



the **bread** *of* **life** devotional guide

“And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.” - Luke 4:4

September 1, 2011

Dear Friend in Christ,

Greetings fellow laborers in Christ! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer in the service of our Lord and Savior. What a privilege to serve the King of kings!

Take a few moments to evaluate your spiritual life this year. Are you faithfully reading and studying God’s Word? Are you sharing the Gospel with others? How is your church attendance? Do you spend time ministering to others? Can you honestly say that you are growing in Christ this year, or have you drifted further away from the Lord?

You have to plan to be spiritual. Make an effort this month to take you spiritual walk to the next level.

In Christ,

The Bread of Life Devotional Staff

Thursday

September 1

Morning: Psalm 148-150
Evening: I Corinthians 11:16-34

Marvelous Salvation

“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” Psalm 126:5-6

“The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.” (Ps. 126:3) Amen, how true. All people enjoy God’s marvelous blessings of the earth: the food, the oceans, the heavens, the animal creatures, the comfort of friends and family, and on and on. However, if you are truly a Christian and possess heaven as your eternity, then you can say this verse with a different context. Your sins are forgiven and will never be laid to your charge. Heaven lies before you, and you can live without the fear and burden of a guilty conscience.

If you could tell everyone in the world about this great joy, would you? Well, that is probably not possible of course, but we all can try in our own Jerusalem. Since when have you last passed out a gospel tract? You can easily say, “Hey, this changed my life, and I would like to share it with you.” Better yet. Write a gospel tract, and work with your own local church to get it printed. Then you can say, “Hey, I wrote this, I would like for you to read it.” Just simply leaving a tract in a strategic place around town also has its benefits.

One on one conversation is premier. Getting a conversation centered on God seems to be the initial hindrance for many. Questions like “Who do you think God is?” and “Have you ever given thought to what it takes to get to heaven?” are usable one-liners. Asking God

throughout your day for opportunities to speak up for Him and to direct other’s thoughts to spiritual matters helps you to plan to witness and provides guidance. Be on guard where you can turn a conversation into a spiritual one. Carrying tracts and a testament help you to be equipped.

I might add that reading material about witnessing can help sharpen your skills. I would recommend a book *One Thing You Can’t Do in Heaven* by Mark Cahill. It is published by Biblical Discipleship Publishers or may be ordered from www.markcahill.org.

May God richly reward you in the future as you step forward to reach those for the kingdom. ~NBM

Scripture Fill-In

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his _____: Who forgiveth all thine _____; who _____ all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who _____ thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” Psalm 103:2-5

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Name three people you know personally who are unsaved. Then, pray for the salvation of each one.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Friday
September 2

Too Much Like the World

“These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.” Ezra 2:62

Under a decree from King Cyrus the captive Jews were sent back to rebuild Jerusalem. To do so they needed to find out who would be the priests for the temple. The problem before them, however, was that over the course of their captivity the Jews had begun to intermarry with the pagan peoples around them. In doing so, the clear lines of Jewish heritage had been blurred and broken down.

The Jews were quite meticulous in their record keeping. They did so to be clear in matters of family leadership and inheritance. The same was true in establishing spiritual leadership through the priesthood and the Levitical lines. Arriving at this point in biblical history the Jews needed to know who was a member of the lineage of Aaron. Unfortunately the family lines had become so unclear that some who had connection with Aaron became disqualified from service because of unclear family lineage.

The same can happen to us spiritually if we are not careful, as saved people are part of the holy priesthood of Christ. God desires that each of us serve with Him in the priesthood. To do so, we must have a clear standard that separates us from the world. We can disqualify ourselves if we become spotted with familiarity with the world’s moral status. The sons of Eli and Samuel found themselves in such a state. They were of the right family line but treated it shamefully, and God replaced them.

Morning: Proverbs 1-2
Evening: I Corinthians 12

We as believers need to keep our spiritual family line clean. We should take our called-out position seriously. We are special because of the blood of Christ. Our prayer should be, “Lord help us not to become disqualified to serve you by our choices to reject your path.”
~DJJ

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Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

- Isaiah 29:15 warns against what?
A. Sinning repeatedly
B. Trying to hide sin
C. Looking for excuses
D. Being self-righteous
- According to Proverbs 14:9, what kind of people mock at sin?
A. Sinners
B. Unrighteous
C. Fools
D. Unsaved

Quote of the Day

“Sin enough and you will soon be unconscious of sin!”
~Oswald Chambers

Saturday

September 3

Biblical Principles on the Courtroom

“Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?” I Corinthians 6:1

Christians are not to go to court against other Christians. We live in a lawsuit-crazed-country, but that does not give us an open door to sue anyone who has treated us unlawfully or hurtfully. In addition, it is wrong to threaten the intent of a lawsuit.

God’s plan to settle a problem between two Christians is for us to go to a third believer and let him be the judge. It is shameful for disputing Christians to take their trouble before the unsaved for a decision. In effect, it is like hanging our dirty laundry outside so that everyone can see it.

Other Christians are wiser than the unsaved and more likely to make a correct decision than our court system. Each believer should be willing to accept the decision of an unbiased believer, or if necessary to accept a decision of a body of believers. In every case, a Christian should be willing to go the extra mile to settle an issue outside of court. Just to show us how serious this is, verse seven indicates it is even better to be defrauded than to take your brother in Christ to court.

However, if there is a dispute between a Christian and a non-believer, the Christian may be forced into court. If the Christian has been wronged by the non-believer and cannot settle the problem privately, it is not wrong for him

Morning: Proverbs 3-4
Evening: I Corinthians 13

to take the problem to the courtroom. Unfortunately today, our legal system is not always just. Only when we stand before Christ will we experience perfect justice for both good and evil.

Regardless of the outcome of any legal decisions, private or public, we can be sure that one day Christ will settle all issues and make all things as they should be. Amen! ~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

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Psalm 103:2-5

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false, based on today’s devotional.

- _____ 1. Two believers should settle their differences using the legal system.
- _____ 2. It is wrong to threaten the intent of a lawsuit against another believer.
- _____ 3. A dispute between a Christian and non-believer can only be settled privately.

Sunday

September 4

Morning: Proverbs 5-6
Evening: I Corinthians 14:1-20

Justification

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.” Galatians 2:16

Suppose for a minute that you were driving down the highway. The speed limit is 65 mph, and you have your cruise control set at exactly 65 mph. As you look ahead, an oncoming car is flashing his lights at you. Because you are set at 65mph, you continue to drive without hitting your brakes. As you pass the police car in the median of the highway, the light on his car comes on and he pulls out right behind you. As your heart beat picks up a little, you think to yourself, “I wasn’t speeding. He must be after someone else.” As you pull to the right to let him pass, he pulls over behind you and you realize: he is after you. You come to a stop on the side of the road totally confused and a bit upset. Before you realize it, the 6’8” officer is tapping on your window and asking for your license. Before you can get a word out, he says, “I pulled you over because you were driving the speed limit, and I wanted to give you a reward. You can now come live in the governor’s mansion for the rest of your life.”

Okay...now back to reality. Driving the speed limit is not going to get you a reward. However, if you break the law, there are consequences to pay. So, it is with justification. Keeping the law does not earn you the reward of Heaven. *“For by the works of the law shall*

no flesh be justified.” To think that you can keep the law and get to live in Heaven is as crazy as thinking that driving the speed limit will get you a place in the governor’s mansion. The law can only show you that you are not perfect. Salvation is by faith alone. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.” Psalm 103:12-14

Bible Quiz

Unscramble: Unscramble some of the words found in today’s verse.

