

News and Notes

Services of the Church

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Bible Classes (for all ages)9:30 am
Morning Worship10:20 am
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Bible Classes (for all ages)7:30 pm
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ONLY ONE CHANCE!

Each of us as human beings has been given “**only one life to live here upon this earth.**” This also means that we each have “**only one chance to live this life in such a way as to receive eternal life in that world which is to come.**” In Hebrews 9:27 we read that it is “*...appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment.*” There is no escaping the judgment of God that is to come. 2nd Corinthians 5:10 says, “*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*” Once we die, our opportunity to live righteously and please God will be gone forever. Our “**eternal destiny**” will be determined by how we lived our one life here on earth. Yet most people don’t even think about these important matters. They live their lives as though they don’t have a care in the world, very seldom if ever thinking about the matter of eternity. But Jesus will return someday to judge all mankind. **WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO PREPARE FOR THAT DAY?** Remember you have only one chance to prepare for eternity. There is “**no second chance**” after you die! And according to Galatians 6:7-8 “*...whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*” Let us use our one chance wisely, for it is all that we will ever have!

Mark Legendre

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S BIBLE QUESTIONS:

The name of Sarah's handmaid that had a child by Abraham was Hagar. That child's name was Ishmael. Abraham and Sarah later were blessed by God to have their own child who was named Isaac. (Genesis 16 & Genesis 21)

Joseph was the child of Jacob that his other sons sold into slavery. Joseph ended up in Egypt and attained a high position with Pharaoh and was able to provide food for his family when a famine took place in the land. (Genesis 37-45)

QUESTIONS FOR THIS MONTH:

What man in the New Testament had 4 virgin daughters who prophesied? (What city did he live in?)

What Old Testament king gave the decree for the Jews to return to Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity? (What Old Testament prophet spoke of this king giving this decree 200 years before it came to pass?)

DO YOU HAVE A "PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?"

This is the common language of the religious world. But how the Bible speaks of a person coming to have a "**personal relationship with Jesus**" is far different than the explanation given by the religious world. People think that all you have to do is "**sincerely believe in Jesus as the Son of God**" and that will do the trick. This however is not what the Bible teaches. Listen carefully to what Jesus says in Luke 6:46, "***And why do you call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say?***" Paul teaches us about entering a relationship with God in this manner, "***For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.***" (Galatians 3:26-27) Here is what John the Apostle says about this matter, "***And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.***" And once more Jesus says this in John 14:23, "***If a man loves me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.***" So if you truly want to have a "**personal relationship with Jesus**", then you must first obey the gospel by being "***baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins***", (Acts 2:38) and afterwards continue to "***keep Jesus words***" by doing all that He commands us to do.

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ARE YOU CONTENT?

Are you happy living the life of a Christian? If not, then you had better look to self for some shortcomings. The life of a Christian is the most content and happy life to be found upon the earth. One who lives at peace with God, knowing the forgiveness of past sins, with the hope of eternity with God cannot help but be happy and content. When the cares of this world draw you away from the church and the Father, do not blame the church or the Father above, but look to self and it will not take long to see that you and not God are the one who is failing to carry the load.

If you feel that Christianity is not giving you anything, then most likely it is because you are not putting anything into it. The person who attends the services of the church only occasionally cannot expect to enjoy the periods of worship as much as the one who never misses a service. This is true in anything that one enters into. The more one puts himself/herself wholeheartedly into the project, the more he/she is able to gain from it. The student who puts nothing into his schoolwork does not like to attend school. The person who puts little into his work does not like his work. And on and on it goes. The person who puts little or nothing into the worship of the Father does not usually like to attend services. It is sometimes heard, "**I get little out of the services.**" Could it be because we bring nothing to the service? If there is something else I had rather be doing, obviously I will receive very little from the assembly.

But, if I go with the expectation of receiving a blessing; of learning more about the Father and His word; of being an encouragement to each one present; then most likely I will enjoy the times spent together in worship and will look forward to the next opportunity to gather with the saints.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of Jehovah." (Ps. 122:1) What joy it produced in the Psalmist's heart when he heard the words, "***Let us go to the house of the Lord.***" How he looked forward to worshipping the Heavenly Father. And so should we. With this attitude we will be more content as we serve the Lord.

Jack Thompson