

England Hill Chronicles

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

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What's Wrong With This Picture

This is an image that you have probably encountered many times in your life and in many locations. You've seen this crucifix or one like it on walls in businesses, churches, hospitals and in the workplace. You've also seen it depicted in movies, books and magazines. Its presence has been commonplace enough that you may not have given it much thought..... **but what is wrong with this picture?**

One problem is that it is in direct contradiction to the second commandment, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth". For the purposes of worship we are not to make or bow the knee to an image of any god, including an image of the one true God. That is problem enough, but that's not the focus of this article.

The problem that we will be addressing here is that the crucifix "leaves Christ on the cross". Yes this was a part of His redemptive work, but just as we do not want to leave Jesus in the tomb, neither do we want to leave Him on the cross. If we leave Jesus on the cross we have forgiveness of our sins, but if He is not placed in the tomb, if He isn't resurrected from the dead: we are still hopeless creatures.

After His crucifixion, Christ had to be placed in the tomb. Because you do not put the living in the grave, this was proof, against all reports to the contrary, that Jesus truly died on the cross. Even Pilate's actions clearly prove that Christ did not merely faint on the cross. When Joseph of Arimathaea requested the body of Jesus from Pilate, Mark 15:44-45 records the following, "*And Pilate marveled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.*" The Roman centurion, who was no stranger to death, reported that Jesus was truly dead and Pilate recognizing the centurion's expertise was satisfied with his report. It says in Matthew 27:62-66, "*Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, after three days I*



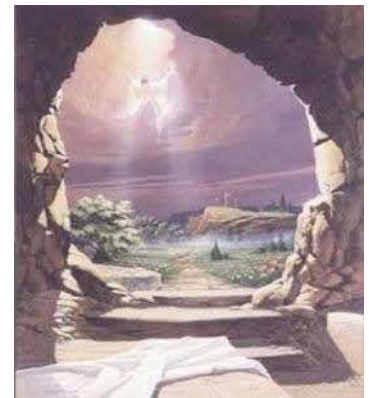
*will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulcher sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch." God used the religious leaders of the day to authenticate Jesus' claims and His resurrection. They did not deny Jesus' death and their securing of the tomb made it impossible to claim that Jesus' disappearance from the tomb was anything but miraculous. Finally, Christ had to be placed in the tomb to fulfill prophecy about Himself. Isaiah 53:9 states, "*And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.*"*

We have not left Jesus on the cross and we cannot leave Him in the tomb. He now has to rise from the dead as He promised He would. On the third day Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to the tomb to find the stone rolled away and Jesus' body gone. After His resurrection Jesus was seen first by the two Marys and then by the remaining disciples. In Luke 24:41-43 we have proof that it was not Jesus' ghost that was seen, but that He was physically raised from the dead, "*And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of a honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them.*" What need does a spirit have for earthly food?

Again, even though no one actually saw Jesus rise from the dead we have the witness

and testimonies of non-believers to collaborate the events surrounding the resurrection. In Matthew 28:2-4 we have a report of those charged with guarding Christ's tomb that something miraculous had happened, "*And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.*" As if that weren't enough we also have the account in Matthew 28:13, "*Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and showed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept." Soldiers that were given charge to secure the tomb and Jesus' body would not have made up this story, as reporting their failure to carry out their assigned task could have resulted in their own death. Also, the elders then gave the soldiers large amounts of money, not to tell the truth, but to tell a lie that Jesus had not risen.*

So as we celebrate this Easter let's praise God that Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins - **but God did not leave Him there.** Praise God that Jesus was laid in a tomb to remove the sting of death - **but God did not leave Him there.** Praise God that He raised Jesus from the dead so we have the promise of the resurrection - **but God did not leave Him here,** He is at the right hand of the Father making intercession for you and for me.



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God's Blessing: Free Will

by: Pastor Willie May

I've come to a point in my life where everywhere I look, I see the Free Will that God has blessed all of creation with, and in many cases, its confusing defining Free Will.

I read a true story about a child that had been given detailed instructions on where he was allowed to play. He disobeyed the instructions, and was caught by his mother and was sent to his room. There he waited for his father to have the opportunity to plead his case. As his father walked in his room, the teary-eyed boy asked, why do we do wrong things. "Well", the father replied, "sometimes the devil tells us to do something wrong and we listen to him. We need to listen to God instead of the devil." The son then replied, "I would listen to God more if he would talk loud enough for me to hear him."

God even gives us Free Will to choose to listen or to do our own thing. God is calling. The question is, are we willing to listen to God.

