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IF YOU GET THE MIND, YOU CAN BE PERFECT

God raised up a perfect Man, not only to save us from sin, but also to be our example, and to teach us how to be perfect. Many people, knowing how weak and faulty the human being is, and how easily he goes wrong, reject the doctrine of perfection, and hold out that nobody can be perfect. They are quick to quote scripture to support their view; and for that reason, they are fixed in their understanding that you just can't be perfect in this world. A favorite passage is found in Ecclesiastes 7:20 which reads as follows: **"For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not."** Even Paul, in writing to the Romans, said in Romans 3:23, **"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"** Furthermore, Paul continued the discussion in Romans 5:12 and said, **"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"** There is another Apostle who discussed the question of sin. He is John, who writes in 1 John 1:8-10, which reads as follows: **"If we say that we have no sins, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."**

Then we can jump back in the Old Testament and study a prayer of Solomon. He was invoking Divine favor upon all who, in the midst of their distress, turned their face toward the Temple and prayed for deliverance. So he said, **"If they sin against thee, (for there is no man which sinneth not) . . . Yet if they . . . turn and pray unto thee . . . saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly; . . . Then hear thou from the heavens, . . . and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee** (II Chronicles 6:36-39).

I, too, admit with Solomon that there is not a just man upon earth who does good and sins not; but that statement has a meaning which a casual glance will never see.

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IF YOU GET THE MIND, YOU CAN BE PERFECT

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I, too, admit with Paul that all have sinned, but that statement does not mean that those who have sinned cannot become sinless. Those passages which I quoted mean that man has a nature to sin, that he cannot of himself stop, but God has power to help him overcome his sinful nature. This meaning is definitely reflected in the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, in answering the young lawyer, **"Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God"** (St Matthew 19:17). All good in this life is God. His goodness reflects in individuals like the reflection of the sun is seen in the moon. Its gentle reflection illuminates the countryside at night, sometimes so brightly that one can see his way clearly among the loneliest country road without the aid of any artificial light.

The goodness in men, therefore, is only a reflection of God which they keep shining brightly by staying out of the shadows of sin. Christ was saying, "Don't give Me credit for being good! I am good only because God is in Me. It is He working in Me and with Me to do the good you see I do, so give God the glory."

It is not impossible for a man to be perfect, but he would first have to desire to be perfect. He would have to get a mind to be perfect. Then he would have to obey the instructions of Christ in His sermon on the Mount; and perfection in that man would come as surely as the beautiful rainbow after the rain. Perfection simply means measuring up to the standard. If you can get a perfect score in school, why can't you get a perfect score in righteousness? The answer is, you have a mind to get a perfect score in school, but as for righteousness, you have no mind for it.

The standard of perfection is set by God, not by man, not by the Church, nor by the Congress of the United States, nor by customs and traditions, but the reason we disregard the standard of perfection set by God is because we are blinded by our devotion to our customs and traditions and man-made laws.

Now there is no question about it, you're human and therefore subject to make mistakes. This happens because of the flesh which makes so many demands upon you that you cannot gratify without committing sin. Moreover, the flesh, when it is pampered, absorbs all the strength in you that the good of God put there to guide and keep you. When this strength of good is dissipated by the lust of the flesh, you become so exhausted that you cannot see or hear when the good of



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God is sounding an alarm to warn you. So you make mistakes. On the other hand, when the good of God maintains its position of control in spite of the yearnings of the flesh, you will be able to deny the flesh such appetites of the flesh within due bounds of good behavior; and the result will be that you, though a human being, will quickly measure unto the stature of the fullness of Christ, and consequently will be perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Perfection is in correcting mistakes you make. The correction is going over the mistake to bring it up to the standard of perfection given by you to God as your guide. If I go to the store to purchase five pounds of seeds for planting, the merchant will use a standard of weight equal to 80 ounces, plainly marked on the scales. Using a scoop, he will put a quantity of seeds on the scales that will equal the standard. If the scales over-balance, he will take out some of the seeds. That way, he will accomplish perfection.