- _____ 1. F E J S T I I U D
- _____ 2. E E E B I D L V
- _____ 3. K R W S O
- _____ 4. T F H I A
- _____ 5. L S H F E

Quote of the Day

“Now the article of justification, which is our sole defense, not only against all the force and craft of man, but also against the gates of hell, is this: that by faith only in Christ, and without works, we are pronounced righteous and saved.” ~Martin Luther

Monday
September 5

Hold Fast to Your Profession

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).” Hebrews 10:23

This verse calls us to an unwavering commitment to our faith. We need to be reminded of this from time to time because Satan loves to discourage us so that we will be less effective in our service for the Lord. Satan may use an illness, a financial difficulty, a maintenance surprise or a relational conflict. When we face these types of conflicts, we must not give up because no matter what we face our God is faithful.

He is a faithful Creator. He designed us, and He knows our every need. We would not exist apart from Him. He created us and provided us with the skills, knowledge, and resources to thrive in our surroundings. He is a faithful Creator!

He is a faithful Saviour. Even before the creation of the world, God had a loving plan that would insure the opportunity for us to live with Him forever. Before we were born, He had already paid the price necessary to purchase our salvation. He is a faithful Savior!

He is a faithful Provider. He chose to reveal Himself as our heavenly Father. He desires for us to come to Him in prayer that He might meet our needs. He always has and always will be faithful to meet our every need. ~DLW

Morning: Proverbs 7-8
Evening: I Corinthians 14:21-40

Scripture Fill-In

“As far as the east is from the _____, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.” Psalm 103:12-14

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the biblical character with his/her description.

- ____ 1. Rei (I Kings 1:8)
- ____ 2. Og (Deut. 3:11)
- ____ 3. Ohad (Gen. 46:10)
- ____ 4. Damaris (Acts 17:34)
- ____ 5. Demas (II Timothy 4:10)

- A. He was a son of Simeon.
- B. He remained faithful to King David during the time of the rebellion of Adonijah.
- C. She was a convert in Athens.
- D. He deserted Paul.
- E. He was the King of Bashan and was very tall.

Quote of the Day

“Next to the might of God, the serene beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence for good in all the world.” ~D. L. Moody

Tuesday
September 6

Morning: *Proverbs 9-10*
Evening: *I Corinthians 15:1-32*

The Ten Commandments

“And God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” Exodus 20:1-3

The law is like a mirror to show us how we look. It is like a plumb line to reveal the crookedness of a building. It is like a scale to weigh us. In other words, the law was given to man to reveal his inability to save himself, and not give man a set of rules to keep in order to be saved.

Bear in mind, we are to attempt to keep them, realizing all the time that we cannot. They are only to reveal our condition before God and lead us to Christ and His righteousness.

Not one of us can pass the test of keeping the commandments listed in the Bible. We do our best; and to be sure, we should, but we find ourselves unable to meet the conditions of these commandments. Hence, we look at them, compare ourselves to them, and realize that we cannot save ourselves. This leads us to turn to Christ and accept His righteousness for He fulfilled the law for us. ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

As far as the east is from the _____, so far hath he removed our _____ from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.” Psalm 103:12-14

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. The second commandment instructs that we should not do what of the following? (Ex. 20:4-6)
 - A. Make idols
 - B. Bow down to idols
 - C. Serve idols
 - D. None of the above
 - E. A, B, and C
2. The fourth commandment is about the Sabbath day. What was the instruction? (Ex. 20:8-11)
 - A. Work hard
 - B. Prepare a feast day
 - C. Keep it holy
 - D. Spend time alone
3. Which of the following “things” were mentioned in the final commandment regarding coveting? (Ex. 20:17)
 - A. The heathen’s money & wealth
 - B. The neighbor’s house & wife
 - C. The friend’s talents & job
 - D. None of the above

Don't Deny Christ

By Derek Merrin

In Matthew 10:1-42, Jesus sends His disciples into the world to proclaim the Gospel. In the passage, Jesus professes His love for His disciples, provides divine counsel, and delivers a stern warning. Being omniscient, Jesus foresaw the dangers that lay ahead. He knew his most outspoken and devoted followers would ultimately be murdered, beaten, and ostracized from society.

As most fathers, He truly loved his children. Jesus expressed His love and care for His children. In verses 29-31, Jesus demonstrated how much He loved them by valuing them far above sparrows and knowing intimate details about them, such as the number of hairs each one possessed. In verse 15, Jesus promised to take revenge against those that harmed them. Throughout the passage, Jesus foretold his children of the dangers and adversaries that they would face. He was a loving and protective Father—and He still is.

Additionally, Jesus gave His children a strict warning: Don't Deny Me. This powerful warning is the most recognized and cited verse in this infamous passage. The warning is found in verses 32-33:

“Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven.”

Most scholars believe this verse is referencing Christians showing “evidence of their

salvation” not those “losing their salvation.” Christians that openly proclaim Christ—in the face of intense persecution—demonstrate great evidence that they are truly saved. Once saved, a Christian cannot lose his salvation; however, many Christians often disappoint Christ. It is clear that Jesus yearns for Christians to boldly stand for Him, and He does not look kindly on those that deny Him.

Most Christians would never dream of denying Christ. However, the vast majority of Christians deny Christ in one of four forms: Outright Denial, Denial of Association, Common Denial, and Denial by Omission.

Outright Denial: This is where a Christian would deny the deity of Christ and denounce Christ altogether. Although it's very rare, Christians have done it out of anger, confusion, or being overwhelmed by sin. However, Christ never forsook them. If you are in this position, you need to ask for forgiveness and reconcile your relationship with Christ.

Denial of Association: In Matthew 26:69-75, Peter delivered the most famous “denial of association” case likely found in the Bible. As Jesus was being interrogated and faced death, Peter sat outside the courtyard. Multiple people instinctively questioned Peter if he was one of Christ's disciples. Three times Peter denied the charges, thus fulfilling Christ's prophesy that Peter would deny Him.

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Wednesday

September 7

Morning: Proverbs 11-12
Evening: I Corinthians 15:33-58

Conforming to the Norm

“Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, and said unto him . . . make us a king to judge us like all the nations.”
1 Samuel 8:4-5b

Israel rejected God and His plan. Instead of God ruling over them, they wanted a human king like the other nations around them. God gave them a king, and they received the consequences of their choice. In their desire to copy other nations, they brought incalculable grief upon themselves and missed out on the blessing of being ruled by God alone.

If we bring this story forward into the 21st century, we see many parallels. We constantly give up God’s way in order to be like those around us. If only we could momentarily step out of the pages of our own story and see with the clarity of hindsight, we would see that we do many things to be like others and reject God in the process. Many times I have not stopped to evaluate my choices through the lens of Scripture. I often take the time to pray about decisions, but instead quickly apply popular wisdom.

The Israelites suffered and missed out on great blessings. They failed to believe that God would do the best for them and insisted on fitting in.

Ponder today if you are fully trusting God in every area of life. Living out God’s plan is something you will never regret. ~AJH

Scripture Fill-In

“As far as the east is from the _____, so far hath he removed our _____ from us. Like as a father _____ his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.” Psalm 103:12-14

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the city with the event that took place there.