Human philosophy insists that it is the will which governs the man, but the Word of God teaches that it is the heart which is the dominating center of our being. Many scriptures might be quoted in substantiation of this. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov.4:23) "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders," etc. (Mark 7:21). Here our Lord traces these sinful acts back to their source, and declares that their fountain is the "heart" and not the will! Again, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me" (Matt. 15:8). This demonstrates that human choices are a behavior that manifests the condition of the heart.

Choices are merely an expression of the values and priorities held by an individual. Yes, man can choose, but man chooses according to his sense of value and preference. For example,

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Fearfully And Wonderfully Made

by: Sandy May

I have always been shy and have always had a difficult time expressing what I feel. My mother recently fell and broke her humerus (arm bone) in four places. While I was at the orthopedic doctor with her, I experienced a blessing that I would like to share with you. In my own words, this is what happened...

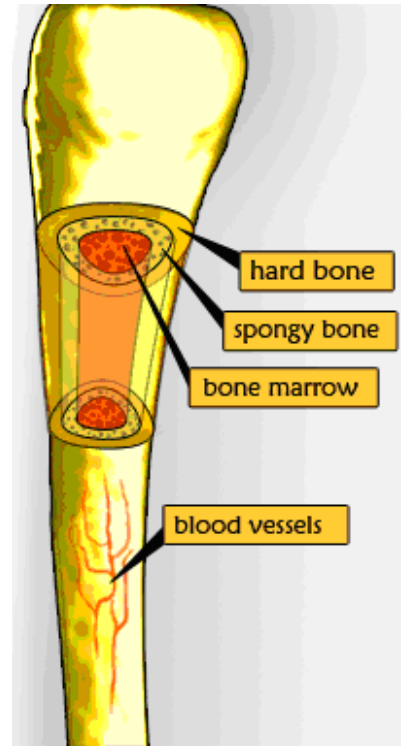
The doctor ordered an x-ray. He came into the exam room and told us that her bones were healing and were lined up perfectly. I asked him how such healing happens, and how do the bones heal back. He said this, in my words. Your bones are natural healers. At the location of the fracture, your bones will produce lots of new cells and tiny blood vessels that rebuild the bones. These cells cover both ends of the broken part of the bone and close up the break until it's as good as new. They also say bones are just as alive as the tissue that surrounds them. Inside the hard outer part of a bone is a spongy center filled with blood vessels and special cells that constantly tear down and rebuild the bone from the inside out. My mother said only God could do that. The doctor said "you are right, even we physicians cannot explain how it happens." I had to get my composure and wipe my tears. Who cares what the doc thought? This thought came to me, right there in the room.

Isn't that just like God? We are hard on the outside (like a bone), but if we have Jesus living inside us, we are living tissue full of special cells (Psalm 139:14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.) As Christians, we are constantly torn down, but God rebuilds us from the inside out! Healings bring glory to God and relief to those who are hurting (Ezekiel 34:16 I will search for the lost and bring back the stray. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak.)

I hope I have, in my own weak way, made it clear, the blessings I was trying to share with you. I would like to end with this. What an awesome

strength (Colossians 1:17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.)! What a never ending strength; a strength that will make us strong and hold us up! Thank you Lord for my special blessing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty HAND of God, that he may exalt you in due time.



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Re-Gifting

by: Sandy Woods

Jason and I have some of our best conversations when we are driving down the road. We were recently in the car on our way to Morehead when he brought up the subject of adopting kids. We talked and after a while, as always, there was a sadness in his voice when he mentioned his mother and he wondered if she ever missed him.

Trying to make him feel better, I told him that God gave her the gift of a little boy and she in turn blessed me with her gift. Just that morning, I had heard, on the "Today" show, the word "re-gifting" so I said that she "re-gifted" her gift to me and also blessed the whole England Hill Church family with the gift.

He felt better and he smiled and we went on to discuss the subject like we usually do until it's worn out.

At some point, we started talking about Jesus and how God's "Gift" was treated so cruelly and finally crucified. I thought of how fervently the Jews tried to keep God's commandments and how the most zealous of them all - the Apostle Paul - fought Christianity until that day, on the road to Damascus when he had a head-on encounter with the One whose name he was trying to destroy.

The Jews rejected the "Gift". It must have broken the heart of God, but because of this, God opened up the way that we could come to Christ and become the "sons of God".

