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The Kingdom of God

"We must receive the kingdom of God as a child' If you tell your child ,I'll take you to the toy store tomorrow and buy you a toy. That child will be up and ready to go the next morning. Thats the way we need to believe the word of God there is no reason for us to doubt that our heavenly father will do what he says he will do . He is our father and he loves us. Lets trust and believe him.

Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. Mark 10:15

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# No Excuse Sunday

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have NO EXCUSE SUNDAY! Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say Sunday is the only day to sleep in. There will be a special place for lounge chairs for them who think our pews are too hard. Eve drops will be available for those with tired eves from watching TV to late on Saturday night. We will have steel helmets for those who say "the roof will cave in if I ever came to church." Blankets will be furnished for those who say its too cold and fans for those who say its too hot. Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present. We will distribute stamp out stewardship buttons for those who feel that the church is always asking for money. One section will be devoted for trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature. Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who planning on being sick on Sunday. The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen church without them. We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton for those who can. If we have not addressed your excuse, oops I mean your "reason"... please let us know asap.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:25

# It's Never As Bad As It Seems

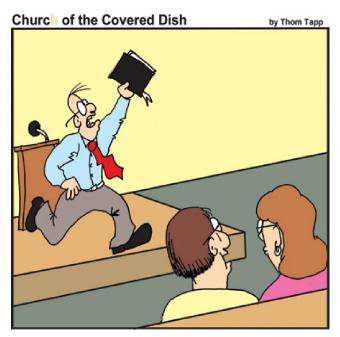
One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. Psalms 27:4-5

The world these days is full of bad news, with tensions growing in the Middle East, economies on the brink of collapse, and nature constantly adding to the chaos with one disaster after another. It's a time of trouble all right, and for us believers it may sometimes be hard to believe - but it never is as bad as it seems. Let me illustrate with a joke I like to share with my messages. Way out west (in America, of course), a cowboy is driving down a road, his dog riding in the back of his pickup truck, his faithful horse in the trailer behind. As he takes a curve on the highway he suddenly loses control of the vehicle and has a terrible accident. Sometime later, a State Police officer comes on the scene. A great lover of animals, the officer's attention is first drawn to the horse. Realizing the serious nature of its injuries, he draws his service revolver and puts the animal out of its misery. Then walking around the accident he finds the dog, also critically wounded, and whining miserably in pain. This grips his heart and he quickly ends the dog's suffering as well. Finally the police officer locates the cowboy, who has suffered multiple fractures and can barely breathe. "Hey, are you okay?", he says. The cowboy takes one look at the smoking gun in the trooper's hand and quickly replies, with unexpected energy, "Never felt better!" We are pilgrims in this dangerous world, which will wound us at times so badly it will seem unbearable - yet we have this promise from God, "in the time of trouble He will hide me". It's because my real life, my true life is in Him and with Him no matter what happens to me here. So when the world approaches me with a smoking gun, ready to put me out of my misery, I can find a supernatural strength, and simply say, "I never felt better!"

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"When he finished the book of Revelation I thought he'd quit preaching..."



Cousin Leroy

The old country preacher was walking down the lane when he saw young Leroy, jr. struggling to load hay back onto a cart after it had fallen off. "You look hot, my son," said the preacher. "why

don't you rest a moment, and I'll give you a hand." "No thanks," said Junior. "Pappy wouldn't

like it." "Don't be silly," the preacher said. "Everyone is entitled to a break. Come and have a drink of water." Again Junior protested that his pappy would be upset. Losing his patience, the preacher said, "Your father must be a real slave driver. Tell me where I can find him and I'll give him a piece of my mind!" "Well," replied Junior, "bo's under the load of hav!!"

"he's under the load of hay!!"

# Got A Dollar?

A little girl asked her mother for a dollar to give to an old lady in the park. Her mother was touched by the child's kindness, and gave her the dollar. "There you are, my dear," said the mother. "But, tell me, isn't the lady able to work any more?" "Oh yes," came the reply. "She sells candy."



#### Last Request

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

#### Being Free

The Fourth of July weekend was coming up and the nursery school teacher took the opportunity to tell her class about patriotism. "We live in a great country," she said. "One of the things we should be happy about is that, in this country, we are all free." One little boy came walking up to her from the back of the room. He stood with his hands on his hips and said, "I'm not free. I'm four!"

# The Pet

After buying her kids a pet hamster, after they PROM-ISED they would take care of it, Mom, as usual, ended up with the responsibility. One evening, exasperated, she asked them, "How many times do you think that hamster would have died if I hadn't looked after it?" After a moment, her youngest son replied quizzically, "Once?"

