



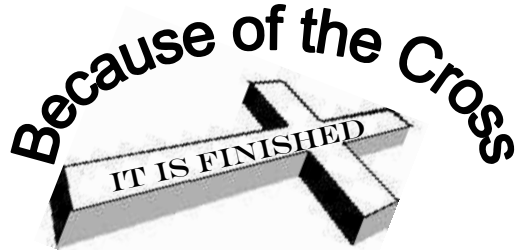
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*Because of the blood
 I found peace in the storm
 When I see the Cross
 I find strength when I'm worn
 His love has touched my heart
 Like no one else can
 My soul has been set free
 By the blood of the LAMB
 ~Carroll Roberson~*



THE MASTER

Sister Nancy Willis

As we enter into a new year, I have looked back over the last and I have had many battles, but I have had many victory's also, and I first want to thank the Lord, he was there through it all. Over the last few months I have battled a lot of sickness, I began to question death, now we could die today or 30 years from now, but unless the Lord comes back we are all going to die. So I asked some other people if they was afraid to die? They too said they suppose, because of the unknown, then I found this article. A sick man turned to his doctor , as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, Doctor, I am afraid to die. tell me what lies on the other side. Very quietly the doctor said, I don't know. You don't know? You a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side? The doctor was holding the handle of the door, on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room, and leaped on him with an eager of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before, he didn't know what was inside, he knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing....I know MY MASTER is there and that is enough. Then the Lord gave me this scripture... *1 JOHN 4'18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear, because fear hath torment, he that feareth is not made perfect in love....*

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CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



One good sign you need more training in the area of visitation...



COUSIN LEROY

This past Christmas Leroy was working at the local grocery store to pick up some extra cash for the holidays. One day there was a lady picking through the frozen turkeys, but couldn't find one big enough for her family for Christmas. She looked at Leroy and asked, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" To which Leroy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

"Another Elvis Sighting"

Our church used a small donkey from a nearby farm for our Christmas pageant, which ran four evenings in a row. Elvis, the donkey, was well-mannered and a popular member of the cast. Each evening, Elvis's owner brought him to church in a pickup truck before the pageant. One evening as my visiting adult daughter, Janette, and I walked across the church parking lot, I saw the donkey being unloaded from the truck. I said brightly to Janette, "Oh, there's Elvis!" She looked at me with sorrowful surprise. "Oh, Mom, not you, too."



Grandpa's Words of Wisdom

Things You Might Here Ole Grandpa Say...

"Well knock me down and steal muh teeth!"

"I'll slap you so hard, your clothes will be outta style."

"This'll jar your preserves."

"Cute as a sack full of puppies."

"If things get any better, I may have to hire someone to help me enjoy it."

"Gooder than grits."

"The wheel's still turning, but the hamster's dead"

"I'm just about as welcome at my inlaws as a hair in a biscuit."

Good Intention Gone Bad!

A kindly 90-year-old grandmother found buying presents for family and friends a bit much one Christmas, so she wrote out checks for all of them to put in their Christmas cards. In each card she wrote, "Buy your own present" and then sent them off. After the Christmas festivities were over, she found the checks in her desk! Everyone had gotten a Christmas card from her with "Buy your own present" written inside, but without the checks!

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“Do You Love Me?”

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. John 21:15-19

The past few days of Simon Peter's life had been a whirlwind of failures and emotions. He had given the last 3 years of his life to follow Jesus, and when it was time to take a stand, he took a hike. Peter vowed he would never leave Jesus' side. In the text above Jesus is talking with Simon Peter and asks him the question, "Lovest Thou Me?" not once or twice but 3 times. If you remember back Simon Peter had denied Christ 3 times. Like Peter, many of us return to what we know when failure comes around, but thank God, Jesus Is Looking For You. It's so easy to point the finger at Simon Peter and judge him for denying Jesus but what would we do if placed in the same situation? Do we love Jesus and others enough to go the extra mile if needed? There's hurting people in this world today that needs someone to love them and not tear them down. Life is hard enough than for believers to break one another down. We need to feed the lambs and sheep as Jesus stated to Peter. My Pastor always tells us at the end of each message to go and be the light your suppose to be. To be that light we have to have the love of Jesus within us to do that. Remember Jesus said in Matthew 25:40 - And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Don't forget that the January Sermon CD of the month is the message: "Do You Love Me?"