We are not perfect in knowledge, but to be a child of God we must be perfect in our godly conduct. **"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;** (Titus 2:11-12). The Bible teaches emphatically that Christ died to save us from sin. The purpose of His death would be completely defeated if those who have been saved are still in their sins. The common sense understanding of being saved from sin means deliverance from something that is harmful. Sin is harmful in that it causes much pain and suffering in every experience in this life. It causes hatred and wars and bitterness. It brings horrible diseases to the body while it is yet alive and acquaints us with the

terror of pain. Then eventually, it consigns our soul to hell while Christ, who died to save us, stands by unable to prevent it. Now since sin is so harmful (that even Christ can't help us if we sin willfully), why should not God require that every bit of sin must be washed away before we can be fit to come before His presence? What advantage would going to heaven be if we must, after our unhappy experience with sin in this life, still face the same bitter experience in heaven? How could we escape if the tiniest speck of sin slipped through in the heart of some uninformed person who believed it was impossible to live above sin?

If you have a desire to be perfect, you can learn how to be. First, Christ will teach the standard to you. Then Christ will help you to measure up to the standard. You will then be perfect every whit. To be a perfect husband, you must love your wife even as you love yourself. Love for her will lead you to do everything a perfect husband ought to do. A perfect neighbor will love his neighbor, and will render such service that will promote peace and good will between neighbors. A perfect saint must love his enemy. He must bless them that curse him. He must do good to them that hate him. He must pray for them that spitefully use him and persecute him; and his prayer must not be that God destroy them, but that God may bless them and bring them into godly fellowship. It is hard to take some of the things an enemy will do to you, but Jesus took it with a prayer of forgiveness on His lips for them. You must do the same to be a perfect saint. I found that if I obey the Lord, He will not let my enemy do more to me than I can bear. Then I also found out that my enemy who does evil to me will have more evil to abide with him until my prayers in his behalf can reach my God in heaven.

"...Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again:..." (I Peter 2:23), Jesus, the perfect Man. Do you have Him? Is He your Guide, your Inspiration? He can be if you get a mind to be perfect by the standard set by Jesus. Amen. God bless you.



The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

1. Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find the "Chapter" and "Verse" indicated beside the "Book".
 2. To find the "Word", begin at the first word in the "Verse" and count each succeeding word until you have counted the number indicated on the table.
 3. Write the "Word" on the blank line in the "Answer" column.
 4. Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.
 5. Reading each word from the top to bottom in the Answer column, you will have a familiar Bible passage.
 6. Then search the Scriptures to find the answer. The use of a concordance is recommended. Quote where the passage is found.
 7. Please use the King James Version of the Holy Bible.
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5. II Samuel	21	9	15	_____
6. St. John	6	64	6	
7. Ephesians	3	9	14	
8. Philippians	4	15	2	
9. Colossians	1	18	26	
10. I Kings	5	7	8	
11. Jeremiah	8	10	21	_____
12. Revelation	1	8	6	
13. Genesis	1	1	3	
14. I Corinthians	14	23	1	_____
15. Judges	7	19	7	_____
16. Isaiah	15	7	9	_____
17. Numbers	31	19	3	_____
18. Jeremiah	42	10	38	_____
19. Malachi	3	16	17	_____
20. Acts	1	22	2	_____
21. Proverbs	1	7	4	_____
22. Deuteronomy	11	12	23	_____
23. Joshua	18	5	3	_____
24. Leviticus	25	28	18	_____
25. I Chronicles	17	9	19	_____
26. II Thessalonians	2	13	12	_____
27. Ezekiel	36	11	37	_____
28. Zephaniah	1	13	15	_____
29. Ecclesiastes	8	15	27	_____
30. II Peter	3	4	18	_____
31. II John	1	6	26	_____
32. Job	42	12	2	_____
33. St. Luke	1	35	40	_____
34. Hosea	3	3	19	_____
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"And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt" (Isaiah 11:16).



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**THE TEN DAY FAST
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Every three months the Gospel Spreading Church of God conducts a Ten Day Fasting and Praying Revival. At the conclusion of this revival, a prayer and praise service will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019 in the churches listed in the schedule below.

