

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCT 25, 2009

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AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "THE CHRISTIANS MULTI-PURPOSE TOOL"

PM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS"

OUR GOSPEL MEETING IS NOV 1-4. MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND. BOBBY LIDDELL, BILLY HAYES, ALEX BAYES AND RICKY BERGER WILL BE SPEAKING.

TRUNK-R-TREAT TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES AT BEN & JINCY'S

REMEMBER THE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR GBN ON NOV 29

WE WILL HOST THE 1ST SUNDAY WALKER COUNTY SINGING NOV 2, 2 PM

DESSERTS FOR OCTOBER 29: GAIL WINDHAM

SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

SEE DAVID FOR TAPES

ANNIVERSARY:

Oct. 28: Danny & Robin Busby

31: Glenn & Sue Lockhart

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
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THE CHRISTIANS MULTI-PURPOSE TOOL

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

- I. It is useful for _____.**
- A. _____ is the teaching that is found in the New Testament that directs us towards heaven.
 - B. _____ is the source of doctrine.
 - C. When you and I open God's word, we are opening an authoritative tool that is not to be _____ or _____.
 - D. We need doctrinal direction because we are not capable on our own of _____ God's will for us (Jeremiah 10:23).
- II. It is useful for _____.**
- A. We all do things from time to time that we attempt to _____.
 - B. When we read through the New Testament, or study a particular text, if there is fault in us, the Bible _____ it out to us.
 - C. As James reveals, it is a _____ that tells us what we really are like spiritually (James 1:25).
 - D. This word is also interesting in that it carries with it the idea, not only of a charge of sin, but the shedding of _____ on the truth of the charge.
- III. It is useful for _____.**
- A. It carries the idea of straightening something that has become _____ or _____.
 - B. We had a relationship with God at one time but _____ ruined it.
 - C. When a penitent Christian comes forward, we generally say that person was _____.
 - D. We could say that person was _____.
 - E. We are to restore our _____ who have fallen away (Galatians 6:1).
- IV. It is useful for _____.**
- A. When one is instructed in righteousness he is _____ by God's word.
 - B. _____ is found in God and His word.
 - 1. Righteousness is simply right _____.
 - 2. One gains a _____ of how to live right through the tool God has given us called the Bible.
 - C. That which _____ us in Christ can be called edification.
- V. It is useful for _____.**
- A. We are never going to be _____ perfect..
 - B. However, as this word tells us, we can become _____ or complete.

- C. Paul had this in mind in _____ 4:13.
- D. We need to be _____ perfection through studying God's word.
- E.

We are to be able to _____ God's word correctly (2 Timothy 2:15).

WHICH CROSS REPRESENTS YOU?

Patrick Morrison

We often sing of the wondrous cross upon which our Lord and Savior gave his life's blood. Hopefully, with great frequency we meditate and reflect upon the hill of Calvary. Through the eye of faith, we are able to see three crosses set on that hill far away. As we contemplate the suffering and agony of the dear Lamb of God, we also take note of the two who were crucified with him (John 19:18). The other gospel accounts paint the two thieves in a negative light, at least initially (Matt.27:44; Mark 15:32; Luke 23:39). See the three crosses on Golgotha. In the middle, we see the cross of redemption (1 Pet.1:18-19). The cross of Jesus stands at the very heart of our faith (John 12:32). It is the declaration of God's great power (1 Cor.1:18). On either side of the cross of redemption, we see the fullness of humanity represented in the two thieves. Their attitudes and reactions are still very much alive and well to this day. We must see ourselves in one of the two thieves who were crucified on either side of our Lord. The question is, which of the two crosses represents you and your attitude toward him who died for you?

On one side of Jesus, we see the cross of rebellion. The two who were crucified with Jesus were suffering the just punishment for their crimes (Luke 23:40-41). As our Lord hung between heaven and earth, the multitudes taunted and jeered him. Many passed by, wagging their heads, deriding him, telling him to come down from the cross, IF he be the Son of God (Matt.27:39-40). The scribes and chief priests also joined in the verbal jousting, stating that they would believe his claims if he would only come down from the cross (Matt.27:41-42). The thieves quickly added their own jeers and taunts to those of the crowd (Matt.27:44). One of the thieves continued to revile the Savior, asking in a mocking way to be saved if Jesus were indeed who he claimed to be (Luke 23:39). He wanted Jesus to save him in his sins, not from his sins. He wanted the blessings that could come from the Messiah without any of the responsibilities of following him. Even in the throes of agony and in the very face of death, this one had the audacity to blaspheme the Son of God! The cross upon which this thief died represents the rebellion of the majority of those in the world (Matt.7:13-14). This thief died with salvation at arm's length. Will you continue to rebel against the one who offered himself for your sins?

On the other side of Jesus, we see the cross of repentance. Though both of the thieves initially joined in the derision, one thief had a change of heart. He came to realize that the one crucified between them had done nothing amiss (Luke 23:40). What was it that led him to this change of heart? Perhaps he had seen how Jesus had been reviled, but did not respond in kind (1 Pet.2:23). Perhaps he had opportunity to hear Jesus of Nazareth preach the truth of the kingdom of God.

Perhaps he had witnessed the sinless life of the innocent Lamb of God. Whatever the case, the heart of this thief had been humbled, and he turned to the Lord in penitence. As someone once noted, this penitent thief received some permanent relief. Godly sorrow led him to repentance (2 Cor.7:10). A change of heart resulted in a change of destiny for this thief. Instead of dying with salvation at arm's length, this thief died in the arms of his Lord and Savior.

What determines the difference between repentance and rebellion? It all depends on how we view the cross in the middle. The one viewed Jesus as just another dying man, while the other saw him as the Son of God. Their view of that cross in their midst made all of the difference in their deaths, and their destinies. Which will it be for you? Repentance, or rebellion?