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WEDNESDAY - BEN WRIGHT - A BAG WITH HOLES

THURSDAY - BEN WRIGHT - CHRIST WILL SAVE THE OBEDIENT

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING AT ADAMSVILLE, SAT 7 PM

THESE SERVICE TIMES WILL BE NO CHANGE IN SERVICE TIMES TODAY

READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN-1 JOHN 1-5; MON- 2, 3 JOHN & JUDE; TUES- REVELATION 1-3; WED- 4-9; THUR- 10-14; FRI- 15-18; SAT- 19-22;

BIRTHDAYS:

Dec 25: Carolyn Myers

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Dec 27: Travis & Sandy Richardson

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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:

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A BAG WITH HOLES

(Haggai 1:3-6)

_____ out of Christ.

- A. The spiritual blessings that God offers to mankind are all found in _____ (Ephesians 1:3).
- B. As long as one is in Jesus Christ, there is no _____ for that person (Romans 8:1).
- C. One gets into Christ by putting Him on in _____ (Galatians 3:27).

I. Life by human _____.

- A. There are those that wait on the _____ of their denomination each year to know what to believe and teach.
- B. Some listen to their own _____, _____ or _____ about how something should be viewed, taught or believed.
- C. You and I, and all the world, are one day going to be _____ by the words of Christ (John 12:48).

II. _____ to put the kingdom first.

- A. First indicates top _____ and being above all else.
- B. For the Christian, when life is lived without God in _____ and preeminent in our lives, our lives are like a bag with holes.

V. Laying up _____ on earth.

- A. How many people, and even some Christians, do we know that are _____ with having the latest and greatest things?
- B. The things we accumulate will do us no good when we are _____.
- C. Instead of worrying about what we have here, we need to be concerned with what we are sending _____ (Matthew 6:19-21).

7. Faith without _____.

- A. How many people do we know that say they _____ in God but don't do anything for Him?
- B. It may be the case that people have obeyed the gospel and say they believe in God but don't _____ for Him.
- C. Faith is really an _____ word.

7. Works without _____.

- A. There is no doubt that work is part of the life of a Christian.
- B. However, if it is not done out of faith it is _____ (Romans 14:23).
- C. Faith is the _____ for what we do.
- D. One who lives his life in such a way is like someone who is just going through the _____.
- E. Faith is the _____ to victory (1 John 5:4).

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The last three lines of the Robert Frost poem, "The Road Not Taken" are:

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I —
I took the one less traveled by
And that has made all the difference."

Just as the great poet remembers the time when he came to a point where the two roads diverged in a wood, each of us comes to those points in our life where we look, and the paths open in two directions. We must choose. Which shall we take?

This is not a new dilemma. Eve faced it (and took the wrong path) in Genesis 3:1-6. Joshua faced it. He told the people, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve," Joshua 24:15. Esther faced it. She said, "If I perish, I perish" (Esther 4:16b). Daniel faced it. "Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to God, just as he had done before" (even though it had been decreed that anyone doing so would be put to death [Daniel 6:10b]). The Apostles faced it. Jesus said, "Come," and they followed Him.

As God's people, it is so wonderful to look at that time when we made a choice to follow the path we traveled. We were, at one time, faced with the roads that led in two directions. Isn't it a tremendous feeling to know we have chosen the right way? We should rejoice every day that God showed us the way ... that He guided us by the Holy Word in the direction we should go, that He lifted our burdens to walk with Him.

We, as Christians, should be the happiest of people because, as the poem says, "And that has made all the difference." How has it made a difference? Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it."

The difference in the roads is destruction or life. It is a wonderful feeling to know you have chosen life, isn't it? Oh ... you have taken the right road, haven't you — the one less traveled by, the one that leads to life?