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## Important Message

NAME, I have not received your renewal as of April 21<sup>st</sup> and if I do not hear from you before May the 10<sup>th</sup> you will no longer hold credentials with us, unless you submit a new application. You have been with us since DATE and we would hate to see you leave. If you have any questions please contact me at 817-692-8042.

## Camp Meeting 2021

June 21-25

Camp Meeting starts on June 21 at 7 PM and ends June 25 when god releases us after the 7 PM service. Be in prayer for this years Camp Meeting, that God will move and we will all be saying, "I am glad that I came." To make reservations for the RV hook-ups or beds in the dorms – contact C.I. Wilson at 817-692-8042. At this time we are not sure about the number of beds, therefore you may want to get your name on the list ASAP. She will need names and phone numbers to verify that you will be coming and to let the ones (if any) that we do not have beds for.

## The Roving Pulpit

### Taking Our Place

By: Brother Royce Casey

In todays society it is imperative that the Church (The body of Christ, Born Again Believers) truly understand their position and authority over the evil forces that are constantly coming against the Church. In Ephesians Chapter 1, Paul is writing to the Ephesian Church. A church much like churches today. They were rich beyond measure in Jesus Christ, yet they were living as beggars and only because they were unaware of their wealth. Not that they were rich in monetary value or goods, but their heavenly bank account was quite full of every spiritual blessing.

In Ephesians 1:16-23 and 2:1-6, we see Paul addressing this body of believers, telling them that he was praying for them to gain wisdom and revelation, that their eyes of understanding would be enlightened, and that they would know the hope of his calling and the riches of the glory of his inheritance to his saints.

While in verses 19-20, Paul reminds them that they have the same power within them that raised Jesus from the dead and that seated Him in heavenly places.

*<sup>21</sup>Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: <sup>22</sup>And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>Which is his body...*

Ephesians 1:21–23a (KJV)

Paul tells us in Ephesians 2:6, that God has made us alive and raised us up and we are seated in Christ in Heavenly Places.

These scriptures tell us that just as Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father, far above all the evil of the world we, as born-again believers, are seated in Him, far above the darkness of this world. I am convinced that the church today does not realize the spiritual blessing we have been endowed with. We are seated with Christ, ONE WITH CHRIST, far above anything that may come against us. So why do we allow Satan to torment us so much? Why do we allow sickness to come against us and make us ineffective? Why do we allow the words of the news media instill fear within us? And the questions go on and on. We are seated in Christ Jesus at the right hand of the Father. We are one with Jesus, one with the Word, and victorious overall. The church, the body of Christ, must spiritually take our place seated IN Christ.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **May**

*<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: <sup>25</sup> The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: <sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.*

Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV)

Be sure and wish these fellow workers in the ministry field, a Happy Birthday. As we know, we all need a kind word every so often to keep our spirits up so we can do God's work.

James B. Baker (24), Johnny Dodds (14), Rosie Edwards (29), James Flanagan (10),  
Rebecca Hammock (30), Rebecca Martinez (9), Charles Ross (10), Mickie Sappington (8),  
Glenna M. Shepherd (1), Preston Taylor (19), and Michael Toliver (8)

The spouse of our fellow workers can use an encouraging word as well, so please be sure to let this supporter know that you are praying for her/him as well.

Sheila Collins (27), Trudy Lomas (8), and Judy Menasco (10)

We want to recognize those couples that are celebrating anniversaries this month with a special prayer on their day and maybe a kind word.

Robert & Kim Gragg (5), Patricia & Bobby Markham (24), and Benny & Sharon Waltrip (19)

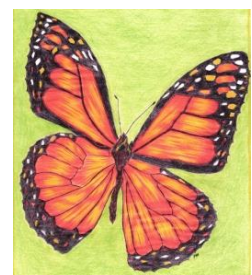
### **Mighty Men of Valor**

Men, do you want to have a time, meeting, or service where you can learn more of God that is presented in a way that you can relate to? If you do, take the time to get with the men in your church and start a Mighty Men of Valor group. It can be a time where you get to know the men in your church and with the leading of God you will have a group you can call on to pray with you in times of trouble, sorrow, and temptation.

We are asking that you help us pray for an Association wide leader.



### **Women of Worth/Helping Hands**



I have not heard from Sister Ruff in time for this newsletter, therefore I will use this space to ask the Special Ladies that God has called to help with Camp Meeting 2021. We could use your help to clean the campground and its buildings as well as during the Camp Meeting with cooking, serving, and cleaning. (P.S. If you can get your husband or man friends to help that would be wonderful.) Contact C.I. Wilson to see when someone will be there to help work.

If she could have a list of names and dates you can work before the Board Meeting, then she will contact you on what days someone will be in Temple.

## **Evangelist Youth Association (EYA's)**

Brother Trestin Ledford, one of our ministers, has a burden for our youth. Do you? If not, you should. You are most likely thinking of all the reasons that you do not have that burden. So I will present a short list of why you should:

1. We are getting older and will eventually die.
2. Without youth, who will lead the church?
3. Without leaders, the church will close.

If you are pastoring a church with young people, please get in contact with Bro. Ledford about starting a EYA group. Our youth is important in the growth of our churches. They will benefit from having their own services in several areas; getting to know each other, learning how to lead the different areas of a “church service” and grow into the person that God wants them to be.