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." (John 1:11)

I always thought that some of the saddest words in the world were "It did not have to happen" or "It could have been different." How sad for anyone that refuses Christ. How wonderful that He would come to us when He was not received by His own. He could have just marked the whole human race off as hopeless.

But God, in His great love and mercy took the rejected Son and tore down all walls and opened all doors to present His gift, Jesus Christ, to anyone who, with an honest heart wants and accepts Him.



Early History

by: Ruby Hensley

In the late 1930's and through the 40's, the landscape around Paddle Creek was different than now. There was a small white church on the hill west of Minns Street. Minns Street is the short street between Johnson Road and Paddle Creek. The church was owned by the Primitive Baptist Association and was mostly attended by members living outside the community. Church services were held only once a month.

The newly organized England Hill Freewill Baptist had no building in which to hold services. The officials of the new church worked out an arrangement with the Primitive Baptist group. This arrangement gave the new church permission to use the little white church on the Sundays that the owners were not using the building. This continued until the Freewills built a new church which opened in 1943 and served the members and community well for over sixty years.

Mayo Trail was formerly U.S. 23 and a two lane highway. Traffic was heavy, especially on holiday weekends. During World War II, many residents of the counties south of here left their homes to find work in northern cities such as Detroit, Columbus, Akron and Dayton. They would return on long weekends to visit their Kentucky homes and relatives. This caused congested traffic.

On the north side of Paddle Creek and facing U.S. 23, Mr. M. P. Farley owned and operated a large feed and hardware store. He had a very thriving business because the demand for cattle feed was great. Dairy farms were numerous in the area. Each farm would have a herd of milk cows and young stock numbering from ten to thirty head. These herds consumed an enormous amount of feed. The feed was packed in 100 pound printed cotton sacks. The farm women were happy to use the material from the feed sacks to sew dresses, shirts, sheets, quilts, dish towels and other items. The feed store building is now a part of the England Hill Freewill Baptist Church property.

On the south side of Paddle Creek was a filling station. These stations were also called service stations and service they did give. An attendant would fill the gas tank, check the oil, add oil, change oil, add air to the tires, repair damaged tires, clean the windshield and mirrors. Many would do minor engine repairs.

Between the feed store and Johnson Road were three small houses and Mrs. Murray's grocery. One of the three houses was used as a grocery store. Around the curve were two more food stores. This made a total of four within one fourth mile or less. Mrs. Murray's home was to the back of her store and faced Johnson Road. The church parking lot and annex now fills the space

where Mrs. Murray's home was. Also gone from this space is the Hick's house, the Chaney apartment and possibly more buildings.

A beautiful new church, the England Hill Free Will Baptist, was erected between the feed store building and Johnson Road. It is an answer to many prayers and much hard work. The church opened in April 2007. It is indeed a wonderful place to worship. Comfort, home and inspiration can be found there. Come and worship with us.



From Your Deacons

by: Fred Lester

1 - And in those days, when the number of the disciples were multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. (Acts 6:1)

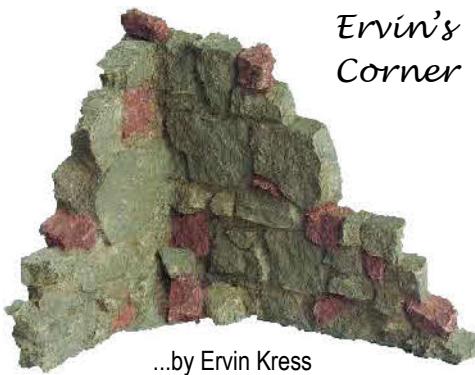
2 - Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. (Acts 6:2)

3 - Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. (Acts 6:3)

Our pastor is a very busy man with a full time job. It is part of the job of a Deacon to assist the pastor. Also to help the widows and to visit the sick and those in need.

Please call any one of us at any time:

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*Ervin's
Corner*

...by Ervin Kress

First I want to thank my Lord for permitting me one more time to journey down memory lane and write about things in the past at the old church.

When I first came to England Hill in 1950, the first thing I remember were the slated seats which were painted dark brown in the sanctuary. They were made with boards about two inches wide and two inches apart on the seat and up the back. One thing I know is they got hard after a while. There use to be two of the slated seats in the dining hall in the basement. I thank the Lord he has blessed us with the pews we have now.