- ___ 1. Babylon
- ___ 2. Nineveh
- ___ 3. Sodom
- ___ 4. Capernaum
- ___ 5. Caesarea

- A. Peter wrote the Book of I Peter from this city. (I Pt. 5:13)
- B. Nahum prophesied against this city. (Nahum 1:1)
- C. Lot lived in this city. (Gen. 13:12)
- D. This city was the home of Philip, the evangelist. (Acts 21:8)
- E. Tribute money was miraculously found in the mouth of a fish. (Mt. 17:24-27)

Quote of the Day

“In doing what we ought we deserve no praise, because it is our duty.” ~Saint Augustine

Thursday

September 8

Faith

*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”
Hebrews 11:1*

Some would say that faith is for those who are weak. They need something to believe in other than themselves because they are not strong enough on their own. They have an easier time blindly following a “vapor” than accepting the “facts.”

For some, facts only include the things that they can understand with their limited mind. There are facts that prove electricity and how an auto engine works. Most people require neither of these raw facts or the ability to understand them to drive or turn on a light. They blindly expect the light to turn on and the car to start.

Faith is facts. These simple facts are built on the trust in a God Who has never failed to keep His word. Throughout the books of the Bible, men and women have chosen both to trust in Jehovah and to turn their backs on Him. In both cases, their faith has come to pass.

Those who would deny the truth of God’s Word will receive exactly what God said they would. With their apostasy firmly planted, they receive the judgment of God’s wrath. By not placing their faith in Him, they will never enjoy the fellowship of His love or the blessing of His peace.

Conversely, those who squarely build their entire life on the promise of God’s faithfulness have not returned empty-handed. Their hope is

Morning: *Proverbs 13-14*
Evening: *I Corinthians 16*

not built upon the temporal things of this earth. They have a blessed hope of Christ’s return and the peace that transcends the trial of this age. Although they may never physically see with their eyes, the hope within them provided by the Holy Spirit leads them to trust Him all the more. ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

“As far as the east is from the _____, so far hath he removed our _____ from us. Like as a father _____ his children, so the LORD pitieth them that _____ him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.”
Psalm 103:12-14

Bible Quiz

Find the Order: Put a number 1 beside the book that appears first in the New Testament and so forth.

- ___ 1. II Corinthians
- ___ 2. II Timothy
- ___ 3. II John
- ___ 4. II Thessalonians
- ___ 5. II Peter

Quote of the Day

“Faith doesn’t wait until it understands; in that case it would not be faith.” ~Vance Havner

Friday
September 9

Significance of Faith

“And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?” Luke 8:45

Read Luke 8:41-48

Have you ever felt unnoticed? Do you go day after day without a compliment, a word of encouragement? Do you feel that no one really understands the pain you experience day after day, maybe physically or emotionally?

In today’s passage, we meet a woman that was desperate for Jesus to work a miracle in her life. She is given no name in God’s Word. She was just part of a crowd. Although insignificant by worldly standards, Jesus noticed her. He was on the way to heal Jairus’ daughter. Jairus was a ruler in the synagogue. Surely, this man would take priority over the throng of people bombarding Jesus, seeking His attention. In her desperation, the woman reached out to touch Jesus, believing she needed to just touch Him to be healed. Even in the midst of a huge crowd, Jesus knew that the troubled woman had touched Him. He did not keep walking. He did not ignore the cry for help. He stopped. This woman, although just one of the crowd, gained the attention of Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus said, *“Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.”* What set this woman apart from the crowd? Very simply, she believed; she had faith.

Morning: Proverbs 15-16

Evening: II Corinthians 1

Fellow believers, Jesus delights in showing mercy. *“The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.”* (Ps. 145:8) He is pleased by those who exhibit faith. James 5:15 says, *“And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.”* No matter how insignificant you feel, God notices YOU. Come to him in faith. ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“As far as the east is from the _____, so far hath he removed our _____ from us. Like as a father _____ his children, so the LORD pitieth them that _____ him. For he knoweth our _____; he remembereth that we are dust.” Psalm 103:12-14

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false, according to today’s passage.

- _____ 1. The woman had be sick for 10 years.
- _____ 2. The woman declared in front of all the people what she had done and that she was healed immediately.

Quote of the Day

“Faith is: dead to doubts, dumb to discouragements, blind to impossibilities.” ~Anonymus

Saturday

September 10

Expectation

Read Matthew 9:18-22

Recently, I was asked this question: “What are you trusting God to do, that ONLY God can do.” To be honest, I had to really search my heart. It is so easy to say prayers, but not expect much to happen. And it is easy to believe that certain situations in life are impossible and couldn’t possibly be solved. I am afraid that a lack of expectancy results in a loss of spiritual victories.

Yesterday, we spent time in Luke 8 and focused our time on the insignificant woman who had faith that Christ would heal her. In Matthew 9, a verse is added to this story that shows this woman’s expectant attitude: “*For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.*” (vs. 21) How beautiful! This woman didn’t even ask to be healed. Her faith was so great that she just thought by touching His clothes healing would come. She expected a miracle, and she was not disappointed.

Are you expecting God to work miracles in your life? Do you go to Him in prayer, knowing that He will give you an answer. Sometimes the answer will not be the one you want. In those times, do you believe that God knows best and do you expect Him to use the situation for His glory? Dear friend, I want to give you a challenge. Today, write a list of situations, people, and challenges that you believe have NO way of being restored. List the people who you think will NEVER accept Christ. Write down situations that have

Morning: Proverbs 17-18
Evening: II Corinthians 2

absolutely NO way of resolving. Then, spend quality time in prayer, giving God your list. Continue in prayer. Don’t just give up after a few days because no miracle has taken place. Keep petitioning your Father. Expect Him to do great things! ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“As far as the east is from the _____, so far hath he removed our _____ from us. Like as a father _____ his children, so the LORD pitieth them that _____ him. For he knoweth our _____; he remembereth that we are _____.” Psalm 103:12-14

Bible Quiz

Completion: Complete the following verses.

1. James 5:16—“Confess your faults one to another, and _____ one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth _____.”
2. Mark 10:52—“And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy _____ hath made thee _____. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.”

Quote of the Day

“We must defend the truth lovingly, winsomely, letting others see in all we do the excellence of him who has called us from darkness into light.” ~Charles Colson

Sunday

September 11

A Great Promise

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18

This verse is one of the great promises of the Bible. Jesus is speaking to Peter and says, “You are Peter (Petros),” which mean “you are a little stone.” Peter was a man of flesh and bones, just as all other men.

Then Jesus said, “And upon this rock (Petra),” which means this large ROCK, “I will build my church.” This ROCK is Christ. It is false doctrine, to teach that Peter is the foundation of the church. I Corinthians 10:4 says, “. . . And that Rock was Christ.” Jesus Christ is the foundation of our salvation (I Cor. 3:10-11), and it is upon this foundation that He will build His church, which is a great promise.

