

Let's Visit

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How Do You Regard Calvary?

There is a little hill northwest of the city of Jerusalem known as Calvary or Golgotha. It was a place where criminals were commonly executed by the method of crucifixion. It was on this hill that the spotless, immaculate Son of God died for the sins of the world. He died for my sins and for your sins.

Jesus Christ was guilty of no great crime against humanity. He had gone about doing good. He had healed the sick, raised the dead, caused the blind to see, the deaf to hear and the lame to walk. Yet, he had incurred the wrath of the Jewish establishment, the Pharisees and Sadducees and they wanted to be rid of him. So, for 30 pieces of silver, the price of a common slave in those days, Judas Iscariot bargained with the enemies of Jesus to betray him into their cruel hands. Cruel hands came to the Garden of Gethsemane that night and laid hold on Jesus. They took him for a private hearing before Annas the High Priest. He was bound and questioned and slapped in the face by one of the soldiers. He was taken before the Sanhedrin and then before Pilate, the roman Governor and Pilate sent him to Herod. Herod had him returned to Pilate and Pilate allowed the Jews to put Jesus to death.

The story of the death and crucifixion of Jesus is one that is both gruesome and tragic. First, Jesus was scourged. A Roman scourging was 39 stripes laid on a man's back as hard as a husky man could fling a whip. The instrument of torture was a flagellum, something similar to a "cat o' nine tails" that would have leather strips with bits of bone or metal tied in the ends. The scourging was designed to inflict maximum pain and there were many men who did not survive the ordeal of a Roman Scourging. They crowned Jesus with thorns and forced him to carry his own cross outside the city to

the hill of Golgotha or Calvary. There they nailed Jesus to that rough hewn wooden cross and he was left to die between two thieves. He died a painful and agonizing death to redeem my soul and your soul from sin.

Yet, with all that Jesus endured, how do we regard all of his suffering and agony? What does Calvary mean to us? You see, there are some who think it was unnecessary. They think an individual can be saved without the blood that Jesus shed in his death. They seem to think that because they have always been good morally, paid their debts and taxes and given to the united way, they will accumulate enough "attaboys" to go to heaven. Then, there are others who are indifferent to the death of Jesus, they just simply do not care that the Son of God was crucified. However, God and Christ regard the cross as the only solution. They see sin for what it really is. God and Jesus see the effect of sin on the spirit. They see sin as missing the mark in living God's kind of life and they regard the cross as the remedy for sin. God's remedy for sin is to obey His will and comply with His terms of pardon. We must believe on Jesus, turn our back on sin through repentance and be buried in the waters of baptism for the remission of past sins. It was for that purpose Jesus went to Calvary. What is your attitude about Calvary and Jesus sacrifice?

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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.

Gathered Here and There

Is Your Fire Going Out?

Paul loved Timothy. He was interested in his soul and he gave him good advice. On one occasion he wrote saying; *“Stir up the gift of God which is in thee.”* Paul wanted Timothy to use all proper means to keep the flame of pure religion burning in his soul. If the flame burned brightly, his zeal in the cause of Christ would be increased. Paul wanted Timothy to use all proper means to keep the flame of pure religion burning in his soul. If the flame burned brightly, his zeal in the cause of Christ would be increased.

If a spiritual flame is unattended, it has a tendency to die down, and eventually to go out entirely. We must watch constantly, lest we grow cold. This condition of the soul is not different from growth in other realms. When a garden is uncultivated, weeds take it over. A body will soon die if given no food. A vessel without a steersman will drift down stream into danger.

There are so many currents to carry the Christian backward that it takes constant effort to keep him advancing. We need to take stock of ourselves, to see that the energy that is within us is being used in the right channels.

Solomon once said, *“The backslider in his heart shall be filled with his own ways.”* It is dangerous for a person to be filled with his *“own ways”*, for *“it is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps.”* Our *“own ways”* may be the ways of doubt, faultfinding, sinful pleasures, failing interest in the affairs of the kingdom. Our *“own ways”* may be the ways of companions who are far from God, and whose influence over us takes away from the ways of God.

It is our duty to *“stir up the gift of God which is in us.”* Kindle up the fire! Fan the flame! We must do this if our spiritual lives are active, burning and increasing.

No soldier stands with folded hands,
When a battle's first begun;
It's a pushing through, and a pointing to
The day when the battle's won.

-Just A Moment

On The Lighter Side.....



**“Our growth has been impressive!
It wasn't that long ago that our small
group was just an itty bitty group.”**

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Have You Ever Considered...?

When you sing, *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”* on Sunday morning and miss prayer meeting on Wednesday night, won't it be a bit difficult to convince people you were singing with the spirit and understanding?



*There are some people
who need to wear a label
round their necks to
show that they are
Christians at all, or else
we might mistake them
for sinners, their actions
are so like those of the
ungodly.*

Charles Spurgeon

FOR THE PANTRY....

Rice A' Roni

Miscellaneous



Those To Remember In Prayer

GOSPEL MEETING – October 6th through 9th at the Appleby Church of Christ. Services Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Ivie Powell will be doing the preaching.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING – Our regular men's business meeting will be this afternoon at 3:30 in the church office. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

SINGING AND DESSERT FELLOWSHIP – Wednesday October, 30th will be our 5th Wednesday Singing and Dessert Fellowship. Make your plans to be here and bring a guest!

The Story Of The Terrapin

“For the love of Christ constraineth us” (II Corinthians 5:14.) I read a story the other day about a small boy who lived in the country and who had found a terrapin. He wanted to examine him more closely – but the terrapin closed his shell like a vise. The boy tried to pry the creature open with a stick, but an uncle reproved him. “That’s not the way. You will kill him.”

The story continued that the uncle took the terrapin and placed him on the hearth. In a few minutes, warmth caused the terrapin to put out his head and feet, and he crawled away. The story closed with the uncle's sage remark that “People are like the terrapin; they cannot be forced into anything but they can be warmed up by human kindness so that they will come our way.”

The power of the gospel of Christ is manifest and declared not only in the preached word, but also in a consecrated life, in good works, which God has ordained, and which will glorify Him in the memorials He left behind.

You may never preach a Gospel sermon, but you can lead a person to Christ by the life that you live. You can exude a warmth that will make it possible for them to learn the truth and be saved. Make no mistake – your personality will not save them – but it may be the instrument by which they are led to the Lord who can save.

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Teresa Richard (Friend of Norma Perkins) is waiting on an appointment at M. D. Anderson.

Krysta Andrus (Norma Perkins' niece) lost one of the twins she was carrying on Friday night. She is hospitalized in Lufkin with doctors trying to help her carry the other baby to term.

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:

Krista 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 Cuzzi** (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**, **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

The story is told of a Chinese farmer from a little village in the hills who was blind with cataracts on both eyes. With the help of neighbors, he found his way to a missionary hospital. The physician who examined him said he was not sure, but he thought he could help him see.

The operation was performed, and, after the bandages were taken off, the patient gazed around the ward and was in high hopes that he could see. But the doctor was not pleased. He had hoped to do better. He told the man to come back in six months, and he would try for better results.

The farmer returned to his native village telling everyone about his new sight, and how the doctor had helped him. Six months later he began the long trek back to the hospital. At last he arrived and the doctor welcomed him. Tied to his wrist was a long string, and hanging to the string were 70 other blind men who had followed him to the place where blind eyes were made to see.

Something similar happens when we have a spiritual renewal in our lives. We are made to see and we lead others from spiritual blindness to the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is what living the Christian life is all about.

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

**Great Churches are built with
Commitment!**