One thing that comes to mind about the slated seats is how Brother Johnie Wallace jumped over the pew to get to the altar. Also, one of our preachers who was very tall, by the name of Brother Stumbo, when the Lord blessed him, stepped up on the the first seat and went all the way to the back of the church stepping on each pew and came back up to the front still preaching

There are only three people in the church today that were in the church when I came here. There was Sandy Williams who is now Sandy Woods, Alberta Conley who is Alberta Skaggs and Lowell Hall. I think all of these were either five or six years old at the time.

I remember Lowell, as his mother was the piano player at that time, and she would stand him on the altar and sing "The Fight Is On".

Sister Ruby was in the church when it started but had left and had gone to the park church.

Another thing I remember was sister Martha Robinette, when the Lord began to bless her, she would start to jump up and down waving her arms in the air praising the Lord.

**Praying My Memory is Correct
Till The Next Time
MAY GOD BLESS**

Food For Thought: In John 11:43 Jesus stood at the tomb where Lazarus was buried. Notice how specific Jesus was when He spoke, "**Lazarus, come forth**". If Jesus would have simply said, "Come forth", would all the dead in that tomb have answered His call and come forth from their grave?

Do The Math...



Methuselah lived to be 969 years old (Genesis 5:27). The longest living person recorded in the Bible. As fascinating as this fact may be, there is something even more interesting about Methuselah. Do you know what year Methuselah died? The Bible doesn't spell it out for us directly, we have to do a little digging.

Genesis 5:25 says, "And Methuselah lived a hundred eighty and seven years, and begot Lamech". We need to keep this figure in mind. Next we need to see what the Bible says about Lamech. In Genesis 5:28-29 we find, "And Lamech lived a hundred eighty and two years, and begot a son: and he called his name Noah". If we add the age of Methuselah at the time Lamech was born (187) and the age of Lamech when Noah was born (182) we can determine that when Noah was born, Methuselah was 369 years old.

Next we have to skip a couple of chapters. Genesis 7:6 states, "And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth." Again, we add the age of Methuselah at the time of Noah's birth (369) and Noah's age when the flood waters were on the earth (600). The total is 969. We find that Methuselah died the year of the flood.

The Bible does not elaborate on the nature of Methuselah's death. As stated above, he was 969 years old when he died. It could very well be that he died of old age in the year that the flood came, but it could also be that he and others may have been beating on the door of the ark as the rain started. After all, it was Methuselah's grandson, Noah, that "found grace in the eyes of the LORD" (Genesis 6:8) – not Methuselah. Of course this scenario is conjecture, but it brings up a good point.

Who are you trusting in to save you? If someone was to ask you if Heaven was your destiny, what would be your answer? Would you say, "my wife and children go to church regularly, my Dad was a Deacon there and my grandfather helped build the church with his bare hands".

As in the illustration above, Methuselah would not have been spared because Noah was his grandson. No earthly relationship will assure you a place in Heaven. The only relationship that will bring about your salvation is a Heavenly one with God through Jesus Christ His Son.

Realize that we all have sinned. That you are in need of forgiveness. Ask God to forgive you and accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Find grace in the eyes of the Lord. Don't find yourself beating on the gates of Heaven with no hope to enter when the Lord returns.

Did You Ever Think...

by: Lorie Chaffin

- * We could live on bread and water, but God gave us chocolate chip cookies and pizza.
- * When you lie in bed on a cold night how blessed we are to have the heat surround us.
- * We could have church in a tent, but look what we have.
- * How great it is to come in a dark house and turn a light switch on.
- * How blessed it is to be able to sit and talk with a friend.
- * How wonderful it is to be able to take a long hot shower.
- * How fortunate to be able to have a good pair of shoes.
- * The luxury of having a car, then to be able to push a button for heat or air conditioning.
- * What a treat it is to pull up to a window and order whatever you want.

Everyday when our eyes open the blessings and miracles start. All of these things we could do without (a lot of people do), but so many of us have many of these blessings - just for our pleasure - to make our lives better - just for enjoyment.

We need to stop and think:

What do we do for Him?



Destination Heaven

(Church Bus Ministry)

By: Topper Spry

Good news from the Destination Heaven Department, we have a newer bus. It is the same size as the one we have and is equipped with a wheelchair lift. Once the preventative maintenance has been performed it will be ready to roll. So... Get your traveling shoes on and hop aboard.

Also, anyone who wishes to use the bus needs to notify Topper Spry 7 - 10 days before your scheduled event.

THE FLOCC AND THE LAMBS

Lonnie The Lamb

by: Justin May

Lonnie is a young and excited lamb that is still discovering his place among the rest of the flock and his friends.

“Stay by me in the flock Lonnie! There are things that I still must teach you before going off alone!” Lonnie’s mom said as she walked him to the green pasture.