Now here is another great promise, “The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matt. 16:18) When death comes to each person, our soul separates from our body, and our body is laid in the grave. When the rapture of the church takes place, God will open the grave of every believer and catch them up together to meet Him in the clouds, to present Himself a glorious church, without blemish. Therefore, this promise is given that the gates of hell (death) cannot hold down any person that knows Christ as Savior, and is therefore a member of His church. God will literally raise those who are dead in Christ up from the grave. They will meet Christ in the air and receive a resurrected body. Christ conquered death at His

Morning: Proverbs 19-20
Evening: II Corinthians 3

resurrection and became the first to rise from the dead to see death no more. We which believe will one day be raised to life everlasting. Amen! ~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

“For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.” Hebrews 12:3

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Write the promises of God shown in the following Scripture references.

1. John 14:2 - _____

2. Psalm 30:5 - _____

3. I John 1:9 - _____

4. Psalm 75:10 - _____

Quote of the Day

“The sacred promises, though in themselves most sure and precious, are of no avail for the comfort and sustenance of the soul unless you grasp them by faith, plead them in prayer, expect them by hope, and receive them with gratitude.”
~Charles Spurgeon

Monday
September 12

“If-I’d-A-Known-That”

I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.” Galatians 2:21

Have you ever had a “if-I’d-a-known-that” moment? You know what that is! It happens when you spend 25 minutes with a hand pump trying to fill up your air mattress and just as you are putting the plug in someone says, “Dude, you could have used my electric pump.” It happens after the 45 minute drive to your son’s baseball game in Bettsville, Ohio, that is actually in Danbury, Ohio. It happens when you get home from the store with that big ticket item and find the 50% off coupon in the mail box. It is frustrating. You have wasted time, wasted money, or both. It was all unnecessary. If you had only known.

Many people are frustrating themselves in an attempt to make it to Heaven. They might spend time praying repetitive prayers, attending church, doing good deeds, lighting candles, or acting religious in an attempt to make it to Heaven. They might spend money on indulgences, offerings, or heap loads of money on charities in an attempt to appease God. The problem is they are never quite sure if they have done enough.

If that is you, there is good news. Read closely so you will not have another “if-I’d-a-known” moment. Nothing that you do can get you to Heaven. If you could do something to get yourself to Heaven then Jesus Christ would have had an “if-I’d-a-known-that” moment. Jesus would have to say, “if-I’d-a-know-that”

Morning: Proverbs 21-22
Evening: II Corinthians 4

you could get to Heaven by doing good works, I would have never died on the cross.” But Jesus did die for you. If you could get to Heaven any other way, then Christ died in vain. Do not frustrate the grace of God. Stop trying to work your way to Heaven. Trust Christ today! ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“For consider _____ that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.” Hebrews 12:3

Bible Quiz

How Many? Answer the following questions by putting a number 1, 2, or 3 in the blank.

- ____ 1. How many sons did Noah have? (Gen. 6:10)
- ____ 2. Balaam hit his donkey how many times before the animal spoke? (Num. 22:28)
- ____ 3. Each of the 12 gates of pearl mentioned in Revelation 21:21 are made of how many pearls?
- ____ 4. How many mites did the widow give? (Lk. 21:2)

Quote of the Day

“Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God, and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it.” ~A. W. Tozer

Tuesday
September 13

Pre-Exodus

“Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.” Exodus 3:10

The word or act of an exodus means a mass departure. Can you imagine a whole nation on the move at the same time? God told Moses to lead the nation of Israel to the promised land. After Moses gave excuse after excuse, he finally did what God asked him to do. Let's take a look at what I like to call the pre-exodus times; the many times that Moses asked Pharaoh to let his people go.

The First Plague (Exodus 7:14-25)

All of the water in Egypt turned to blood. Then all of the fish of the river died, causing a terrible stench.

The Second Plague (Exodus 8:1-15)

Frogs infested the land and homes.

The Third Plague (Exodus 8:16-19)

Vast swarms of gnats tormented people and animals.

The Fourth Plague (Exodus 8:20-32)

Vast swarms of flies flew through the land, spreading disease.

The Fifth Plague (Exodus 9:1-7)

Disease came on the livestock, but those of the Israelites were unharmed.

The Sixth Plague (Exodus 9:8-12)

Festering boils appeared on people and animals through the land.

The Seventh Plague (Exodus 9:13-35)

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Evening: *II Corinthians 5*

Powerful hail storms that destroyed the standing crops.

The Eighth Plague (Exodus 10:1-20)

Locusts were in such great numbers that the ground was covered with them. They devoured everything that survived the hail storm.

The Ninth Plague (Exodus 10:21-29)

Darkness came over the entire land for three days, but the Israelites had light in Goshen.

The Tenth Plague (Exodus 11:1-10; 12:1-42)

Death of the firstborn brought great sorrow.

~KAH

Scripture Fill-In

“For consider _____ that endured such _____ of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.” Hebrews 12:3

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. What was the reason that God plagued Pharaoh and his house in Genesis 12?

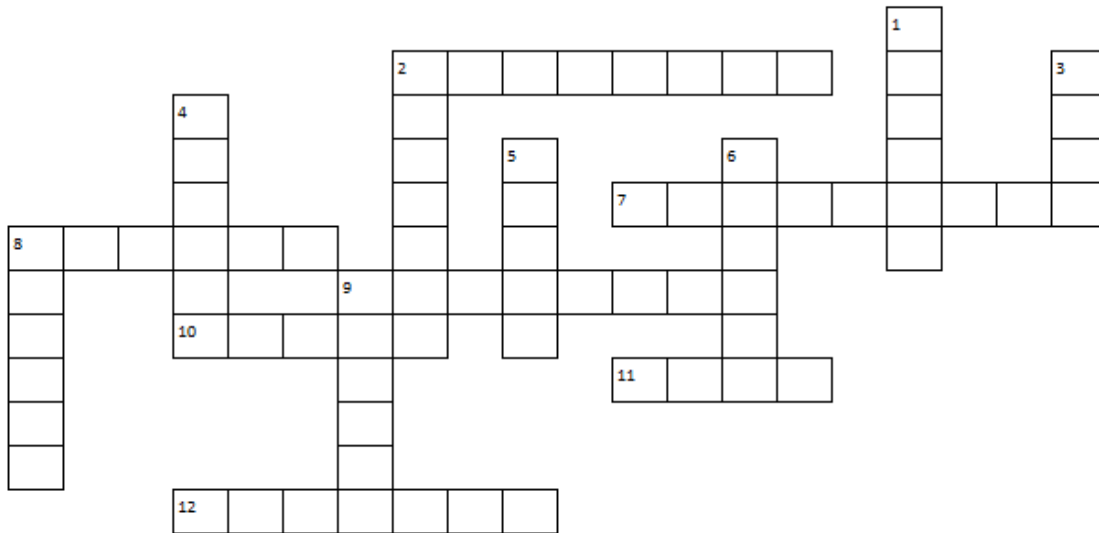
2. What did Pharaoh do to make things right?

Quote of the Day

“When temptation knocks at the door, I ask Jesus to answer.” ~Corrie Ten Boom

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Characters of the Book of Esther



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2. *The cousin who raised Esther (2:6-7)*
7. *King of Persia (1:1)*
8. *Haman's wife (5:14)*
9. *Esther's other name (2:7)*
10. *This man despised Mordecai (3:1-6)*
11. *Father of Mordecai (2:5)*
12. *Father of Esther (9:29)*

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1. *Went before the king without being summoned (5:1-4)*
2. *This man suggested the banishment of the king's first wife (1:16-21)*
3. *The people group Haman planned to destroy (3:6)*
4. *One of the two men that planned to kill the king (2:21)*
5. *He was in charge of the women brought to the king's house (2:8)*
6. *First wife of the king (1:9)*
8. *A chamberlain of the king (1:10)*
9. *Messenger between Esther and Mordecai (4:5-17)*

"And the king loved Esther above all the women."