In The Masters Service, Evangelist Michael W. Heltsley

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Who Is God?

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"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." Rev 1:8 (KJV)

I am Alpha and Omega...As we all know, Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek Alphabet. While they give us different characters and help us to express ourselves in writing, they have, for all practical purposes – an infinite meaning. They speak of the eternality of life itself and the wonders of it! Of course, in faith, they speak of the eternal and all powerful Creator God, Jesus the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We find in Colossians 1:17, that nothing existed before God. "He is before all things, and by him all things exist" Ps 102:27 tells us..."But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end." Again... this is once again that underlying prevalent theme of the WORD of God which speaks of, He "which was, which is, and which is to come." Yet, way back there in the very last Book recorded in the Bible we find that God wasn't finished declaring it! He wanted John to get out the WORD one last time who He IS. Again we hear those words..."which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." Oh, I don't know how that hits you today my friend, but it shakes me to the very core of my being. HE IS not ONLY THE BEGINNING and THE ENDING, but HE IS SOVEREIGN! HOW AWESOME IS THAT? He is THE ETERNAL, COMPASSIONATE, MERCIFUL, GRACIOUS LOVER OF MY SOUL! Praise His name. and what's more ... He Is KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS! He is The ETERNAL Priest after the order of Melchizedek! He is Sovereign over all things! I Think it's time we stopped telling God how big our problems were and started telling our problems HOW BIG OUR GOD IS!!!!

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“Where Was God?”

By Lysa TerKeurst

But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Act 7:55-56

Sometimes things happen in life that are so horrible our minds have a hard time processing them. Even our souls don't know quite where to place the horrific. So, we pull out our trite Christian answers and hope they are good enough to keep the honest questions at bay. But somewhere deep inside us a question bumps around our heart. A question so honest we Christians feel we couldn't ever possibly ask it. Where was God? Where was God when the students were shot? Where was God when my sister's 18 year-old friend had a headache one day and died suddenly the next? Where was God when my friend's baby wrapped the umbilical cord about his leg and he died days before he would have otherwise been delivered perfectly healthy? Where was God when that precious girl was taken, and found a few days later in the trash dump? Like I said, things so hard we can hardly process them. Sometimes we'd rather make an excuse for God than be brave enough to actually go to God and ask. I've been guilty of this. I've tried to make excuses for God. And I hated the feeling of faking my way through with plastic answers just to gloss over something my God is certainly big enough to answer Himself. For years, I asked God to help me wrestle with this hard question. And finally an answer came tucked away in Acts 7:54-60, the stoning of Stephen. It's easy to read the words of the story and miss the reality of what's really happening. Stephen is being brutally murdered. Stephen is living the horrific we can't process. Yet, in the midst of his most desperate moment, Stephen is absolutely not alone. While I hate - absolutely hate - what is being done to Stephen's body, his soul is experiencing something completely separate. And what I discovered when I dared peak inside the horrific was a miracle that makes me weep with relief. God was there. Jesus was there. And my Jesus wasn't just sitting by observing. No, He was standing. And please forgive me for daring to make an assumption here but because I know Jesus, I have a picture in my mind of what [I think] He looked like in this moment. With tears streaming down His face, full of the purest compassion ever known, Jesus makes sure Stephen sees Him. Locks His eyes on his. And from what I can tell, Stephen never took his eyes off of Jesus. In the midst of chaos and screaming and the most vicious of acts, Stephen's soul talks with Jesus. His body falls as Stephen cries out forgiveness for all who dare to hear. And with that, a merciful sleep takes Stephen away. I know this is hard to process. I know just reading these passages doesn't answer every question. I don't understand why Stephen had to die this way I am still horrified by all of the events I listed above. And while I don't have all the answers, there is one thing I know for certain. I do know where God was. He wasn't too busy. He wasn't cold and heartless. He wasn't caught off guard. He was there. And I'm convinced with holy tears dripping in the midst, He is grieved over how sin has broken this world. And He walks to the edge of eternity and reminds us He will avenge, He will redeem, He will make all things right. Especially those we can't possibly understand right now...

