

Let's Visit

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Great Peace!

One of the outstanding passages from the Psalms reads this way: *“Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them.”* (Psalms 119:165) This verse suggests two things. It suggests to us “Great Peace” and “No occasion of stumbling.”

There is nothing to be desired more than perfect peace in a congregation of the Lord's people. *“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”* Those are the words of Psalms 133:1. Those who have experienced the heartaches that can come when peace is lacking can fully and completely appreciate this statement by the Sweet Singer of Israel. Those who love the law of the Lord are promised this peace. This suggests they love the law of the Lord more than they love anything else. They love it more than their own personal desires; more than having their own way; more than getting even with someone else, yea, more than life itself. They therefore place what the Lord has said above everything else and live in peace. This does not suggest peace at the price of compromise with that which violates the scriptures. It is peace because of a love for the law of the Lord. Respect for what God has said will always bring about this peace. As there is nothing to be desired more than peace in the Lord's work, there is nothing worse than discord. The Lord says he hates the person who will sow discord among brethren. This can be done in many ways. However, when it is done, the Lord despises the person who does it. Nothing can cause more lasting trouble than this does. No person involved in such activity ever comes out without having done a great deal of wrong. Because of this there are scars

that can never be healed. It is no wonder that Paul taught that we should “rather take wrong.”

The promise of this verse is “there is no occasion of stumbling”. Those are beautiful words. Here is the promise that they cannot be hurt. Make no mistake about it, there is much strength in unity. In order to do any harm to a group of united people, someone must cause this unity to cease to exist. We might well ask, “Why would anyone want unity to cease to exist?” There could be many reasons. The individual who is never able to live at peace with himself, does not want others to live at peace. The greatest delight of a person so mentally warped as this is to disturb the peace of the people of God. Do you remember what Paul said about the devil in II Corinthians 11:14? He talks there about the devil coming garbed as an angel of light. You see, he never approaches someone representing what he really is or disclosing his true purpose. Just in that same way, one who has a desire for disturbing the peace of a congregation never discloses his or her real purpose and motivation. We must remember, so long as they are unable to disturb the peace of the church, no damage can be done. We are promised that in this passage from the Psalms. We also know it by experience. Therefore we should always be careful to never allow the peace of God's work to be destroyed.

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In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSLA 12 – Shreveport -7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239-6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 -6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



New Sermon Series

Beginning
November 3, 2019

The Misunderstood Church

Invite your friends to come
and join us for this series
of lessons.

He Had Been To Worship

The book of Acts tells of a time when the church was young. In chapter 8, (Acts 8:26-40) we have the story of a certain Ethiopia nobleman who had been to Jerusalem to worship. On the way home, he met Philip the evangelist who taught him about Jesus.

Understand, this nobleman loved the word of God. What he had of course was the Old Testament. Yet, he was reading from it, anxious to learn. Apparently the fear of being mistaken had never entered his mind.

Upon meeting the preacher, the treasurer of Ethiopia invited Philip to ride with him in his chariot. The Eunuch was reading from the prophecy of Isaiah (Chapter 52 to be exact) and asked Philip who the prophet was speaking of in that passage. Beginning with this prophecy, the preacher told him the story of Jesus. He explained how Jesus was the fulfillment of prophecy. In preaching Jesus to him, he necessarily told him who Christ was, what Christ did, and what men must do to obey Christ.

The story tells us that as they journeyed along, the nobleman asked a question. He said, "Here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized?" Philip replied, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest."

The narrative tells us that after the nobleman made the confession of his faith in Jesus Christ as the son

of God, he was baptized. In doing so he obeyed Jesus.

The Ethiopian nobleman had been religious but he was mistaken. He was sincere but uninformed. He had been to worship, but wrong. He had been worshipping God according to the Old Testament after it had led to Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:24)

We believe that obedience to Christ will make a person a Christian and only a Christian. Nothing more, nothing less and nothing else, just a simple New Testament Christian. The Bible is the final authority in all religious matters. Read it, study it and obey it. In it God speaks to us today.

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FOR THE PANTRY....

Peanut Butter

On The Lighter Side.....



IT HAD BEEN A WHILE SINCE HE HAD
RECEIVED A POST-SERMON HIGH FIVE AND
IT STILL FELT GOOD

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*We must always remember to hunt hard for the
good points in others. Remember they have to do
the same for us!*

*Knowing your limitations is the first step toward
overcoming them.*

Miscellaneous



Those To Remember In Prayer

Singing and Dessert Fellowship!