Esther 2:17

Wednesday

September 14

Morning: Proverbs 25-27
Evening: II Corinthians 6

Jesus, The Divider

“Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: for from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.” Luke 12:51-53

Many people believe that under the title of Christianity the world can be united whether a person is saved or not. They would have a “Let’s just get along attitude.” These would say that Jesus loves everybody. Jesus died for the world. His desire is for all to be united under the banner of His gift of salvation. However, Jesus also brings truth claiming that He alone is the way to the Father. Conformity to His plan, by nature, separates born again believers from those who would see another way to Heaven.

In these verses, Jesus tells His listeners that the message He brings will divide family and friends. His truth established in Scripture puts His people at odds with a fallen society. The message of salvation is good news. It is the hope for eternity, but not everyone will receive this glorious news. Some will choose to reject the simple plan to be saved. Others will gladly receive this free gift.

These two groups are diametrically opposed. Those who truly follow Christ will seek to please Him; this is the number one priority. Those who reject Christ seek to please themselves. Having two different understandings of “success” these different people will be divided.

Jesus unites true believers. Those who have been saved will find that they can never be at

peace with God and with the fallen world at the same time. ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

“For consider _____ that endured such _____ of sinners against _____, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.” Hebrews 12:3

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. Have you ever lost a friendship or relationship because of your belief in Jesus Christ? _____
2. According to our verse for today and the devotional, why would this happen? _____

3. Why is it impossible to be at peace with God and fallen world at the same time?

Quote of the Day

“But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.”
I Corinthians 8:6

Thursday
September 15

Morning: *Proverbs 28-29*
Evening: *II Corinthians 7*

Work While You Can

“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.” John 9:4

Jesus lays out for us a great example in this verse. First Jesus explains that the work is mandatory. He said “I must work the work.” If nothing else happened that day, Jesus was going to accomplish the work before Him.

The work had to be done because it was the work given to Him from His Father in Heaven. For Jesus, doing God’s will was the first priority in his life.

The other reason Jesus was compelled to do the work of the father was that the work would not always be available. There will be a day when the opportunity to serve the Lord will be past. We do not know how many days we have to serve. We do know that one day the opportunity will be over.

In light of this verse, how successful have you been at accomplishing the work that God has given to you? Is it the top priority in your life? ~DLW

Scripture Fill-In

“For consider _____ that endured such _____ of sinners against _____, lest ye be _____ and faint in your minds.” Hebrews 12:3

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the city of the Bible with its description.

- _____ 1. Bethlehem
- _____ 2. Tarshish
- _____ 3. Jericho
- _____ 4. Lystra
- _____ 5. Joppa
- _____ 6. Gomorrah
- _____ 7. Rome

- A. Rahab lived in this city. (Josh. 2:1-24)
- B. Boaz lived in this city. (Ruth 1:1)
- C. Jonah headed toward this city in a boat, away from God’s calling. (Jonah 1:3)
- D. Claudius Caesar demanded all Jews to depart from this city. (Acts 18:2)
- E. This city was destroyed because of its wickedness. (Gen. 19:24-28)
- F. Tabitha also known as Dorcas lived in this city. (Acts 9:36)
- G. Paul fled to this city and healed a crippled man there. (Acts 14:1-10)

Quote of the Day

“There is no greater honor than to be the instrument in God’s hands of leading one person out of the kingdom of Satan into the glorious light of Heaven.” ~D. L. Moody

Faith in Life and Death

“And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.” Genesis 22:5

God promised Abraham, *“I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.”* (Gen. 13:16) However for years and years, Sarah, Abraham’s wife was unable to bear children. Finally, when Abraham and Sarah were past child-bearing years, God blessed them with a son, named Isaac.

In chapter twenty-two of Genesis, God tried Abraham’s faith. He asked him to *“Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.”* (vs. 2) Wow! What a task of obedience for Abraham to perform! The Bible does not indicate that Abraham hesitated in this command. Instead in verse three, we see that Abraham left the next morning for the three day trek.

After arriving in the area where God had instructed Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, Abraham said to the others with him, *“I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.”* (vs. 5) Now, don’t miss this. The compound subject of this verse, Abraham and Isaac, relates to the first verbs “will go” and “worship” and to the next verb “come.” Abraham told the others that he and his son would go worship and that **THEY** would

return. Other versions insert the words “we will” before the latter half of the verse for clarity. Abraham believed that he and his son would come back down the mountain. Commentators believe that Abraham thought that Isaac would be raised from the dead. However, we know that God didn’t even allow the act of obedience to go that far. Abraham believed. He passed the test. God saw Abraham’s faith, and Isaac was spared.

How about you? How is your faith? Are you passing the test in front of you? ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“For consider _____ that endured such _____ of sinners against _____, lest ye be _____ and _____ in your minds.” Hebrews 12:3

Bible Quiz

Who Does Not Belong? Choose the person(s) and thing(s) which do not fit in the biblical account.

Gideon’s Prayer Tests: Judges 6:36-40

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| A. Gideon | E. Dew |
| B. God | F. Rain |
| C. 1000 men | G. Deer skin |
| D. Fleece of wool | |

Quote of the Day

“A different world cannot be built by indifferent people.” ~Peter Marshall

Saturday

September 17

Attributes of a Successful Church

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.” Acts 2:1

Though the second chapter of Acts is not necessarily the founding of the church, at least it is a picture of the church at its peak service for Christ. Let us notice the attributes of a successful church as we study Acts 2.

1. They were all with one accord. (Acts 2:1)
2. They were in one place. (Acts 2:1)
3. The power of God was there. (Acts 2:3-13)
4. There was preaching. (Acts 2:14-40)
5. There were conversions. (Acts 2:41)
6. Baptism took place. (Acts 2:41b)
7. There were additions to the Church. (Acts 2:41c)
8. They studied the Bible. (Acts 2:42)
9. There was fellowship. (Acts 2:42)
10. They broke bread. (Acts 2:42)
11. They continued in prayer. (Acts 2:42)
12. They praised God. (Acts 2:47)
13. They had favor with all the people. (Acts 2:47b)
14. The Lord added to the church. (Acts 2:47c)

When people think of Acts chapter two, too often they think only of Pentecost as a once-for-all situation. We should think of it as the regular condition for the church. Let us ask God to help us be the kind of church, that will glorify Him. ~OV

Morning: Ecclesiastes 1-3

Evening: II Corinthians 9

Scripture Fill-In

“For consider _____ that endured such _____ of sinners against _____, lest ye be _____ and _____ in your _____.” Hebrews 12:3

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. List some of things about your church in which you are thankful:

2. Is there someone within your church that needs encouragement? What can you do to encourage? _____

3. What are some tangible ways that you can help build your church? _____

Quote of the Day

“Churchgoers are like coals of fire. When they cling together they keep the flame aglow; when they separate they die out.” ~Billy Graham

Sunday

September 18

Morning: Ecclesiastes 4-6
Evening: II Corinthians 10

I Shall Behold Him

“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.” Job 19:25-27

The favorite hymn sung for decades, “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth,” is taken from this precious section of Scripture in the book of Job.