#### Happy Anniversary

On a Sunday morning a couple celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. In the small church where they had worshiped for many years, the pastor called them forward to be recognized by the congregation and prayed a blessing over them. Afterward the pastor asked them if there is anything they would like to say to one another in everyone's presence. The wife turned to her husband and with a rather weak voice said, "You are tried and true." Her husband replied, "HUH?" "Ahem. You are tried and true." "OH YEAH?! WELL I'M TIRED OF YOU, TOO."

# **Did You Hear Something?**

Working at the post office, I'm used to dealing with a moody public. So when one irate customer stormed my desk, I responded in my calmest voice, "What's the trouble?" "I went out this morning," she began, "and when I came home I found a card saying the mailman tried to deliver a package but no one was home. I'll have you know, my husband was in all morning! He never heard a thing!" After apologizing, I got her parcel. "Oh good!" she gushed. "We've been waiting for this for ages!" "What is

it?" I asked. "My husband's new hearing aid."

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#### "True Worship" part 02

New Testament worship is never merely practice for some later experience in heaven. It is genuine worship in the presence of God Himself. Through the cleansing effect of the shed blood of Christ, we can live free of guilt and sin, and experience new life in Him. This new life changes our conduct. Hebrews 10:23-25 - Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. It produces hope, good deeds and the desire to join with others in worship. Has this been your experience? Has worshipping God strengthened your walk with Him? It should! III. True worship abandons whatever offends God. Isaiah 6:1-8 (Main Text) One of the accomplishments of worship is that it purifies us. Whenever we catch a glimpse of God's holiness, which often occurs as we worship, we are confronted with our sin. Why? Because the pathway to the presence of God is holiness. Hebrews 12:14 - Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Consider the experience of Isaiah as he encountered the Lord. Isaiah 6:5 - Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Obviously, it was not the lips of Isaiah that were producing uncleanness, but his heart. Matthew 12:34 - O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Peter had the same sort of experience in Luke 5. He witnessed firsthand the power of God over nature (which he had earlier doubted) and he was filled with the knowledge of his sin. Luke 5:8 - When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. We are holier men and women when we worship. How many times have you come here and been forced to acknowledge and wrestle with your own sin as you praised the Lord? It's not fun, but getting rid of any impure thing makes for a healthier body of believers. IV. True worship avoids the chastening of God. A. God's people were disciplined for the failure to worship.2nd Kings 17:25-27 - And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the Lord: therefore the Lord sent lions among them, which slew some of them. 26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land. 27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land. It was the duty of the Israelites to worship God. When they failed to do so, God dealt with them appropriately, yet severely...some were devoured by lions. B. God's people were disciplined for misdirected worship. Hosea 13:1-3 -When Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. 2 And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them. Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves, 3 Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney. The worship of idols brought God's discipline. V. True worship accesses the help of God. Hebrews 4:16 - Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. The throne of grace in Hebrews 4:16 is referring to the throne of God where Jesus sits, exalted at the right hand of the Father. It is the antitype of the 'mercy seat' in the earthly sanctuary where the work of atonement was completed by the high priest year in and year out. Jesus, our high priest, has finished the work, accomplishing our salvation once for all. John 19:30 - When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. Now we have the constant availability of God's help in our time of need. Acts 27:17 - Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven. In this verse, we're given a picture of what the word 'help' means in this context. The word refers to a rope or chain used to secure a vessel during rough weather. When life is at its hardest we can know that a visit to the throne of God will provide us with the secure and timely help we need to keep going and growing.

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#### **Rack'em Up Ribs**

1 cup ketchup

- 3 tablespoons molasses
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
  - 1 tablespoon dark-brown sugar
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce (such as Tabasco)

- 1/4 teaspoon liquid smoke
- 4 pounds country-style pork ribs

In a small bowl, stir together ketchup, molasses, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, sugar, mustard, hot sauce and liquid smoke. Place pork ribs in the slow cooker insert and pour 1 cup sauce over top, reserving the rest for later. Cover and cook on HIGH for 6 hours or LOW for 9 hours or until very tender. Remove ribs from slow cooker and brush with reserved sauce.

# **Butterfinger Ice Cream Pie**

3 c. graham cracker crumbs

1/2 c. butter, melted

2 pkg. instant vanilla pudding

2 c. cold milk

1 pt. softened vanilla ice cream

1 (8 oz.) Cool Whip

3 Butterfinger candy bars, crushed

Combine cracker crumbs and butter. Press half into a 9 x 13-inch pan and chill. Combine pudding mix, milk and softened ice cream. Beat until smooth. Pour over crumbs. Chill until firm. Top with Cool Whip. Combine remaining crumbs and crushed Butterfinger bars and sprinkle over top. Refrigerate.