Fasting is a vital aspect of true worship. It is not a time for feasting, fun, pious acting, or bowing to one's self to appear to be sanctimonious. Fasting is a serious time spent with the Lord. Fasting is a time to afflict the outer man (the flesh) while we earnestly seek to draw closer to the Lord. Fasting is a time when we desire to slay the carnal man in order to become more spiritual.

In life we sometimes find ourselves in difficulties and recognize the fact that we need God to work out our situations. Problems are no strangers to us. Life's situations are not always understood and may be very hard to unravel. In the Bible days when people of God found themselves facing insurmountable odds they called on God. For example, Queen Esther called the people to fasting and prayer (See Esther 4:16). The city of Nineveh was called to fasting and prayer (See Jonah 3:5). When the disciples were unable to cast the demons out of the child, Jesus informed them of the necessity of fasting and prayer. **"Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting"** (St. Matthew 17:21).

The procedure for corporate fasting and praying is outlined in Joel 2:15-17. In these worship services every detail is given. Everyone from the greatest to the smallest is to be accounted for. The people are gathered, the congregation is to be cleansed. The elders, children, nursing babies, bride, bridegroom, priests, ministers of the Lord are to be assembled. No one is left out.

Just as the prophet Joel explains corporate prayer and fasting, the prophet Isaiah exhorts the church to fast individually. **"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh"** (Isaiah 58:6,7)?

Corporate and individual prayer and fasting are often major factors in true worship. We receive great things from the Lord when we obey His instructions regarding how to worship. **"Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward"** (Isaiah 58:8).

Just as fasting and prayer were practices in the Old Testament, and the New Testament, they are important elements in worshiping God in this 21st century. Isaiah truly cried aloud and spared not and declared unto us what is the acceptable fast unto the Lord. We should not withhold good when we have such an opportunity.

Jesus taught His followers how to conduct themselves when in prayer and fasting. He said, **"But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly"** (St. Matthew 6:17, 18).

We also follow the exhortation found in I Timothy 2:1-4: **"I EXHORT therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."** In this regard, special prayers will be offered for the President of the United States, his staff, members of the U.S. Congress, and the Armed Forces. II Chronicles 7:14. It reads on this wise: **"If my people, which 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."** As a nation, and as individuals, we need to turn from our wicked ways. If this is done, God will heal our land.

We are living in a time of trouble, such as never was since there has been a nation. However, we can always find comfort in the Scriptures. Psalm 84:11 informs us on this wise: **"For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."** Regardless of the circumstances, God will honor His Word, if we will obey Him to the letter. **"For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us"** (II Corinthians 1:20).

Readers of **HAPPY NEWS** are invited to join us in this period of praying and fasting. **"... The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"** (James 5:16b). If you are unable to attend these services, please join us in spirit. **"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth"** (St. John 4:24).

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Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

LORD, WHO SHALL ABIDE IN THY TABERNALE?

First, I am thanking God for my being here with you so that we can edify ourselves and be revived spiritually. The people of God love to come together to talk about the goodness of the Lord. There is so very much encouragement to be found in the Word of God and His precious promises keep us pressing forward day by day.

Many of you have read certain passages of Scripture many times, but every time you read them and especially if they are directed by the Lord, you will get more and more out of them and understand them more clearly each time. This 15th Psalm, which we will read and study together is commonly known and read among the people. We have been digging down into the mysteries of the beautiful things of God and truly, they have brought much wisdom and knowledge. We want to perfect the Saints in life, service and sacrifice in order that we might be able to do things for God. Let us all stand. Repeat this Psalm after me. **“LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.”**

If I were to ask everyone of you in here, whether you got a little more light on that chapter just after reading it, I am sure that in most cases your reply would be, “Yes, I do understand it better.” The first sentence in this Chapter asks the question, **“LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?”** The answer to that question according to God’s Word is: **“He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart.”** Now then, we can see from this chapter that to see Jesus, we must walk uprightly, work righteousness and be truthful. The Bible says that **“...all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: ...”**(Revelation 21:8b). Sometimes people think it is no harm to tell a little fib. The Bible calls that little fib a lie and it says that no liar or unclean person can abide. So, if you want to abide in the tabernacle of God and in the congregation of the righteous, you will have to possess these qualities which we have just read about.