“Today I Stood!”

-author unknown-

Today I stood at my window and cursed the pouring rain,
Today a desperate farmer prayed for his fields of grain.
My weekend plans are ruined, it almost makes me cry
While the farmer lifts his arms and blesses the clouded sky.

The alarm went off on Monday and I cursed my work routine,
Next door a laid off mechanic feels the empty pockets of his jeans.
I can't wait for my vacation, some time to take for me,
He doesn't know tonight how he'll feed his family.

I cursed my leaky roof and the grass I need to mow,
A homeless man downtown checks for change in the telephone.
I need a new car, mine is getting really old,
He huddles in a doorway, seeking shelter from the cold.

With blessings I'm surrounded, the rain, a job, a home,
Though my eyes are often blinded by the things I think I own.

Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart

*In every thing give thanks: for this
is the will of God in Christ Jesus
concerning you. 1Th 5:18*

*Giving thanks always for all
things unto God and the Father in
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
Eph 5:20*

*And whatsoever ye do in word or
deed, do all in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God
and the Father by him. Col 3:17*



REESIE'S RECIPES



Pineapple Crush

- 2 graham cracker crusts
- 2 cups crushed walnuts
- 1 20 oz can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 can fat free sweetened condensed milk
- 2 8 oz fat free whipped topping
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut (optional)
- 1/4 cup of lemon juice

Mix condensed milk, pineapple, 1 cup nuts, 1 container cool whip, and coconut (optional) in bowl. Add lemon juice and mix again. Pour into pie crusts dividing between the two. Top with the remaining bowl of whipped topping splitting between the two pies. Split the remaining nuts between the two and refrigerate for 2 hours.

Sour Cream Pound Cake

Ingredients

- 2 sticks margarine
- 3 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 6 eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 8 oz. container sour cream

Thoroughly cream together margarine, sugar, and vanilla until light. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat for one minute after each. Sift flour, soda & salt together; add alternately with sour cream, beating just until combined. Pour into wax paper-lined 10-inch tube pan. Bake at 325 degrees about 75 to 90 minutes or until cake tests done with toothpick.

Cheezy Tex-Mex Cornbread

- 1 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup white sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 (15 ounce) can cream-style corn
- 1/2 (4 ounce) can chopped green chile peppers, drained
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup self rising flour
- 1 cup yellow self rising cornmeal

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish. In a large bowl, beat together butter and sugar. Beat in eggs one at a time. Blend in cream corn, chiles, Monterey Jack and Cheddar cheese. In a separate bowl, stir together flour and cornmeal. Add flour mixture to corn mixture; stir until smooth. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour, until a toothpick inserted into center of the pan comes out clean.

Thick Texas Chili

Ingredients

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1/4 cup onion, chopped
- 2 cans stewed tomatoes
- 2 15 oz cans chili beans
- 3/4 cup ketchup
- 1 7 oz can tomato paste
- 1 15 oz can tomato sauce
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1/2 cup whole kernel corn
- 2 to 4 tsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 cups water

In large skillet brown ground beef and onion. Drain and add ground beef and all other ingredients to large pot of slow cooker and simmer for at least 30 minutes or until desired thickness. Top with shredded cheese and serve with cornbread.