Job’s friends have spoken cruelly to him implying that he has sown iniquity and has brought the wrath of God upon himself. Job has lost all ten children, his wealth, nearly all his servants, and his own personal health; and Job declares his innocence in evil partaking. To be falsely accused is no fun for anyone; that in itself brings heartache and suffering.

So, here is Job in an almost unimaginable situation on earth and being rebuked by his friends for things that they know not. His figurative language in chapter six and verse three is an attempt to help his friends to understand his grief. He claims he wishes he could weigh it for *“it would be heavier than the sand of the sea.”*

Job speaks much about death. No doubt he was close to death, and we see he even longed for it. In chapter six verse nine, Job says, *“Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!”*

Then in chapter fourteen verse fourteen, he asks, *“If a man die, shall he live again?”* Then, in our verse for today, Job answers that question. *“For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.”* This is an Old Testament declaration of a bodily resurrection!

Next, is the apogee for Job. All comfort is stated in verse 27: *“Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.”* What a day that will be when we see our Redeemer with our own eyes. What awe and glory we will behold! ~NBM

Scripture Fill-In

“For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?” Hebrews 12:6-7

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false.

- ___ 1. There will be a war in Heaven someday. (Rev. 12:7-9)
- ___ 2. Satan does not have access to Heaven. (Rev. 12:7-9)
- ___ 3. There will be a holy temple in Heaven. (Rev. 21:22)

Monday
September 19

Unwavering Trust

“Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.” Job 13:15

My earthly father is eighty-seven years old, and I am still comforted by him even though he is in assisted living and needs others to care for him. Growing up, I really had no fears about being taken care of properly. The coal delivery came every fall; my dad went to work even though sick; he was at my rescue if I got a bad phone call; and he made sure his family was in a good church all the time. I could name many more provisions that came through my father. The bottom line is that I could trust my dad to care for me. He was a safe anchor. Even when I did not understand his thinking, his discipline, or his withholdings, it was for my betterment.

In our continuation of studying Job from yesterday, I would like for you to think about how Job took his place by his Heavenly Father throughout the book. Job’s utter trust never failed. Job did not charge God foolishly (Job 1:22). Job did not sin with his mouth against God the Father after his personal loss (Job 2:10). Job’s friends continually tortured him with their words that God was making things just in Job’s life due to his sin, which they had no knowledge, of course. Job declares God’s justice in chapter nine and acknowledges his Father’s omnipotence in chapter thirteen. He tells his friends in chapter thirteen that he desires to speak to the Almighty, his Father. The clincher is in verse fifteen: *“Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him.”* Wow! He knew it was safe to stand by the side of his Father

Morning: Ecclesiastes 7-9

Evening: II Corinthians 11:1-15

when all of life’s odds were against him. Even if it looked like his own Heavenly Father were against him, Job demonstrated an undeniable faith.

Job stood alone. He knew his Father. Yes, and God knew Job. Job remained by his Father, and his Father remained by Job. ~NBM

Scripture Fill-In

“For whom the Lord _____ he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?” Hebrews 12:6-7

Bible Quiz

Who Does Not Belong? Choose the person(s) which do not fit in the Biblical account.

Achan’s Sin and Punishment: Joshua 7

- A. Achan and his family
- B. Joshua
- C. The Philistines
- D. The men of Ai
- E. Moses
- F. The Moabites
- G. The Israelites

Quote of the Day

“Pain and suffering do not cause the greatest damage in times of trial. Confusion is the factor that shreds one’s faith.” ~James Dobson

Tuesday
September 20

God's Chastening

"Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty." Job 5:17

God pities a believer just as a father pities his son. He also chastens a believer just as a good father will chasten a disobedient child. God's chastening is evidence that a person is a true believer. The Bible indicates, if you are never chastened, you are not really saved.

Happiness follows obedient actions. God's persistent love and correction will ultimately cause a person to obey; and when he obeys, he will be happy. Therefore, we should not despise God's chastening because it is evidence of His love and will make us more Christ-like.

On a personal note, my father's correction was never pleasant, but it resulted in my being a better person, and many times safer from the dangers of childhood. It is a lesson well learned when you realize disobedience to God will ultimately hurt in some way. If you learn the lesson early in life, it will save you from more severe punishment or hurt.

Wise is the person who learns to listen and to obey. Foolish is the one who rejects God's instruction and chastening. Each time we learn to respond well to His chastening, we mature in Christ. If we fail to heed God's correction, it will probably be a lesson we will have to learn again.

You can be sure God will finish the work. He doesn't make any mistakes; and when He saved us, He set us apart and began to help us

Morning: *Ecclesiastes 10-12*

Evening: *II Corinthians 11:16-33*

mature through His love, protection, and chastening. He will never lose a convert, but He will chasten them. ~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

"For whom the Lord _____ he _____, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" Hebrews 12:6-7

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Which man did God tell Samuel that He would judge because of wickedness in the family in I Samuel 3:10-14?
A. Samuel C. Eli
B. King Saul D. Gideon
2. What term(s) did Jesus use for the sinful Pharisees in Matthew 23:33?
A. Generation of vipers
B. Serpents
C. Lunatics
D. Avengers of wrath
E. All of the above
F. A & B
G. A, B, & C

Quote of the Day

"It does not spoil your happiness to confess your sin. The unhappiness is in not making the confession."
~Charles Spurgeon

Don't Deny Christ

By Derek Merrin *Continued from pg page 8*

Peter may have been very scared. At that moment, if he would have stood with Christ, he may have faced death himself. It is possible Peter was ashamed at the whole situation or his faith in Christ was simply shaken.

Have you ever denied being associated with Christ? Many Christians are embarrassed to tell others they attend church or to say the name of their church. Some Christians fear their employer will look down upon them if they self-identify themselves as followers of Christ. Are you proud to associate yourself with Jesus Christ?

Common Denial: This is a frequent way Christians deny Christ. It is where Christians fail to inform their relatives, co-workers, and friends of their true "devotion" to Jesus Christ. Don't get me wrong—They know you're a Christian, but they don't know the importance you place on Christ. They don't know you attend church weekly, you tithe, faithfully read devotionals, and actively serve Christ when they are not around. This is the case with many co-workers of Christians. Are you denying Christ in this way? If so, make a commitment to let everyone around you know how important Jesus Christ is in your life.

Denial by Omission: Many Christians deny Christ by simple omission; they simply fail to proclaim Christ. They never witness to unsaved people nor do they let anyone around them know they are a Christian. Let's say you take your spouse to your company's annual picnic. If you never informed anyone that your

spouse was accompanying you, how would your spouse feel? It would probably be a long ride home. If you have spent the last twenty years being a Christian, how do think Christ feels that you have not introduced Him to anyone yet? The good news is Christ has not left you. He's still with you and waiting to meet your friends. Let's start the introductions!

As a Christian, have you denied Christ? If so, you are not alone. However, it's time to stop denying Him. Make this a month, September, a time where you proudly proclaim Christ. When you proclaim Christ, I guarantee you that He will not be ashamed of you.

