse Jesus of casting out devils?
3. By what is a tree known?
4. "For by thy \_\_\_\_ thou shalt be \_\_\_\_ and by thy \_\_\_\_ thou shalt be \_\_\_\_."
5. Who did Jesus say is His brother, and sister, and mother?

1. Plucked ears of corn and ate them (verses 1-2)
2. Beelzebub, the prince of the devils (verse 24)
3. By it's fruits (verse 33)
4. Words, justified, words, condemned (verse 37)
5. Whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in heaven (verse 50)



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



**Pantry Item  
Sloppy Joes**

**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  
"A Friendly Welcome Awaits You"

**RADIO PROGRAMS**

**WORDS OF LIFE RADIO BROADCAST**

Weekdays, 11:30 AM.WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

**SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES RADIO BROADCAST**

Sunday, 7:30 A.M...WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

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**SERMON TOPICS FOR  
July 5, 2009**

A.M. - Independence Day

P.M. - Why Did Jesus Come to This World?

**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*