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AM - BEN WRIGHT - THE GREAT OMISSION

PM - BEN WRIGHT - HOW LONG WILL IT GO ON?

READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- PSALM 108-112; MON- 113-118; TUES- 119:1-88; WED- 119:89-176; THUR- 120-130; FRI- 131-138; SAT- 139-144; SUN- 145-150

BIRTHDAYS:

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SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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THE GREAT OMISSION

(2 Peter 1:12-15)

We sometimes have omitted the _____ of God.

- A. God looked _____ on us with pity and it moved Him to send His Son for us (John 3:16).
1. We were lost in sin and _____.
 2. It was the pity and mercy of God that _____ us salvation while we were in that state (Romans 5:8).

B. Many Christians don't have the pity for the _____ that God does.

I. We sometimes have omitted the _____ of sin.

- A. _____ 6:23.
- B. We seem to forget that the cost of sin is _____.
1. This death is eternal _____ from God.
 2. _____ separates man from God (Isaiah 59:1-2).
- C. We _____ with sin..
- D. The fact of the matter is sin causes death and we seem to _____ that all too often.

II. We sometimes have omitted the _____ of a soul.

- A. _____ 16:26.
- B. The soul of one person is more _____ than anything on the face of the earth.
- C. How do we look at our _____ man?

V. We sometimes have omitted the _____ of the church.

- A. Congregations have forgotten that they are _____.
- B. The church solely exists to propagate _____ (1 Timothy 3:15).
- C. Christianity is a _____ religion (John 6:45) and people won't hear without a teacher (Romans 10:14).

7. We sometimes have forgotten the _____ of the gospel.

- A. Romans 1:16 - God's word saves people because it tells us how to be saved through the _____ of Christ.
- B. Too many congregations are drawing people with things _____ than the gospel.
- C. James 1:21 - only the gospel can _____ mankind.

7. We sometimes have omitted the _____ of Jesus.

- A. _____ 17:20-21.
- B. Jesus prayed for _____.
- C. We can't have unity with the denominational world because they refuse to reject _____ doctrines and unite in Christ.
- D. _____ to the gospel is the only way we can be united with one another and the Lord.

NECESSITIES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH
Mark Lindley

The day one becomes a Christian is the day one should begin a new life of spiritual growth. Becoming a Christian is not finishing the last page of the book, but simply beginning a new chapter. Spiritual growth involves the development of Christian character. Such growth occurs when we develop those inward, spiritual qualities such as faith, patience, and holiness. The following are three things necessary for spiritual growth to occur:

1. Time. One who has been a Christian for a week is not expected to be as strong as one who has been a Christian for 20 years because growth takes time. However, in due time the Lord not only desires for us to grow, but He also expects it: "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat" (Hebrews 5:12). This verse indicates that some early Christians had not grown sufficiently so that they might teach others, and the Lord was not pleased. We should be patient with ourselves and others as we grow, but we need to realize that growth is expected (II Peter 3:18).

2. Nourishment. We all understand that infants must have the proper nourishment in order to grow (cf. Hebrews 5:13-14). Even so, Christians must have the proper spiritual nourishment in order to grow. A key component of spiritual growth is faith, and faith cannot grow without a study and application of God's Word: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). If you want a stronger faith, spend more time meditating on God's Word (Psalm 1:1-2). This will bring overall spiritual growth.

3. Proper Environment. In order to develop properly, children need an environment that provides love, nurturing, security, and protection. Children will also need opportunities to learn self-control, discipline, how to solve problems, and how to cope with life's challenges. By allowing Christians to remain in a world full of trials and temptations, God has provided us with an environment in which we can grow spiritually. James wrote that "the trying of your faith worketh patience" (James 1:3). Each time we overcome a temptation or trial, we are developing patience and gaining spiritual strength.

If you want to grow spiritually, allow yourself time, get the proper nourishment, and realize that this world is the perfect place for facing challenges and getting stronger.