EVALUATION

1. When was the last time you shared Christ with someone?
2. Which form(s) of denial do you find yourself committing?
3. When was the most recent time you denied Christ?
4. Has the Lord prompted you recently to share your faith with someone? Do you plan on being obedient?
5. When did you last give someone a Gospel tract?
6. Can you relate to the Apostle Peter's experience of denying Christ?
7. How can you be a more faithful witness for Christ?

Wednesday

September 21

In the Beginning

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

The definition of the word beginning is the first existence of something; in this case, something being creation. The above verse describes the actual transformation of invisible energy into all of the fundamental physical matter as we know it. It is hard to comprehend that in seven literal days our world and all in it was created. Let’s review these first seven days.

Day 1: Heaven and earth were created; He made day and night.

Day 2: Firmament came into existence that separated the water from the waters which were above the firmament.

Day 3: The waters separated from the dry land, and the dry land was to bring forth seeds, trees yielding fruit.

Day 4: God put all the stars, sun, and moon into place.

Day 5: All fowl and sea creatures were created.

Day 6: Land animals came into existence. Man was created.

Day 7: God rested.

John 1:1-3 states, *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”*

Morning: Song of Solomon 1-3

Evening: II Corinthians 12

This is just a simple devotion with a powerful look at how great our God is! Stop and reflect on our awesome God. ~KAH

Scripture Fill-In

“For whom the Lord _____ he _____, and scourgeth _____ son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?” Hebrews 12:6-7

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the biblical character with his description.

____ 1. Abiasaph (Ex. 6:24)

____ 2. Doeg (I Samuel 22:18-19)

____ 3. Heman (I Kings 4:31)

____ 4. Chenaniah (I Chron. 15:22)

____ 5. Shobab (I Chron. 2:18)

- A. A son of Korah
- B. Killed 85 priests
- C. A man mentioned for his wisdom, to whom Solomon was compared
- D. A son of Caleb
- E. Chief of the Levites

Quote of the Day

“God commands us to be filled with the Spirit; and if we aren’t filled, it’s because we’re living beneath our privileges.” ~D. L. Moody

Thursday

September 22

The Apostle Thomas

“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”
John 14:6

Thomas has been called “doubting Thomas.” This comes from the fact that he doubted the resurrection of Christ. His doubting was to our benefit, however. Augustine said, “He doubted that we might not doubt.”

When Jesus spoke of going to prepare a place for the apostles, Thomas said, *“Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way?”* In answer to this, we have the great statement of John 14:6: *“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*

Much knowledge can be acquired simply by asking questions of wise people. We should learn all we can. When Thomas learned all he could about Jesus, he was then threatened with death if he did not stop preaching Christ. He refused to stop preaching and was martyred.

It is interesting that the martyrs did not die because of their belief; they died because they propagated their belief. They did not die because of conviction; they died because of their practice. They did not die because of doctrine; they died because of spreading true doctrine. The world does mind our believing something. The Devil does not mind our having a doctrine or even, perhaps, having a worship service. Persecution comes when we try to spread the truth to others just like Thomas did. ~OV

Morning: Song of Solomon 4-5

Evening: II Corinthians 13

Scripture Fill-In

“For whom the Lord _____ he _____, and scourgeth _____ son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God _____ with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?” Hebrews 12:6-7

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false.

- ____ 1. Thomas was also called Didymus. (Jn. 11:16)
- ____ 2. Thomas was present at Lazarus’ grave. (Jn. 11)
- ____ 3. Thomas said, “Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?” (Jn. 14:5)
- ____ 4. Thomas saw the nail prints in Jesus’ hands a couple weeks after the resurrection. (Jn. 20:25-26)

Quote of the Day

“In the cross is health, in the cross is life, in the cross is protection from enemies, in the cross is heavenly sweetness, in the cross strength of mind, in the cross joy of the Spirit, in the cross the height of virtue, in the cross perfection of holiness.”
~Thomas A Kempis

Friday
September 23

Christ-Like Living

“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” Galatians 5:25

Some things in life can be described by the following phrases: “It’s a no-brainer!” “It’s not rocket science.” “It’s a piece of cake.”

Several years ago, after a small car accident, my wife and I needed to replace our main vehicle. The car that was wrecked was a 2001 model for which we still owed *four* years worth of payments plus the interest compounded on the loan. It had over 80,000 miles on the engine and only got about 18-20 MPG. After talking to a car salesman, we found out that we could buy a brand new 2007 model car with 32 miles on it which averaged 27-30 MPG. After using the money we received from the insurance money, we would have *three* years of car payments at 0% interest. Our car payment would go up by about \$7 per month (\$96 per year), but our insurance payment would go down by about \$100 per year. A newer car, with 0% interest, to be paid off in one less year, in which I would get 7-10 MPG better gas mileage and would actually save me \$4 per year in payments: it was a “no-brainer.”

Buying a car is a decision that should not be taken lightly, but that decision was easy. Our spiritual life, obviously, should not be taken lightly, but the Apostle Paul reminds us that there is a part that is a “no-brainer.” *“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”* In other words, since you are a Christian, act like a Christian! “It’s not rocket science!” The way you behave should reflect Whose you are. You

Morning: *Song of Solomon 6-8*

Evening: *Galatians 1*

will never have to question whether or not you should live like a Christian. To be Christian literally means, “Christ-like.” Since you have life in Christ, act like you are Christ’s! ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“For whom the Lord _____ he _____, and scourgeth _____ son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God _____ with you as with _____; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?” Hebrews 12:6-7

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the event with the Scripture passage in which it can be found.

- _____ 1. Solomon’s judgment concerning the babies of two prostitutes
- _____ 2. The sun moved positions as a sign to King Hezekiah.
- _____ 3. Samson killed a lion.

- A. II Kings 20:1-11
- B. Judges 14:1-6
- C. I Kings 3:16-28

Quote of the Day

“I have had more trouble with myself than with any other man.” ~D. L. Moody

Saturday

September 24

Morning: *Isaiah 1-3*
Evening: *Galatians 2*

Crucified with Christ

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.” John 12:24-25

People are always trying to "find themselves" when God says "lose yourself" and you will find life. One little kernel of corn won't feed anyone nor amount to much; but if it is planted in the ground and dies, it will produce a thousand kernels. So it is with our lives. Your little ole life will not amount to much, but if you plant it in the spiritual ground for the Lord, it will produce a hundred fold. *“But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”* (Mt. 13:23)

Paul said, *“I am crucified with Christ.”* (Gal 2:20) No wonder he produced a hundred fold and then some. A preacher's wife wrote to Dear Abby one day and complained about how demanding the people were in their church; she and her husband did not have any time for themselves. She had not planted her life for the Lord. She was not "crucified." She was very much alive and wanted her "rights."

Paul said, *“I die daily.”* (I Cor. 15:31) Die to yourself daily, and see God work through you to minister to others – that will last for eternity. No Christian should ever be "off duty" from serving the Lord and ministering to oth-

ers. You do not have to look very far or hard to find someone who needs you and above all needs the Lord. Oh, what ecstasy to lead them to Christ!

It is summed up in Romans 12:1: *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”* Start living by dying. Those who are dead to self are the ones God uses for He will then get the glory. ~SW

Scripture Fill-In

“For whom the Lord _____ he _____, and scourgeth _____ son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God _____ with you as with _____; for what son is he whom the _____ chasteneth not?”
Hebrews 12:6-7

Bible Quiz

Unscramble: Unscramble a couple of the words found in the Bible verse for today.

