

Good morning!! It's good to see you here. Thanks to those who have been coming to Bible class on Sundays and Wednesdays. I notice the difference in the ones who really care about the Lord and their walk of faith vs. the ones that don't. There are many youth in this life who don't care. You all can be a big influence to them by how you live your life and trust in the Lord. I hope you all will remember our last lesson on "Doing More Than Others" taken from Matthew 5:27. Here is some advice for everyone, **Though many are the forces** threatening our Christian family unity, we must encourage one another and build each other up. I will see you all tonight! BEN

"HE'S A SON"

A story is told of Roosevelt from the early days of W.W. II. He was waiting to board a plane on which he had a reservation. He overheard a private at the ticket window begging for a ticket: "I'm going overseas in three days. I want to see my Ma before I go. I can go home and back only if I travel by plane!" He was told, however, that there were no seats available on the plane. At that moment Roosevelt stepped up and said that he would surrender his ticket and his seat on the plane for the private. A fellow officer protested: "But General, this is a matter of rank!" Roosevelt gave a masterful reply: "That's right. He's a son. I'm only a general."The highest rank which God could bestow upon us is to call us his children. "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are" (1 Jn. 3:1). As children we are given the closest possible fellowship in a relationship with God. We are given all the privileges of heirs. We are granted the status of family name and recognition. We are also given the awesome responsibility to live up to the expectations that go with being a child of God. If it is a matter of rank, deference goes to the child of the King, and "that is what we are." **DAN**



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Our Lord's coming will be a great and wonderful day for those who are prepared, but for those who are not prepared it will be horrible, and beyond description, since it will be the beginning of their eternal punishment. "The Lord Jesus is revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). Everyone will know when our Lord does come the second time, because "every eye will see Him" (Revelation 1:7). There will be those members of the Lord's church who will then discover they are lost because of their unfaithfulness and other sins of which they have not repented. But it will be too late then to get one's life right. "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear. let him hear" (Matthew 13:41-43). Notice there will be those who will be gathered out of His kingdom, the church, and be cast into the eternal fires of Hell. These are members of the Lord's church who are going to be lost in Hell. They are servants of the lord. Jesus is telling us that we had better listen up. But why are some members of the Lord's church going to be lost? "But his lord answered and said to him, you wicked and lazy servant. And cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 25:26, 30). These are members of the Lord's church who are going to be lost because they are unprofitable and lazy or they have wickedness in their lives of which they have not repented. We must repent of any sin in our lives and get busy now in working for our Lord. When our Lord does come, this earth and everything in it is going to be completely destroyed. This world will no longer have a use in God's plan. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?" (2 Peter 3:10-11). Let's get ready now and stay ready. Are you ready? **DAN**

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Children's Bible Hour will end for the Summer break next Sunday night.





From Dan's desk:

It is good to be home from the meeting in Jasper and the Speaking engagement in Livingston. We left last week to participate in an all day function with the Livingston Church of Christ. It was a great event. We then left for Jasper where I spoke on Sunday and the meeting continued through last Wednesday night. It was a wonderful experience. There was one response in the meeting. My thanks to Dwight for preaching last Sunday, the men who spoke on Sunday night: Kyle Lock, Adam Harding, Marty Nash and Henry Baker. Thanks also to Henry for teaching the Adult class in the auditorium and to David Sparks for teaching the chapel class on Wednesday night. I am grateful for Cheryl Ellis for teaching the ladies class last Tuesday morning. I know that they all did a good job. It was a busy week for us in Jasper, but an enjoyable one. Children's Bible Hour will have its last meeting next Sunday night, May 7th. We appreciate all of those who have worked in Bible Hour this year. They have served in a great way and we are grateful for their time and efforts to teach our young children. The month of May is going to be a busy one. Mother's Day is two weeks from today. We will be honoring our mothers in the audience that morning. We hope you can be with us for the special lesson on "Mothers". Our graduating seniors will be honored on Sunday, May 21st at an all church luncheon following the morning worship service. We are proud of them and their achievements. We will look forward to being with you in worship tonight. The lesson is entitled "Friends are Friends Forever". DAN

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ED FURMAN continues to have health problems.

NORMA HINSON, mother of Sara Briley, is having serious health issues.

NELL JACKSON, grandmother of Tiffany Bell, will have mitral heart valve replacement soon.

RENEE WHITLEY'S heart tests were great, no heart problems.

BABY SHOWER

All ladies are invited to a Baby Shower today from 1:00 to 2:30 in the Family Room of the activity building. Clint & Emerald Ellis will be welcoming a baby girl soon. Their selections are at Bye, Bye Baby and Babies 'R' Us.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Shelia McCullough
Marlene Thompson, George Wooden
Don Young
Kalli Jo Griffin
Billy Mason
Linda Allen, Kathy Chambless
Patti Bowles
Sheila Link
Willette Rasure
Ben Rhone, Ruby Meritt
Jackson Gilbert
Ike Weatherly
Charles Lasiter

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"WHAT A SAVIOUR"

Jesus predicted: "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." The apostle John adds: "He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die" (Jn. 12:32-33). In Christianity the shedding of blood is done by God the Son for the sake of mankind. This is unique in all the religions of the world. It is such a foolish notion, by the world's standards, that it must be true (1 Cor. 1:18-3:23). Let us forever keep the cross of Christ at the center of our proclamation (1 Cor. 2:1-2). Years ago in India, a preacher was preaching to a group of natives, all seated on the ground. He told how the Christ who loved the whole world and who came to serve others was abused by men. Jesus was mocked and spat upon. He was taken before Pilate and condemned to death at Calvary. He described the sufferings of Jesus on the way to the cross and on the cross. He told how his friends deserted him. Finally, he told how Jesus, in the midst of his agony, cried out: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do!"When the preacher reached this point in his sermon, an old Hindu priest could stand it no longer. He rushed forward, threw himself at the preacher's feet and said, over and over again: "We want you to leave India. We want you to leave India." The old priest was asked: "Why do you want me to leave India?" "Because we have no story like this," he replied. "We have no Savior who lived a sinless life, who died for his enemies and prayed for the forgiveness of those who took his life. If you keep telling this story to our people, they will forsake our temples and follow your Savior." DAN