We are only trying to occupy until Jesus comes. He is coming the second time without SIN unto Salvation **“...and every eye shall see him, ...”**(Revelation 1:7a) Those that pierced Him shall see Him, but they will meet Him with



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regret. I don’t want to hear Him say **“...depart from me (ye cursed), ye that work iniquity”**(Revelation 7:23b) The Word of the Lord says that some will tell Him about the great things that they have done in His name; they will name this thing and that thing, all of which are named in the Bible. It tells us that He will make them know that though they may have done all of those things which His Word points out, yet they worked iniquity and sin. If we want to see Jesus in peace, we must work the work of righteousness. I do want to hear Him say, **“...Come ye blessed...”** (St. Matthew 25:34) We truly thank God for this little light which we have found in just that much of the 15th Psalm; it is a little sermon within itself. It is especially helpful to those who had not thought on it so deeply before. Take these thoughts with you and think on them. Your soul will be blessed. I am sure.

As I stand here talking to you, I am reminded of John the Baptist who preached in the wilderness. He said, **“There is another coming, one greater than I”**; He also told them that he (John) was a forerunner going on before Jesus (See St. Mark 1:7, St. John 1:27). He was saying, **“Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight”** (St. Mark 1:3b). John continued saying, there is one coming on behind whose shoe latchet I’m unworthy to unloose (See St. John 1:27). He will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire (See St. Matthew 3:11b). I know that it is true because I prayed to God to be baptized and I was. It is that power and fire from on high that makes me so happy to know that I am being used of the Lord in such a marvelous way. It is so wonderful that I just marvel at it myself. I am like John the Baptist; I am crying out to you to prepare ye the way of the Lord. I am so very glad that when I heard the voice of God, I did not harden my heart, but I opened up toward Heaven all the windows of my soul and invited Jesus in.

Do you know that Jesus is a marvelous guest? He is the Guest from Heaven, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. They are three

in one. They are the greatest guests in Heaven and in earth and people are rejecting this wonderful guest. Now who is it who would reject the President and his wife, should he send a letter to your home, whether you were the richest or the most humble citizen, telling you that he expected to dine at your home on a certain date and you must have things prepared? Instead of rejecting such a distinguished guest, I am sure you would be rushing here and there, getting everything in order to entertain him and his wife. But ah! My friends, greater than the President is here; Jesus Christ has come on the scene, but He is still rejected by many.

This same Jesus about whom we are speaking is coming the second time without sin unto Salvation. He isn’t coming as that lowly Nazarene as He came the first time. We are told in the Word of God that **“He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God...”** (St. John 1:11,12a). How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds. In a believer’s ear! I soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear. It makes the wounded spirit whole, And calms the troubled breast; ‘Tis’ manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary, rest.” (by J.C. Lowry). Ah! were you hungry one day? Did you long for a sip from His blessed table?

We are now reminded of the account in the Bible about Jesus and the woman He met at the well of Samaria one day. We are told that the Samaritans didn’t have anything to do with the Jews. Therefore, when Jesus asked this woman of Samaria to give Him water, she wondered why He asked water of her since she was a Samaritan. He answered her by saying, **“If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.”** He also said, **“Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life** (St. John 4:10,13,14). Oh! praise the Lord! How beautiful it is to be talking about the Potentate of potentates - the greatest in Heaven and in earth - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost!

I am telling you, my precious people that God’s grace is full and free; He has a full and free salvation. Jesus stood on that great day of the feast with an outstretched hand and said, **“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 for your souls”** (St. Matthew 11:28,29) Are there any

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A Day of Health and Beauty

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Saturday, June 16, 2018

Gospel Spreading Reception Hall

Washington, DC

“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as they soul prospereth” (3 John 1:2). (KJV)

Recently, I was on the phone with one of my dear sisters in Christ. We came up with the awesome idea of having A DAY OF HEALTH AND BEAUTY for the ladies in our congregation! We realize that the people of God are multifaceted. We are not only spiritual beings, but our spirits are housed in gloriously fashioned bodies that God calls “His Temples”. We become His temples the moment we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. II Corinthians 4:7 (KJV) tells us “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.” I must say, I have been guilty of not taking the best care of God’s temple. We are not ignorant of satan’s mode of operation which is TO STEAL, KILL AND DESTROY. Most times, we help him with his mission by engaging in harmful habits. If he can take us out, then we will no longer be physically strong for Kingdom Building.