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The Spirit of Error

Pastor Billy R. Douglas

We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. 1 John 4:6

Error; To stray from the truth, to be deceived...delusion

In the day in which we live it seems to be the “popular” fad to be buying and discussing the latest “Christian” best seller...more times than not people don't ask you the question...”Hey have you read the Bible?” BUT rather “Hey have you read the latest book by _____?” well you can fill in the blank. This has been my experience of late as I have been approached in one way or another and asked if I have read some of the more popular books that are out there. Two of which are the following... ”Purpose Driven Life” by Rick Warren and “Pagan Christianity” by Frank Viola and George Barna. And of course there are countless others that have excited many...at least for a season any way. Now don't get me wrong I have nothing against people writing or reading books and although I would not recommend either one of the books that I have named in this article I do believe that there are many books that have been written that can be a help and benefit to us in our journey. That being said, the thing that concerns me the most is the willingness of people to believe ANYTHING they read or hear and simply accept it as truth without ever comparing it to what the Bible has to say. Recently I had been having a conversation with a man who had been in the ministry for some thirty plus years until he became “enlightened” and walked away from it. We had been writing back and forth for some time and had not found much to agree on when I asked the following question...”We are still using the Bible as our source are we not?” Of course I was talking about our foundation, our basis for truth and his reply was that “the Bible was his owners manual and it was wonderful but that it was not his only source and that the Holy Ghost and the Voice of God were also his source.” To that I say AMEN...BUT here is the truth of the matter...neither The Holy Ghost OR The Voice of God will EVER...EVER...go against his WORD! *1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.* If you have never heard anything that this preachers says PLEASE hear this...ALWAYS use the Bible as the PROVING GROUND for ANYTHING that you read, hear or see! If you have a dream, a vision, a revelation OR if you read about a dream, vision or revelation that someone else has had and it goes against the Word of God than it is not from God. I truly believe that especially in these last days the only way that we will not be deceived or overcome by the “spirit of error” that is so strong today is to know the Word of God for ourselves. We should always...no, we MUST always rely on the Bible as the final authority for what we believe. Instead of running to Books a Million and grabbing the latest “Blame it...Name it...or Claim it book”...I challenge you today...get yourself an old fashion King James Bible and take it into your prayer closet it with you...this is not just “another” book BUT This book will change your life...the words within its cover are ALIVE...it will change the way you think...the way you feel...the way you live!!! Within it you will find the will of God for your life and every answer to every problem that man has ever faced...within it you will find the WAY the TRUTH and the LIFE...the B I B L E is the ONLY book that matters. Eternity is to important to hang your faith on THUS SAITH MAN....Take Gods Word for it...HIS Word is the only Word that will stand forever!

Jesus said...Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. Mark 13:31

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 1Th 5:21

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 2 Peter 1:19

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FIRST . . . GOD LOVES YOU! "For God so loved the world that he gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life" Jn. 3:16

SECOND . . . MAN IS A SINNER, AND SIN HAS SEPARATED HIM FROM GOD! "For there is not a just man upon Earth, that doeth good and sinneth not" Eccl. 7:20. "For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God" Rom. 3:23.

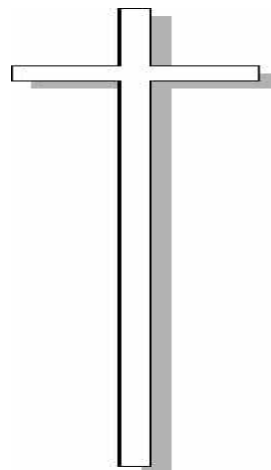
THIRD . . . JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SIN! "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God . . ." I Pet. 3:18 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" Acts 4:12

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Pray this prayer and mean it with all of your heart: Dear Lord Jesus, I now realize that I am a sinner. I accept the fact that You died for me on the rugged Cross of Calvary. I now open my heart's door and receive You as Saviour and Lord of my life. Please take Full control of me and help me to be the kind of Christian You want me to be. Amen.

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Until Next Time, His Handmaiden, Sis. Betty Jean Robinson

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Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Matthew 16:24



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