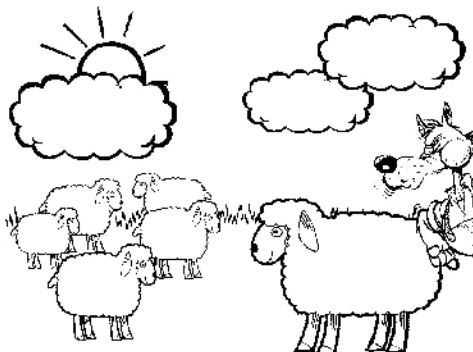
“But mom! I like going to the other flocks every once in a while!” Lonnie replied as he stuck out his lip.

Once with the flock, Lonnie decided to go out against his mom’s wishes and graze on the other side of the pasture! His friends were looking on amazed at his confidence! His mom had always warned him of the wolves that preyed on the outer edges of the pasture, but he had never seen them with his own eyes!

“Guys! Come on out here! The grass really is greener on the other side! So tasty and so fresh!” he shouted from the opposite side of the pasture! “Lonnie! Come back over here! You’re going to get hurt! There are wolves out there!” his friends shouted in reply.

Just then, Lonnie felt something leaning on his back. He just knew his mom was out to get him, and boy was it going to hurt! To his surprise, it was a wolf! The shepherd saw Lonnie’s trouble, and leaped over the pasture fence! He swept up Lonnie into his arms and carried him safely back to the flock.

Lonnie’s mom said with tears in her eyes “Lonnie, I can’t rescue you when you are away from our flock, but the shepherd always watches us! Please don’t ever hide from the eyes of the shepherd, because he is our only hope when trouble comes into the flock!”



Billboard

Top 10 Christian Songs for 3/21

This Wk	Last Wk	Artist Name Title	Peak	Wks On
1	1	Jeremy Camp There Will Be A Day	1	26
2	2	Tenth Avenue North By Your Side	2	29
3	3	Francesca Battistelli Free To Be Me	3	10
4	4	Third Day Revelation	3	23
5	6	Matthew West The Motions	5	15
6	5	Brandon Heath Give Me Your Eyes	1	39
7	8	MercyMe Finally Home	7	10
8	7	tobyMac Featuring Kirk Franklin & Mandisa Lose My Soul	2	36
9	9	Josh Wilson Savior, Please	9	16
10	10	Newsboys In The Hands Of God	10	7



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Precious Metal - Paving Material

by: Justin May

I was given a very unique opportunity at work to hold something that most average Americans will never experience in person. A customer had some gold bullions delivered to the bank that weighed approximately six pounds each. The gold bar looked like a Hershey bar wrapped in gold foil in an almost cartoon like finish. They had been transported by armored truck and were extremely cold to the touch. That's right, I said touch. When my eyes saw these bars laying on the desk it was amazing. They were so shiny! (Just ask the students in the youth group. I have a touch of attention deficit disorder. I just had to hold them.)

Immediately, I asked if I could hold one, because I knew that would be the only time in my life that I would ever have the opportunity to hold a solid piece of gold! Within the blink of an eye I was holding a chunk of 99.995% pure gold. To put that in perspective the current exchange rate for gold is \$909.00 per ounce. I started thinking.... I know heaven sounds like a beautiful place, but it just got a little sweeter knowing that what I had in my hand was mere pavement under my feet! Are you kidding me?!

How often in our Christian lives do we go day in and day out without stopping to think about how much God is really preparing for us in our eternal home? We go to work every day, take care of our families, have heartache, and all for what? You feel unappreciated, unaccepted, out of place, and weary! The Bible says in Romans 5:3 that tribulation teaches us patience! Patience is also a fruit of the spirit! God cares for us so much that He is working on a new Heaven for us where there is great reward for those who are patient and wait here on earth. Pain, sorrow, loneliness, and conflict are only temporary and will make Heaven even sweeter some day! Think on this for one moment...

What will Heaven look like through your eyes? This is what some children had to say.

Ted, 8, has an idea about real riches in heaven: "I think heaven will have doors that have your name on it. When you open the door that has your name on it, there is a lot of fun stuff."

everyone who comes through the gates," says Stephen, 10. "Angels will be everywhere singing beautiful songs. The Lord will be there to see everyone. Everyone will be celebrating all the time. No one will be left out."

"Heaven is probably so stunning that it makes your eyes all watery. I also think heaven has everything you can dream of," says Alison, 9.