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# **REESIE'S RECIPES**



Twinkie Delight

1 box Twinkies

2 small boxes instant vanilla pudding

1 large can crushed pineapples, drained

Sliced bananas to layer

16 oz. cool whip

2 small jars maraschino cherries

Cut Twinkies lengthwise. Arrange Twinkies cream side up in large dish. Mix pudding as directed. Spread over Twinkies. Spread crushed pineapple then layer bananas. Place one jar of cherries over bananas. Top with cool whip and decorate with second jar of cherries.

# Spaghetti Casserole

No-Stick Cooking Spray

1-1/4 cups original baking mix

1/2 cup reduced fat (2%) milk

2 cans (14.5 oz each) Chef Boyardee Spaghetti & Meatballs

3/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, divided

1/3 cup sliced pepperoni

Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray 13x9-inch glass baking dish with cooking spray. Combine baking mix and milk in medium bowl; stir until soft dough forms. Drop dough by spoonfuls on bottom of baking dish (will not completely cover bottom). Spoon 1 can spaghetti and meatballs over dough and sprinkle with 1/2 cup cheese. Top with remaining can spaghetti and meatballs, remaining 1/4 cup cheese and pepperoni. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until dough is done in centers and browned.

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#### God in the Flesh

There is a little verse nestled away in John 12:41, that speaks volumes about Who Jesus really was: "These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him." When Isaiah (Yeshayahu means "Salvation of Yehovah"), received his calling to be a prophet in about 740 BC, recorded in Isaiah 6:1-8, he saw God sitting on the throne in all His glory, with the angelic hosts crying, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts." Isaiah prophesied for about 50 years, primarily in the later part of the 8th century BC. But what the apostle John was inspired to write in John 12:41, was that Isaiah spoke about the coming Messiah. Isaiah "saw his glory, and spake of him", the One who was talking in John 12. So to put in plainly, Jesus of Nazareth was the God of the Old Testament in human flesh. It is very important that we see the God of Israel and Jesus as synonymous. The incarnation is a great mystery, and our minds cannot wrap around it all, but the Word became flesh that created everything in Genesis 1. It is an awesome picture to see the God of Noah, the God of Abraham, the God of Moses, the God of David, and the God of the prophets, walking among His people in the gospel accounts. This puts an entirely different dimension on Who Jesus was. The Jehovah Witnesses and the Muslims say that Jesus was not God.

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#### He Still Speaks

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 (KJV)

In the walk of today's Christian - it seems as though "the valley" of the shadow seems to have grown old and in many cases... disappeared altogether. Man today insists on a consummate religious JOY, but a consummate religious fervor is feigned and even shunned as unattainable. Yet, Christ said, and says forever, "My yoke is easy." Yet, that statement is so mis-interpreted, and the integrity of fervor is so evaded... Christians tend to think they can pretty much have their cake and eat it too. One thing I have learned throughout my life is that along with all of the other things Jesus promised - He also promised a Cross. When in the most coarse of my study in the WORD, (digging though the nitty gritty of the WORD) I often find the depth and brashness of life-interpretations by human minds - cloud and even dim the meaning of "Life" in Christ to mean nothing more than "base" religion. There is no calling; no commitment of purpose or commitment of any kind. "If there's nothing in it for me - I want no part of it they say." Yet, Jesus says, "...narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matthew 7:14 (KJV) In the Christian life, there seems to be a contradiction: two opposite conceptions of that perce a man's soul and mind. The one says, "If I come to Jesus, my life will be filled with Joy." The other says, "If I follow Christ, I may find many a sorrow, hard labor, and endless tears." I cannot tell you how as a young teen I would be impressed to follow more deeply the leading of my Lord. Yet, I would go only so far because I was afraid that if I went too deeply I would have to give up some of the things I enjoyed - like city softball and the Band I was in with some of my best school chums - the Ranslow boys. Don't forget that I sat pining for my sweetheart of those "wonder years" while I would spend hour at my guitar singing about her - rather than the real song that burned so deeply in my soul - about my one true love, Jesus! It is a great thing to be an earnest Christian - a high calling to be a soldier of the cross - even though it would cost me so much. Isn't it ironic how I was willing to sit down and count the cost when it meant giving up everything to follow Jesus. Even though I laid back and didn't become "as committed" as I should - to the extent o my calling in him as a young man... He never ceased in His call; never hid or veiled from me the urgency of the call. Christ calls for YOU today! He says that, "You are a free man; but you must count the cost". He tells us that, "Life is before us: and that we must choose this day whom we will serve." He tells us that while He puts before us a cross, He has also promised a crown. He tells us that while we may - like Paul, struggle with lack - being literally bound to our ministries with no promise of sustenance... there WILL be victory. While we may writhe in utter loneliness, He says, "lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the Earth". You may be restless, yet he promises to give you rest. Let me ask you today my friend... has there ever been a leader so frank, so open, so brave, as "the Master" who is claiming you tonight? What will your answer be? Go, then, earthly fame and treasure. Come disaster, scorn and pain In Thy service, pain is pleasure, With Thy favor, loss is gain I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; All must work for good to me.