Rev. Trestin Ledford Call: 405-274-8329 or email: [revtresledford@yahoo.com](mailto:revtresledford@yahoo.com)

## **Something to think about**

As I was talking with Brother Don Emanuel, we touched on how we all need to know how to lead someone to Jesus in very short time. I mentioned that I had read an article on the fact that the “Romans Road” is not that reliable, for the simple reason that there are more people in the world that knows little to nothing about the Bible and therefore would not understand what you are talking about without a lot of explanation which would take up time. Brother Emanuel told me the story about a doctor who came upon an accident and using his medical expertise determined the patient had three minutes to live without supplies that he did not have. God impressed on me to put it here so that we all could learn from this doctor. Thank you Brother Emanuel for submitting it to me.

## **By Special Request to Brother Don Emanuel**

### Step 1



Do you know for sure that you are going to be with God in Heaven?

If God were to ask you, “Why should I let you into My Heaven?” what would you say? You don’t know? Then we have the best news you could ever hear!

The few minutes it will take you to read these steps to life may be the most important time you will ever spend. Did you know that the Bible tells how you can know for sure that you have eternal life and will go to be with God in Heaven?

The Bible says there are five things you need to know about eternal life:

*“These things I have written unto you . . . that you may know that you have eternal life . . .” (1 John 5:13)*

## Step 2



religious deeds can earn a place in Heaven for you.

*"For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast"* (Ephesians 2:8,9).

WHY is it that no one can earn his way to Heaven? Because . .

The Bible says, ". . . *the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*" (Romans 6:23). And because Heaven is a gift, like any other genuine gift, it is not earned or deserved.

No amount of personal effort, good works, or

## Step 3



And because of this, man cannot save himself. If you wanted to save yourself by good deeds, do you know how good you would have to be?

*"Be therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect"* (Matthew 5:48).

With such a high standard, no one can save himself.

However, in spite of our sin

Man is a sinner. *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23).

Sin is transgressing God's law and includes such things as lying, lust, cheating, deceit, evil thoughts, immoral behavior, and more.

## Step 4



God is merciful, and therefore doesn't want to punish us.

This is because ". . . *God is love*" (1 John 4:8). And He says, ". . . *I have loved you with an everlasting love*" (Jeremiah 31:3).

But the same Bible which tells us that God loves us, also tells us that God is just and therefore must punish sin. He says ". . . *(I) will by no means clear the guilty . . .*" (Exodus 34:7). And ". . . *the soul that sinneth, it shall die*" (Ezekiel 18:4).

We have a problem. God solved this problem for us in the Person of Jesus Christ.

## Step 5



Who is He? The Bible tells us clearly that He is the infinite God-Man.

*"In the beginning was the Word (Jesus). . . and the Word (Jesus) was God. And the Word (Jesus) was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . ."* (John

1:1,14).

Jesus Christ came to earth and lived a sinless life, but while on earth, what did he do? He died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins and rose from the grave to purchase a place for us in Heaven.

*"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity (sin) of us all"* (Isaiah 53:6).

Jesus Christ bore our sin in His body on the cross and now offers you eternal life (Heaven) as a free gift.

This gift is received by faith.

## Step 6



Many people mistake two things for saving faith: Saving faith is not mere head knowledge, like believing certain historical facts. The Bible says that

the devil believes there is one God, so believing that there is one God is not saving faith.

Saving faith is also not mere temporal faith, that is, trusting God for temporary crises such as financial, family, or physical needs. Now these are good, and you should trust Christ for these, but they are not saving faith!

Saving faith is trusting in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life. It means resting upon Christ alone and what He has done rather than in what you or I have done to get us into Heaven.

*“ . . . Believe (trust) on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved . . . ”* (Acts 16:31).

The question that God is asking you now is would you like to receive the gift of eternal life?

#### Step 7



Because this is such an important matter let's clarify just what it involves.

It means that you need to:

- **Transfer your trust**

From what you have been doing to what Christ has done for you on His cross

- **Accept Christ as Savior**

Open the “door” to your heart and invite Him in.

He says: “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him . . . .” (Revelation 3:20)

- **Receive Jesus Christ as Lord**

Give Him the “driver’s seat” and “controls” of your life, not the “back seat.”

- **Repent**

Be willing to turn from anything that is not pleasing to Him. He will reveal His will to you as you grow in your relationship with Him.

Now, if this is what you really want, you can go to God in prayer right where you are. You can receive His gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ right now.

*“For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved”* (Romans 10:10,13).

If you want to receive the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, then call on Him asking Him for this gift right now. Here’s a suggested prayer:

“Lord Jesus, thank You for Your gift of eternal life. I know I’m a sinner and do not deserve eternal life. But You loved me so You died and rose from the grave to purchase a place in Heaven for me. I now trust in You alone for eternal life and repent of my sin. Please take control as Lord of my life. Thank you so much!”

If this prayer is the sincere desire of your heart, look at what Jesus promises to those who believe in Him: “. . . I say unto you, he that believes on Me has everlasting life” (John 6:47).

#### Step 8



If you have truly repented (forsaken, turned away) from your sins, placed your trust in Jesus Christ’s sacrificial death, and received the gift of eternal life you are now a child of God! Forever!

*“But as many as received Him, to them gave*

*He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name”*(John 1:12).

Today is your spiritual birthday—a day you will always want to remember! The Bible speaks of those who receive eternal life in these words:

*“Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God”* (John 1:13).

## General Board Meeting

We are planning on having our next General Board Meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> at our Headquarters in Temple, Oklahoma. If there is anything that you feel needs to be brought up at this meeting, please have it in my hands no later than the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, so that it can be on the agenda. If you would like to come meet and greet your Board Members, come from 11:30 to 12:15 because our meeting starts at 12:30 PM.

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