"I think heaven is at least one million times better than the best cruise in the world!" says Zachary, 9.

"Heaven is nothing like Earth," says Claire, 10. "There are no scary dreams, no thunderstorms and no bullies. I imagine streets of gold, a beautiful landscape, high mountains and fresh green valleys."

The Bible says in Revelation 21 that heaven will look something like this...

- V.1 Brand New!
- V.4 No tears, death, mourning, crying, pain!
- V.11 Shines brilliance of a precious jewels!
- V.12 High Walls with twelve gates and an angel at each gate!
- V.14 Twelve foundations named for the twelve apostles!
- V.15 An angel with a pure gold tape measure!
- V.16 1,400 miles square!
- V.17 Walls 200 feet thick!
- V.18 Walls of jasper and a city of pure gold like glass!
- V.19-20 A foundation made of jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, carnelian, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, jacinth, amethyst!
- V.21 Gates of 12 pearls, each gate being a whole pearl! Streets of gold!
- V.23 God is the light!
- V.25 The gates will never be shut!
- V.27 No sin will enter there!

Isn't that exciting! The 99.995% pure gold was not even good enough for what Christ is preparing for us! What some people use as retirement and financial security here on earth, God uses as asphalt under our feet! Maybe you don't

feel that you have a place in this world, but God is investing in a future to free you from all the things that bring us doubt and fear here on earth!

Would you like to accept Jesus Christ as a savior for your sins so you can go to a place specifically created for you? It's simple. Ask Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, believe that He is the everlasting God, and confess that He is your Lord!

In the words of Mark Lowry "If the golden streets were stainless steel, If the gates of pearl had a plastic feel, If the marriage supper was a Happy Meal, I'd still want to go there." Don't you want to go there?

Parallels

I don't know about you, but I get excited when I find something new in the Bible that I have never seen before.

I'm sure that you have read the account in John 21:15-17 in which Jesus questioned Peter three times, if he loved Him. "So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, **Simon, son of Jona, 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 Jona, 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 Jona, 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.**" Peter had to affirm his love for Jesus the same number of times that he had denied Christ in John 18:17-27. This is not where the parallels end.

In the events leading up to Peter's denial of Christ, they had just eaten (Last Supper). In the events leading up to Peter's affirmation of his love for Jesus, they had just dined.

As Peter spoke his denials he stood by a "fire of coals" (John 18:18). Jesus questioned Peter's love for Him around a "fire of coals" (John 21:9).

Could Peter have missed the significant of the similarities between the two events? Jesus had re-created the circumstances surrounding Peter's denial to show His love for Peter, allow Peter to repent his earlier actions and to encourage Peter to carry on in the ministry to which Jesus had called him.



"Heaven has people who will be overjoyed to see



The Kress Library

by: Lorie Chaffin

As I was preparing for this edition of the Chronicle, I was thinking of a lot of the books we have had a need for since the last edition of the newsletter. You never know what you are going to have a need for, that's why we try to stay prepared. We have some great new books on various topics: divorce, grief and personal growth to name just a few. We also have a new commentary, "Handsful On Purpose" by James Smith and Robert Lee.

A new fiction book that has caused a lot of interest lately is:



When Mack Philips's youngest daughter, Missy, is abducted during a family vacation - and later presumed murdered - he thinks life can't get any worse. Then he receives a note, supposedly from God, inviting him back to the scene of the crime. If he returns to the place of his darkest nightmare, will he find despair - or hope?

Also new in fiction is:

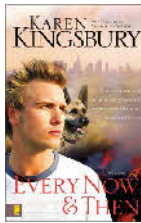


Captain Caleb Holt is a reliable firefighter, but at home, his marriage is a flickering ember. Caleb's father challenges him to give it one more shot - with a 40-day dare! Will Caleb rescue his "wedded bliss" by loving his wife the way God loves us, or has it already gone up in smoke?

For those who enjoy Karen Kingsbury, she has two new ones:

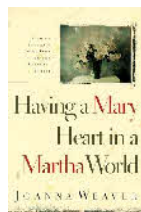


Annie Warren never dreamed her son, Josh, was a hero until a tragedy reveals what years of separation had hidden from her. Gracie - Josh's 8-year-old daughter - is another shock. She lives with her drug-addicted mother on New York's streets - until Maria smells money. In defending Josh's good name and inheritance, will Annie discover a true treasure?