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# LORD, Have Mercy!!



It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22

The word "mercy" is found some 276 times in the Word of God and means to "withhold the judgment that one deserves." The above passage of scripture says it best... *It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed.* Thank the LORD

for His mercy! Where would we be without it? Consumed! Destroyed!! Hopeless!!! Many times throughout my Christian walk I have been asked to pray for people who were going through troubles or trials...people who I knew were not living for the LORD some of them didn't know the LORD at all. At times I found it hard to know what or exactly how to pray and then the LORD dropped this scripture in my spirit and said pray for the same mercy for them that I have shown to you. WOW...what a deep revelation right?? Not really! But the truth of the matter is that even when we know the great mercy that has been shown to us we then find it hard to pray for others who need that same mercy...or at least we find it hard to pray for them without judging them first and making statements like..."Well, It's there fault they are in the mess they are in." Well, sure it is BUT what does that have to do with it? That doesn't change the fact that they need help...that doesn't change the fact that they need the MERCY of the LORD to intervene on their behalf! Even when we don't know exactly what or how to pray for someone we can always pray...LORD let your mercy intervene...have mercy on them the way that you had mercy on me! We are so quick to judge but so slow to have mercy on others YET when we are the one standing in need...standing in the midst of trouble what do we cry out for? Mercy!! Jonah is a good example of this...in the book that bears his name we find that the Word of the LORD comes to him and tells him to go preach to the people of Nineveh. What does he do? He runs in the opposite direction in disobedience. Finally when he ends up in the belly of the whale we find him crying out for God's mercy! What does the LORD do? He has mercy on him...even though it was Jonah's fault that he was in the belly of the whale God still has mercy. After this once again the Word of the LORD comes to Jonah and tells him to go and preach to Nineveh...this time he goes and does as the LORD commanded. What happens? The people of Nineveh repent and God has...you guessed it...MERCY on them! So what does Jonah do? He gets angry...angry because the LORD had mercy on his enemies. Now wait a minute...we didn't find Jonah getting angry when God had mercy on him. Yet when God has that same mercy on others he goes out on the hillside and throws a pity party!! There is something inside of man that wants people to get what "they deserve"...thank the LORD He is not like that!! For if we all got what we deserved we would either be in hell or on our way there. We are too guick to judge others...cut them off and decide there is no hope for them. When the truth is WE ALL need HIS MERCY everyday! The phrase "LORD Have Mercy" has became somewhat of a meaningless phrase that some people use in their every day life BUT today we need to make it a matter of prayer. Not a phrase used in jest or casual conversation but a prayer. A prayer for others that cries out for the LORD to have mercy on them...the same mercy that we have experienced in our lives...mercy that will intervene in their life. Mercy to allow the Holy Spirit to draw them...to deal with them before it's to late! Mercy that will step in and stop what they deserve...the same mercy that stopped what we deserved. Until next time may the LORD bless and keep you. Pastor Billy R Douglas

*Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. Romans 11:5* 



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# "If My People ... "

If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

Well guess I am a little disappointed however not as disappointed as the Lord must be. A couple weeks ago I felt the Lord wanted me to put up a prayer line on facebook, so that anyone who had a prayer request we would pray for them. Well we had less than ten requests the first 2 days and none since. So with this scripture saying what's wrong Gods people don't want to pray and its very sad.

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# **God's Simple Plan of Salvation**

My Friend: we are about to ask you the most important question of your life. Your joy or your sorrow for all eternity depends upon your answer. The question is: Are you saved? Do you know Jesus Christ as your personal LORD and Saviour? It is not a question of how good you are, nor if you are a church member, but have you put your faith in Jesus? Are you sure you will go to Heaven when you die?

The Bible makes the plan of salvation plain and simple. *Romans* 10:13 says For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Call on Jesus today. Put your faith and trust in him and ask him to forgive you of your sins and to be your LORD and saviour... and you will be born again...SAVED!! Do this today...tomorrow may be to late!

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