God “beautifies the meek... He does not put a premium on dowdiness, and lack of personal grooming in the name of “false modesty”. Quite the contrary, God’s daughters are true royalty and represent His kingdom. Being such, the King’s daughters came together for a special day to share health and beauty tips. We had special presenters for Nutrition, Physical Fitness, Hair Care, Facial Care, Eye Care, and yes, our very own Manicurist.

Our very own chef Elaine, with the help of her assistant Dominique prepared two sumptuous, healthy meals. The spread was elegant and served with love and grace. Yes, our God provided us more than enough!

Our Father God made sure that His daughters were taken care of royally. His fingerprints were in every detail, even down to the beautiful decorations. So many willing hands were involved in making our special day a success.

I personally thank ALL for their donations of time, decorations and those whose presence made the day a success TO THE GLORY OF GOD! I must also thank our very own photographer – Brother Joseph Sturdivant.

Hebrews 6:10 (KJV) For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Sister Wilma Hobbs Roman
First Lady – Washington Church of God



Gospel News and Views

Calling All Youth

"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established; thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee."

(Isaiah 54:13,14)



Aubrey, Age 3



Bella, Age 3

CALLING ALL YOUTH is featured each month to encourage our youth of all ages to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We solicit your comments, questions and answers on any topic listed on our Youth Page. Your response may be printed the following month provided space is available and it is received before the next publication goes to press. It is our desire "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace" (Psalm 144:12).

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

"...Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen" (St. Matthew 6:9-13).

LET US PRAY THIS PRAYER AT NOON

"...Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God" (Joel 2:17b)?

COMMANDMENT SECTION

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32).

MEMORY VERSES

"...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13b-14).

Happy New Year! May God give each of us the strength and the desire to accomplish those things in 2019 that He has willed and with which He would be pleased.

We trust that your behavior honors your parents and brings glory to God so "... that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming" (I John 2:28b). Please have a wonderful year! Your Happy News Cheering Squad!

Helpful Tips for 2019:

- Pray each day for guidance.
· Ask questions when you need help.
· Help others who may not be as blessed as you in certain skills.
· Show respect to all adults and classmates.



Noah, Age 8



Chloe, Age 9



Nathaniel, Age 10



Makari, Age 10



Noah, Age 6



Malayah, Age 7



Cheyenne, Age 11



David, Age 11



Joshua, Age 8



Micah, Age 13



Elijah, Age 8



Nya, Age 13

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

- H** Hallelujah! “O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:...” (Psalm 136:1a).
- A** “A GOOD name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold” (Proverb 22:1).
- P** “PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary:...” (Psalm 150:1a).
- P** “Praise him for his mighty acts:...” (Psalm 150:2a).
- Y** “She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world” (St. John 11:27).
- N** “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: ... (II Corinthians 5:17a).
- E** “Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever” (Psalm 145: 2).
- W** “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;” (Colossians 3:23)
- Y** “Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God” (Romans 6:13).
- E** “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” (St. John 3:16).
- A** “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all of the days of my life:...” (Psalm 23:6a).
- R** “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (St. Matthew 11:28).

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU!!

Chani, Age 14



Malachi, Age 14



N'Kyron, Age 14



Phillip, Age 14



Toni, Age 14



Jade, Age 16



Jasmine, Age 16



Rachel, Age 16

ANSWERS TO DECEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- Who issued a decree “that all the world (Roman Empire) should be taxed”? (Caesar Augustus (Octavius), founder of the Roman Empire - **St. Luke 2:1**).
- Why did Joseph have to travel to Bethlehem? (To be taxed - **St. Luke 2:3-5**).
- Why was it important that Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem? (It was to fulfill the prophecy regarding the place of the Messiah’s birth - **Micah 5:2**).
- Why was it important that Jesus be called Mary’s firstborn? (It was important to establish that Jesus enjoyed all the rights of the firstborn son in the family - **St. Luke 2:7**, including the royal rights in the Davidic line. In addition, Mary would later have other children- **St. Luke 8:19-20**).
- What combination of titles was Jesus called? (“Saviour, Christ, and Lord” - **St. Luke 2:11**).
- How would the shepherds know they had found the Messiah? (He would be “wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger” - **St. Luke 2:12**).
- What did the angels proclaim for heaven and earth? (“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and goodwill toward men” - **St. Luke 2:14**).