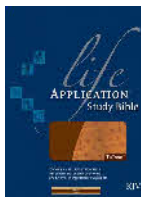
When Alex Brady's firefighter father died on September 11, the boy hardened his heart. Now a 25-year-old L. A. Sheriff's deputy, he faces the ultimate test when the worst wildfire in California's history erupts. Can Alex accept his past and embrace God's future?

If you have not read Joanna Weaver, she is one of our favorite women authors and this is a wonderful book:



Ever feel that no matter how hard you try, it's never enough? Maybe it's time to follow Mary's example: leave the dishes in the sink and sit at Jesus' feet! Through practical strategies and devotional illustrations, Weaver explains how "living room intimacy" with Christ is the key to successful "kitchen service" in the world.

If you are thinking of trying a new Bible:



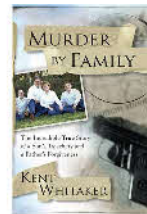
Have you ever read Scripture and wondered, "What does this mean, and how does it apply to my life?" This Bible's popular for good reason - it helps you focus on God's Word and put into practice the truths you're learning.

If you are interested in a devotional:



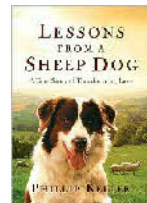
God's timing is impeccable - just ask Reimann. He modernized Oswald Chambers's My Utmost for His Highest, and was asked to edit Cowman's classic devotional while he was grieving his son's brain hemorrhage. But as he began to update it with contemporary language, he received the inner peace he needed. Now you can too.

New in Inspirational reading:



When the Whitakers were attacked by a gunman in their own home, Patricia and their younger son, Kevin, were killed. Kent and their older son, Bart, were wounded. Resolving to forgive whoever was responsible, Kent is stunned to learn that the murder plot was orchestrated by Bart! A true story of betrayal; mercy - and redemption.

Always good is Phillip Keller:



What can a scrawny, once-neglected sheep-dog teach us as Christians? The nature of trust, obedience, faithfulness, and God's healing power, for starters! Readers of all ages will love this heartwarming true-life parable from the author of "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23".

And remember, we as Christians should be like "fireflies in December":

Always Shining

*Born to be our Saviour
Born also to die
On a cruel cross on Calvary
There to be crucified*

*What was He guilty of
What harm had He done
Judas begins to speak
I have betrayed a man who did no wrong*

*Desperate now Pilate pleads to release Him
His wife had a dream, must tell Pilate she said
But the people would not hear him
They shouted release Barabas instead*

*On a Friday morning after the passover supper
They mocked, and placed a crown of thorns on His head
Made Him carry the cross up Calvary's hill
There to hang until dead.*

*At noon the sun disappeared
Darkness covered the earth about three hours
A man who did nothing but good
Died for the sins of ours*

*The ground shook like an earthquake
The Roman captain in charge of Jesus death
Said truly this is the Son of God
That we have put to death*

*The veil of the tent rent
How wonderful for those
Who slept and graves were opened
And many saints arose*

*As priests and pharisees celebrated His death
They remembered Jesus was to raise from the dead
In just three days
We'd better seal the tomb carefully they said.*

*So soldiers were put there to guard it
A big old stone sealed the door
Surely this will hold Him
We need not worry anymore.*

*And the angel of the Lord
Descended from Heaven and rolled back the stone
And sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning
His raiment white as snow.*

*As Mary Magdalene and Mary came to the tomb
They were so afraid.....Jesus was missing
The angel of the Lord said "fear not"
I know whom you seek, He who was crucified is risen...*

*Go quickly and tell his disciples He is risen
Be not afraid said Jesus, tell my brethren go into Galilee
After falling down and worshiping Jesus
They told the disciples Jesus said "there shall they see me".*

Lorraine Sargent

The Good News Is.....

He's still alive and He is waiting to save all who will come unto Him. If you have never served this Jesus I have been writing about, you have missed the greatest thing that could have happened to you. If you are reading this, you still have time. You won't be sorry. As it was in those days so it is today. Miracles still happen.

Ladies Aid

by: Wanda Baker

There are many things that could be said about the Ladies Aid, we would like to believe that we are a service to the church as a whole and a shoulder to lean on for the ladies individually.

Besides doing most of the church social events, many of our functions are fund raisers for the church. We are proud of our accomplishments, but realize that it is only by the grace of God that we can do anything.

One of our biggest endeavors is the food baskets that we do for the holidays. Our food pantry is open year-round for anyone in need. We are here to help all that we can.

Ladies can get a sympathetic ear, a prayer partner and someone to laugh with. Sisterhood is not overrated.

