

Let's Visit

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Faith Is The Victory!

Immediately you recognize this as the title of one of those familiar hymns we have sung all of our lives. It was first published in 1891 in the *Christian Endeavor Hymnal*. The familiar words of the chorus ring out loudly Faith is the victory, the glorious victory that overcomes the world.

Faith is a common denominator in all of our lives. On a daily basis, every person living on the top side of God's green earth expresses faith in something. In fact, we cannot live a single day without exercising faith.

We have faith in the physical world. When you awoke this morning and went into the bathroom, you flipped a light switch and you had faith that it would work. When you get in your car, you have faith that it will start. When you mail a letter, you have faith that the postal system will get it to the right address (that's real faith!). When you go to the pharmacy, you have faith that the pharmacist will give you the right medication. Every time you walk into a building, you are expressing faith in the architect who designed the building and the workers who built the structure. Every time you walk into an elevator in a high rise building, you are expressing faith in the low bidder on the construction project.

In his first epistle, John writes of victory in overcoming the world. The world to which he refers are those things in the world, those things that would separate us from God. He in fact lists them in I John 2:15-17 as the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life. The same ways Eve was tempted and Jesus was tempted.

These three things can be summarized in one word. Sin. There are however other things that hinder our relationship with God. Things such as anxiety, boredom, depression and despair. There are

also things such as discontentment, fear, grief and loneliness. Yet, no matter what might hinder our relationship with God, there is a remedy and there can be victory. This victory comes to those who believe Jesus is the Son of God. You see, faith is the victory.

Generally speaking, what is faith? It is the persuasion of the mind that a certain statement is true. It carries with it the primary idea of trust. It is a strong conviction or trust in something.

Our faith does not develop merely through intellectual assent to biblical dogma or through wishful thinking. Rather, it is a lifetime commitment to the person of Christ with a response of obedience to His Word. Our faith in Jesus is a strong conviction of trust in Jesus. We trust who Jesus is, we trust He is what He claimed, we trust that He is truly the son of the Living God.

Faith is also the strong belief in what Jesus did and is doing. It is the belief that He died on the cross. It is the belief that his death is a sufficient sacrifice. It is the belief that He intercedes for us in heaven.

This faith is a constantly developing aspect of our lives as Christians. Faith, you see, comes from evidence. Our faith is not just a "blind faith". There are often solid reasons for believing in what you
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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



Today's Sermon

The Misunderstood Church # 6 – “Myth Busters”

As we bring our series on “The Misunderstood Church” to a close, we will deal with some common “myths” people have about Churches of Christ.

FOR THE PANTRY....

Cake Frosting

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cannot see. In spite of what my sons think, I never really saw George Washington, but I believe that he existed. We believe in who our parents are, but we weren't really aware of what was going on the day that we were born.

Faith in Jesus that leads to victory must come from the word of God. The reason so many do not live victorious lives is a lack of faith. They have a weak faith as a result of failing to read and study the word of God. Faith in Jesus gives us the victory in overcoming the world. However, we must spend time letting God speak to us through His word and speaking to God through prayer. Then, and only then will we have a faith that gives us the victory. Are you spending time in prayer and study?

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The Obstacle Complex

There are vast numbers of people in our world today who are victims of the obstacle complex. These people have become convinced that certain difficulties or circumstances stand in their way and it is impossible for them to reach the goals in life they most desire.

The children of Israel were in bondage in Egypt. However, God had put in their minds the vision of a better life. All during their hard labor and extreme want they were sustained by the hope of their Promised Land.

The day came that they threw off the bondage of Pharaoh. After a long journey, they reached the border of their Promised Land. There, they made their first mistake. They stopped to ask questions.

Then, they did the only logical thing, they appointed a committee. The committee reported on the giants in the Promised land and since it was easier to surrender to giants than fight, the children of Israel became victims of the obstacle complex. They murdered their opportunity and lost their chance.

If we are to do great things for God, we must remember that success comes in cans and failure comes in cant's. We must concentrate on our strengths and not the obstacles in our way. If we concentrate on our obstacles, they will be giants and we will be grasshoppers.

Let's take our mind off our failures and our obstacles and think of God. Let's focus on the words of Paul, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Philippians 4:13) and “if God be for us, who can be against us” (Romans 8:31). Let's not allow ourselves to be victimized by our obstacles.

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On The Lighter Side....