ANSWERS TO DECEMBER FILL IN THE BLANKS

- For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name (Psalm 33:21).
- And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth (St. Luke 1:14).
- Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice (Psalm 63:7).
- Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory (I Peter 1:8):
- Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him (Psalm 68:4).
- Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified (Psalm 70:4).
- Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, rejoice (Philippians 4:4).

JANUARY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- Why did Cain kill his brother?
- Why should we not be surprised if the world hates us?
- What did John say is equal to murder?
- What is the supreme example of God’s love toward us?
- How can Christians show God’s love toward those in need?
- Why is it important to keep God’s commandments?
- In what ways can we know that a person is indwelt by the Spirit?

JANUARY FILL IN THE BLANKS

- Therefore my _____ is glad, and my _____ rejoiceth: my _____ also shall _____ in _____.
- And now, _____, what wait I for? my _____ is in _____.
- Be of good _____, and he shall _____ your _____, all ye that _____ in the _____.

Sunday School Lessons for the Month of January

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Dr. Anthony Hurst. He is currently an associate minister in the Philadelphia Church of God. He has taught Sunday School and is currently teaching Bible at two local Christian universities.



LESSON 1 – January 6, 2019 SUBJECT – Christ's Identity Established

GOLDEN TEXT: "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him" (St. Matthew 3:16).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In the Old Testament, in order to be identified as part of the covenant people, God instructed Abraham to circumcise all the males of his household (See Genesis 17:9-14). Since we are not under the Law, the New Testament model for identification with the people of God is baptism. John had the people to confess their sins before they were baptized (See St. Matthew 3:1-6). Jesus, however, had no sins to confess because He is God in the flesh. He was baptized solely for the purpose of being identified with the people of Israel (See St. Matthew 3:13-15). When we have been born again, our Lord has commanded that we are to be baptized, identifying ourselves with

the new covenant brought by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (See Colossians 2:12)

Once Jesus was baptized, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. It is important to note that the Greek word translated "tempted/temptation", can also be translated "test/testing". James 1:13 clearly explains that God cannot be tempted, which is a solicitation to evil. In order to be tempted, there MUST be a sin nature inherited from Adam. Since Joseph was not the biological father of Jesus, Jesus had no sin nature and therefore could not be tempted. Satan tested Him to get Him to act independently as God, to which Christ did not yield, thus proving that Immanuel, God in the flesh, was on the scene!

LESSON 2 – January 13, 2019 SUBJECT – Teaching and Healing

GOLDEN TEXT: "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people" (St. Matthew 4:23).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: St. Matthew 4:12 Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Passing the test in the wilderness, proving that He was indeed the Son of God, Jesus began His public ministry. Once He knew John was imprisoned, He left His hometown of Nazareth and went to Capernaum, which was part of the tract of land where the tribe of Zebulon settled. In doing this, He fulfilled the prophecy made in Isaiah 9:1-2. After His baptism and testing, Jesus began to preach there, calling men and women to repentance (See St. Matthew 4:17). This was also the home of Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Matthew. Certainly, these men saw the light of the world, the Lord Jesus Christ, and came in close contact with Him as He called

them to walk with Him in new life and then in ministry. These men would be used after His death, burial, and resurrection to carry the message of the Gospel, to write about His life and eternal work, and even to die for Him.

Capernaum, though named in Isaiah's prophecy as having seen "a great light," also rejected what they saw. It was this city, where Jesus chose to live, that He was rejected in such a fashion that He declared it would be more tolerable in hell for Sodom and Gomorrah than for them (See St. Matthew 11:23, 24. It is a dangerous thing, with eternal consequences, to reject the Light that God sent into the world to reconcile us to Himself.