We are open to all, would welcome anyone interested in joining us. Come meet with family!



...And How Shall They Hear Without A Preacher?

Romans 10:14

by: Wanda Baker

I often think one should go a step further and think about how shall they learn without a teacher?

Children learn what we teach and we are teaching with our actions everyday. Parents are the example our children follow and we need to think, "what are we teaching our children"? Do we put God first? Are we honest in all our dealings? Have we honored God so that our children can see and learn by example?

As a teacher of young ones I want to be the example I should be to my students.

I have three goals for my students when they leave my class:

1. To know who Jesus is!
2. To know the church people love them.
3. To know the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments.

Importance Of Sunday School

by: Ty Baker

I would like to take this opportunity to urge everyone to come to Sunday School. It is one of the best ways that we have to read and study Gods Word.

We have teachers who spend a lot of time in study and preparation for their classes. They sincerely care about their students. They want to share with them what the Word of God says and how to apply it to their lives.

Sunday School is for people of all ages. It is just as important that we, as adults, be in Sunday School and church.

Jesus spent His life teaching everywhere He went. He was teaching to everyone the things His Father in Heaven would do and the promises that He has made to us if we only accept Him.

Our children are never too young or too old to be in church and taught about Jesus. We need to teach them at an early age how Jesus would have them live their life.

We not only need to bring them to Sunday School and Church, we as parents need to be there also. Our children watch us and want to be like us. Do we want them to think that God is only important when times are bad?

I believe that we should teach them that God and His will for us should be #1 in their lives. We, as parents, grandparents, family and as a church should set an example for them. Our children watch what "mommy and daddy" do. They want to be like us. It is vital that we set the example that God and church are important all the time, that they are more important than the things of the world.

Let me invite you, if you have not been attending Sunday School, give us an opportunity to show you what God has to offer. For adults this is a wonderful time to study the Bible.

I would like to thank those of you who are here every week for you desire to be here and for your support.

If anyone has a suggestion on how we can improve our Sunday School, please let Brother Willie or me know.



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if you order from a menu at a restaurant, you may choose a hamburger, a steak, chicken, fish or pasta. Which you choose is usually based upon some consideration of your personal likes and dislikes, as well as financial and health considerations. Your concern for your health may cause you to opt for a salad. Or, your desire for a juicy hamburger and french fries may overrule any health concerns you may have. But the bottom line is that our choices are molded by our sense of values and priorities at any given time.

We do not choose randomly or blindly, but instead our choices are determined by some prioritization of rational thought, personal tastes and moral concerns. If fresh meat and tossed salad were placed before a hungry lion, he would choose the flesh. This is because his nature dictates the selection. It is just so with man. You always choose on the basis of your disposition, according to the condition of your heart.

Our will is not a self-determining agent; rather it is the servant of our heart. It is for this reason that your will is not free to do good. Your will is the servant of your heart, and your heart is evil. "The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of

the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen 6:5). "No ones does good, not even one" (Romans 3:12). No power forces man to sin contrary to his will, but the descendants of Adam are so evil that they always choose the evil.

What most people mean by free will is the idea that man is by nature neutral and therefore able to choose either good or evil. This simply is not true. The human will and the whole of human nature is bent to only evil continually. Jeremiah asked, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then can you do good who are accustomed to do evil" (Jer. 13:23). It is impossible. It is contrary to nature. Thus do men desperately need the supernatural transformation of their natures, else their wills are enslaved to choosing evil.

Choice implies the acceptance of one alternative and the rejection of the other or others. Those who have holy affections will make holy choices, and those who have unholy affections will make unholy choices. The problem with man is that he is a sinner by nature... a sinner from birth. Thus, man freely makes choices (i.e. "freely" in the sense that no one outside of himself forces him "against his will" to make the choices he makes), but he constantly follows sinful desires and appetites which form the basis

by which he makes his choices.

Paul said in Ephesians 2:4 & 5, "When we were dead in sins God has quickened us with Christ (by grace you are saved)." Faith is the first act of a will made new by the Holy Spirit. Receiving Christ is an act of man just as breathing is, but God must first give life. The will is in the chains of an evil human nature. You who extol the free will as a great force are clinging to a root of pride.

Man, has fallen in sin, utterly helpless and hopeless. The will of man offers no hope. It was the will choosing the forbidden fruit that brought us into misery. The powerful grace of God alone offers deliverance. Cast yourself upon God's mercy for salvation. Ask for the Spirit of Grace that he may create a new spirit within you.

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