Wednesday
October 30, 2019

Plan to be here and
Bring a friend!

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COVERED DISH LUNCHEON



Sunday
December 8, 2019

Please plan to
come and bring
someone with
you!

Some Random Observations:

1. The weather is stronger than the religion of some Christians.
2. Some Christians provide for comfort and convenience on vacation trips but make no provisions for keeping the Lord's Day.
3. Some Christians can attend their places of entertainment regularly and care for their personal luxuries but can give little into the Lord's treasury.
4. Some Christians can get to work every week day morning in order to make a living, but they cannot seem to make it to worship one day a week on a regular basis.
5. Some Christians can be pushed, shoved, and insulted in the ticket line, or "bawled out" for holding up the line at the grocery store, but they never cease to frequent these places. But they feel slighted at church and they refuse to attend services.

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Our Church family to remember in prayer

LaJuan Baugh, Anne Burson, Dale Fincher, Martha Jean Golden, Rodney Golden, Sonya Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted Holt, Dora Livingston, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Permenter, Mike Permenter, Janice Willaims, Melvin Williams, Betty Willis, Alda Yarbrough.

Our "extended family" to remember in prayer:

Krysta Andrus (Norma Perkins' niece) Leyton Bell (Ryan Perkins' grandfather) Jacob Benton (friend of Ann Burson) Edward Lee Bradshaw (Gene Bradshaw's Brother) Pauline Bradshaw (Gene Bradshaw's sister-in-law), Bethany Bridges (Debra Pate's friend), Jennifer Britt (friend of Thelma Hinton) Kaden Butler (Debra Pate's great grandson) Marcus Cruz Cranford (Sue Hagler's-great-great grandson) Ronnie Emanis (Sue Hagler's nephew) Mary Fleming (Mike O'Brien's aunt) Hugh Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's brother) Pat Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's sister-in law) Mike Fults, Jonica Glaze (student from Tenaha injured in serious car accident) Virginia Goodrum (Debra Pate's sister-in-law) Buddy Hancock (Martha Jean Golden's brother) Allison Harbison, George Holder, Larry Landry (Glenna Noles Brother) Vickie Lee (friend of Sue Hagler) Juston Lout (Patricia Lout's son) Shirley Lout (Mike Lout's mother) Glynn McCleod (brother-in-law to LaJuan Baugh, Sherry Burgay and Trish Lout) Mitchell McLeod (LaJuan Baugh, Sheri Burgay, Trish Lout's nephew)), Elsie Lee McDaniel (Alice Hall's sister-in law) Roger Scott (LaJuan Baugh's son-in-law) Robert Shull (friend of Sue Hagler) Winston Smith (Thelma Hinton's brother) Margie Weaver (friend of Debra Pate)

Those being treated for cancer:

Guadalupe Beltran (friend of Sue Hagler), Laura Cuzziippi (Ann Burson's niece) Harold Dawkins (friend of Thelma Hinton) Reita Doty (friend Ann Burson) David Greer (son of Gene Greer, former minister here) Carla Holt (Ted and Joyce Holt's daughter-in-law) Dora Livingston, Connie Mettauer, Tem Morrison, Teresa Richard (Friend of Norma Perkins) Bobbie Smiley, Ronnie Stanfield (friend of Tim & Norma Perkins) Tina Vaughn (Sue Hagler's daughter) Jo Windham (Betty Miller's sister-in-law)

Also remember Leland Bradshaw and Amanda Bradshaw, (Gene and Martha's son and granddaughter) in Iraq.



Across The Preacher's Desk

“Until I went into the sanctuary of God, then I understood.” (Psalms 73:17)

The value of attending the public meetings of the church is a matter of dispute in the minds of many people. There are some folks who go to church regularly while others do not go at all. Then there are those who are in the services occasionally on days like Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day.

What is the merit of going to church? Does it help? Is the outlook of the regular church goer different on other points from the outlook of those who do not go to church or only go occasionally?

In the passage above, the 73rd Psalm, the Hebrew poet expressed himself on this matter. He had almost given up trying to do right. He saw the prosperity of the wicked and envied them. He saw the ease of the sinful and wondered why he must be burdened.

Seeing these things he had about decided that God didn't care. That conclusion is fatal to spirituality. Then one day he went up to the sanctuary of the Lord – that is, he went to church. It was here he got his bearings again. When he left, his feet were on firm ground. He understood God's plan when he went to church.

it's something to think about. . . .tbp

**Great Churches are built with
Commitment!**