LESSON 3 – January 20, 2019

SUBJECT – Christ's New Commands

GOLDEN TEXT: "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (St. Matthew 5:44).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: St. Matthew 5:33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

LESSON DISCUSSION

There are five major discourses, or teachings, of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, and this is the first. Here Jesus points out how His kingdom will operate in opposition to the way the religious leaders taught. The religious leaders of that day, just as in this one, were far more concerned about the external, what could be seen, as opposed to making sure the heart was right.

St. Matthew 5:33-37 deals with the issue of making a false oath to the Lord. (See Leviticus 19:12; Numbers 30:2; and Deuteronomy 23:21, 23). So many people promise to do something, and not only not do it, but they will act like, or even say they never promised to do it. God, a God of truth, expects us to be people of truth!

St. Matthew 5:38-42 deals with the issue of taking vengeance against someone who has wronged us. Rather, Jesus instructs us to go the extra mile. While the law did allow for restitution (See Exodus 21:22-25), the purpose was that the punishment or restitution be just. Retaliation was never allowed because God said vengeance belongs to Him (See Deuteronomy 32:35).

St. Matthew 5:43-45 deals with the issues of love and hate when it comes to an enemy. The religious leaders evidently taught that it

was all right to hate an enemy, but Jesus turned it upside down and said we are to love those who don't love us. When we are cursed, we are to return a blessing. When we are despised we are to pray for the perpetrators.

LESSON 4 – January 27, 2019

SUBJECT – Christ's New Teachings

GOLDEN TEXT: "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him" (St. Matthew 6:7-8).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: St. Matthew 6:1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

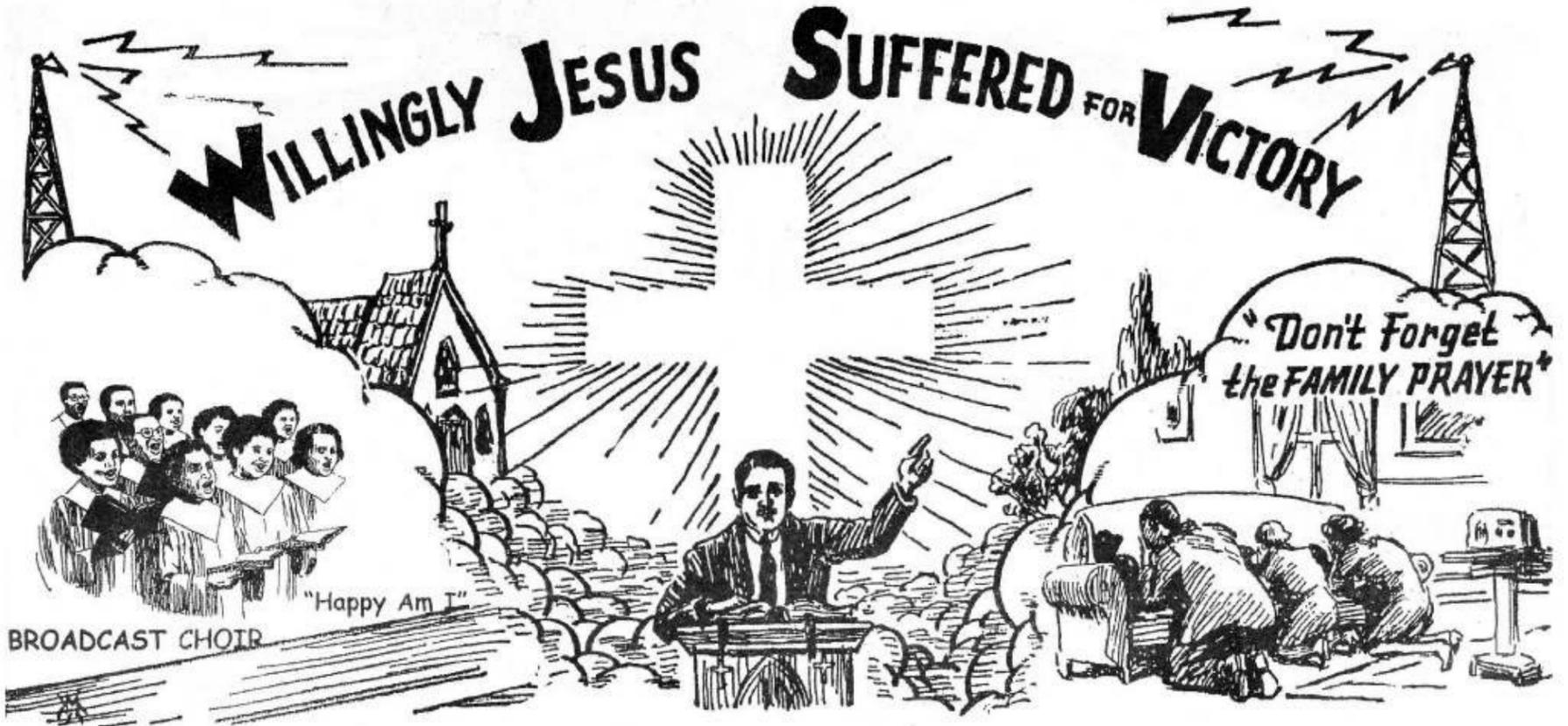
13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