DEAR GOD, PLEASE GIVE ME PATIENCE ...
AND I NEED IT RIGHT NOW!!!

Miscellaneous

Mark Your Calendar!



**Sunday
December 5th
Our Next Covered
Dish Luncheon**

**Make Your Plans
To Be Here!**

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MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING – This morning immediately following the morning worship in the church offices. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

UPDATED PANTRY ITEMS

The truck from Sunny Glen Children's Home will be here the week of November 15th to pick up what we have in our pantry for them. The following is an updated list of pantry items for the next four weeks.

October 24TH – Cake Mix

October 31st – Cake Frosting

November 7th – Kids Fruit Drink Pouches

November 14th All-purpose liquid cleaners

Let's fill our little red wagon and make sure we collect these items for their grocery pick-up!



Those To Remember In Prayer

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick , Gene Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted and Joyce Holt, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Melvin Williams

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother) Ana Blair (friend of Debra Pate) Donna Boullion (Ted and Joyce Holt's niece) Gil Boullion (Ted and Joyce Holt's nephew) back surgery John Fincher (Dale Fincher's uncle) Gayle Foster (Cancer) Dalton Hendrix (Joyce Holt's great-great nephew) Sandra Hogan (friend of Roxie Bostick) Julia Keffer (Bobbi Holder's mother) Laurie King (Co-worker of Mike O'brien,) cancer : Liam Martinez (11 months old) Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; Katilyn Tate (Roxie Bostick's daughter-in-law) Jared and Natalie Tate (Mike and Roxie's son and daughter-in-law) Pat Tate (Jana O'Brien's mother)

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Amanda Bradshaw, Leland Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw
Jeremiah Soape and Lucas Tate

If you want someone added to the prayer list, please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.

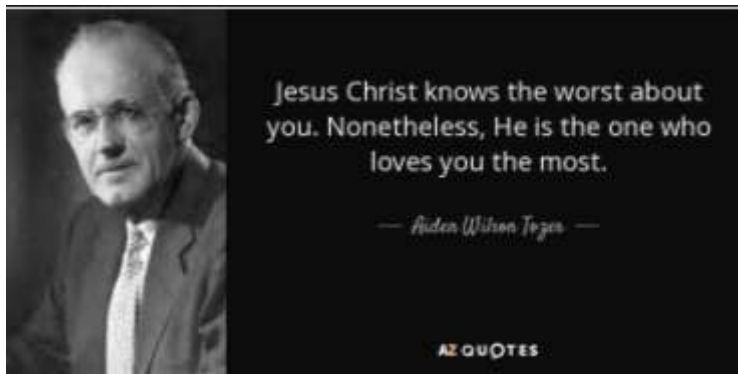
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Timothy's Heritage. . .

Have you ever thought about the earl life of the Apostle Paul's "son in the gospel", young "Timid Timothy"? He was a very fortunate young man. He grew up in a home where God's word was revered and read diligently. His great usefulness in the church may be attributed to the fact that he was trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Because of the enriching experiences of Bible study, Timothy inherited a great faith which merited the enthusiastic praise of the Apostle Paul.

We must make sure that we live in such a way that others will see the importance of the Lord, the Church and The Word of God, the Bible in our lives. As the old saying says, "Your life may be the only Bible your neighbor ever reads".





Across The Preacher's Desk

Do you remember hearing that old saying, "you can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar"? It is something we have heard all of our lives.

If you turn to the book of Genesis, when Jacob sent his sons to Egypt to buy food, they took a lot of gifts, balm, spices, myrrh, nuts, almost are all mentioned and Genesis 43:11 says "a little honey".

We have all known folks with a lot of ability, a lot of intelligence, but there was no honey in their lives, no sweetness, no joy.

Jesus came so that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. Jesus brings sweetness into our lives. Paul would write, "be ye kind one to another" (Ephesians 4:32) Truth be told, most of us have not committed unkind acts deliberately. Yet, how often are we guilty of unintentional unkindness? How often do we forget to speak a word of encouragement? How many times have we failed to weigh our words before they left our lips?

Kindness should be a positive force in our lives. We should look for opportunities to be kind to one another, to spread joy, to show people Jesus Christ living in our lives.

As Jacob told his sons on their journey to Egypt, "take a little honey" so we too should take a little with us every day of our life.

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

**God's Plan of
Evangelism....**

Each one bring one!