LESSON DISCUSSION

This week we look at a very important part of the first discourse of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. Here the main focus is on two areas that are often neglected in the lives of believers – giving and prayer.

St. Matthew 6:1-4 lays out the manner in which our giving should take place. We are not to sound an alarm to let everyone know how much we are giving. Jesus said we are to give in secret and He would bless us. If we give so that others can praise us, God said we'll get no reward from Him.

Prayer, communing with God, is a much-neglected privilege given to God's children. God's desire is for us to know Him personally and to be able to talk with Him at any time. Notice that Jesus said to pray "after this manner." He didn't say "Pray this prayer." St. Matthew 6:9 instructs us to pray to the Father and to worship His holy name. St. Matthew 6:10 encourages us to pray for the spread of His kingdom, and for His will to be done unchallenged in earth just as in heaven. St. Matthew 6:11 is a personal petition that God would meet our needs for that particular day. St. Matthew 6:12 instructs us to ask forgiveness for any sin we have committed, while at the same time we forgive those who have sinned against us. St. Matthew 6:13 is petitioning God to keep us from the evil one, Satan, and to deliver us from any evil that seeks to overcome us. Finally, we recognize His sovereignty over all of His kingdom, ascribing glory and power to Him.



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"...I Am The Lord That Healeth Thee" (Exodus 15:26)

LORD, WHO SHALL ABIDE IN THY TABERNALE?

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precious people in here whose poor souls are tired and weary? It may not be your body that is weary, but your soul may be. **Sin** is a burden to carry and you'll feel so weary and heavily laden down when **sin** is within you. If you go to Jesus and the burden of **sin** rolls away, it will be a marvelous change for you. I am happy since my burden rolled away.

"...In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; "so says the Word of God. "...be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (St. John 16:33b). Hold on my precious people regardless of your test or trial or persecution. Jesus held on and so can you. You know that it was hard for Him to go to His own and they rejected and despised Him, but yet He went through. He suffered the most humiliating things, and if we have the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we will go through some of it, too. You will get a sip of that bitter cup for sometimes you will be despised and rejected, and set at naught by those whom you are seeking to bless. There may be someone in your home whom you have been the best friend to and yet, they may become your worst enemy. They can make it so hard for you and will claim that they love you, while they are doing it. Well, that is what they did to Jesus. They spat on Him, they slapped Him on His face and drove a crown of thorns into His brow. If it were not for the sufferings of Jesus Christ, which we can read from the Bible and get an understanding about, we couldn't take it. Truly, we could not stand it. Oh now, but Jesus is our perfect example and we follow in His footsteps. He lived a blameless life - a pattern for me and He is a pattern for you. Are you following the pattern: are you cutting your spiritual garment by this pattern? Don't forget: the question is asked. "**Who shall abide in Thy tabernacle?**" May God bless all of you. Amen.

CALLING ALL YOUTH (Continued from Page 8)

4. For we are _____ by _____; but _____ that is _____ is not _____: for what a man _____, why doth he yet _____ for?
5. But if we _____ for that we _____ not, then do we with _____ for it.
6. But I will _____, and will yet _____ thee _____ and _____.
7. NOW _____ is the _____ of things _____ for, the _____ of _____ not _____.

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