_____ 1. H E T A W

_____ 2. E E R T A L N

Quote of the Day

“Faith in God will not get you everything you may want, but it will get for you what God wants you to have.”
~Vance Havner

Sunday

September 25

Looking Ahead

“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”
II Corinthians 4:17

Driving instructors tell new drivers to look ahead down the road in order to stay in the lines and see what is coming. The tendency is to look right in front of the car which prevents the driver from seeing the turns and curves ahead.

Life is like that too, focusing on where we are going helps us get there. If we become focused on the immediate and forget about what life is truly about, we will not remain faithful; and the Christian life will not seem worth it at times. But, if we remember that weight of glory ahead, we will have the strength to push through this light affliction and strive forward. The afflictions Paul was speaking of in Corinthians probably would not seem “light” to us now. Yet, he counted it light in comparison to that which he knew the future held. He had grasped the great truth of future comfort and reward with God.

I have spent countless hours in activities that were a complete waste of time. They reaped no benefits for me or anyone else. I regret those wasted hours now. We have one lifetime of unknown length in which to serve Jesus. Look ahead; plan for a future that will count for eternal glory. Do not allow yourself to become distracted by the rough road; look forward to the destination which will make it all worth it. ~AJD

Morning: *Isaiah 4-6*
Evening: *Galatians 3*

Scripture Fill-In

“Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.”
Hebrews 12:9-10

Bible Quiz

Name that Tune: Match the lyrics to the hymn in which it is found.

- _____ 1. “A wonderful Savior is Jesus, my Lord, a wonderful Savior to me.”
- _____ 2. “Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.”
- _____ 3. “In mansions of glory and endless delight, I’ll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright.”
- _____ 4. “Heir of salvation, purchased of God; born of His Spirit washed in His blood.”

- A. My Jesus, I Love Thee
- B. Holy, Holy, Holy
- C. He Hideth My Soul
- D. Blessed Assurance

Quote of the Day

“Our Father refreshes on the journey with some pleasant inns, but will not encourage us to mistake them for home.” ~C. S. Lewis

Monday
September 26

Singing the Lord's Song

*"By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion."
Psalm 137:1*

The Jews were a singing and harp-playing people. They were known in the surrounding nations as being musically inclined. When they were in Babylon, the Babylonians wanted to hear them play and sing, so they came to them and asked them to sing a song (Psalm 137:3). The Jews replied that they were in a strange land and they could not sing. They did not have a song in their hearts, and they had hung their harps in the willow trees (Psalm 137:2,4).

The Jews were in bondage—the Babylonian people wanting them to sing—and their not wanting to sing because they are in a strange land. How sad this is! If ever the Jews ought to sing, it was in a strange land. They could sing at home where the heathen could not hear, but they had an opportunity to witness for the Lord, and they refused to do so! Their song was needed. Their songs have been sung. Jerusalem had been destroyed. The temple had been destroyed. The walls and gates had been torn down. The Jews were homesick, lonely for the promised land, and because of this, they refused to sing.

How tragically true this is today. Christian people sing at church, rejoice at church, testify at church, preach at church, teach at church; yet on the job where they need to sing the songs of the Lord, they are strangely silent. May God help us to sing the Lord's song in the strange land. ~OV

Morning: *Isaiah 7-9*
Evening: *Galatians 4*

Scripture Fill-In

"Furthermore we have had _____ of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness."
Hebrews 12:9-10

Bible Quiz

Name that Tune: Match the lyrics with the title of the hymn of the faith.

- ____ 1. "So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus."
- ____ 2. "From victory unto victory, His army shall He lead."
- ____ 3. "Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?"
- ____ 4. "He hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat."

- A. Softly and Tenderly
- B. Majesty
- C. The Battle Hymn of the Republic
- D. Stand Up for Jesus

Quote of the Day

"Praise is the rehearsal of our eternal song."
~Charles Spurgeon

Tuesday
September 27

Bible Reading

*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”
II Timothy 3:16*

The Bible is a library of God’s Word and to read it through is very profitable. There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament, for a total of 66 books. Here are some tips to reading your Bible through in a year.

First, set aside a definite time every day to read your Bible. Consider this time as your divine appointment with God. **Second**, read the Bible with the knowledge that you are not in a hurry and with anticipation of gleaning what God has for you that day. **Third**, study the Bible. There are many resources to help with Bible study: commentaries, dictionaries, concordances, and atlases. **Fourth**, journal your thoughts as you read through the Bible. You will be amazed at your insights into the Bible as you re-read your journal at a later time. Prayerfully these tips will be helpful to you.

*“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
II Timothy 2:15 ~KAH*

Morning: *Isaiah 10-12*

Evening: *Galatians 5*

Scripture Fill-In

“Furthermore we have had _____ of our flesh which _____ us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.” Hebrews 12:9-10

Bible Quiz

Name that Book: Label each description with the book of the Bible it describes.

_____ 1. This book of the Pentateuch has more chapters than the other four.

_____ 2. This New Testament book was written to the Church of Corinth and contains the “love” chapter.

_____ 3. This book was written on behalf of a servant name Onesimus.

_____ 4. “All is vanity” is a common phrase in this poetic book.

Quote of the Day

“[Revival is a] new beginning of obedience to God . . . Just as in the case of a converted sinner, the first step is a deep repentance, a breaking down of heart, a getting down in the dust before God, with deep humility and a forsaking of sin.”
~Charles Finney

Wednesday

September 28

Morning: *Isaiah 13-15*
Evening: *Galatians 6*

Be Strong in God's Grace

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." II Timothy 2:1

To be strong and yet rely on grace seems to be an oxymoron, the very need for grace is of its self an admission of weakness. The Lord told the Apostle Paul "***My strength is made perfect in weakness.***" When a person is living in Christ's perfect grace, just how strong is that person? The grace that is in Christ is strong enough to save a lost soul. The book of Ephesians tells us that we are saved through grace, by faith. Grace is strong enough to overcome the power of sin for Romans tells us that "***where sin did abound grace did much more abound.***"

When Paul pleaded with God about his thorn in the flesh, God stated "***My grace is sufficient for thee.***" The grace of God is truly sufficient. Throughout the ages, God's grace has given the saints the strength. It is that grace that empowers the Christian to do the will of God, to endure persecution even to the point of death. It gives us the endurance to keep serving through difficult times. When we face those tough times, we are encouraged to come boldly before the throng of grace to find the needed strength to do whatever He has called us to.

Today, we have an important choice to make. We can attempt to face the world, the flesh, and the devil in our own power, or we can rely on God and be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ~DLW

Scripture Fill-In

"Furthermore we have had _____ of our flesh which _____ us, and we gave them _____: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness." Hebrews 12:9-10

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: In the spaces provided, write a prayer to God, asking for strength to live an upright life and for power to overcome temptation.

Quote of the Day

"He who tries to use this world's textbooks on success in the things of the Spirit will end up like the man who offered to sell a set of books on "How to Succeed" for a month's room and board."
~Vance Havner

Thursday
September 29

Morning: *Isaiah 16-18*

Evening: *Ephesians 1*

The Cleansing Power of God

“Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.” Isaiah 59:1-2

God’s power is unlimited. He can save out of the most impossible situations. He is all powerful! He is able to hear the faintest prayer with the smallest amount of faith. So God’s hand (power) is never shortened.

However, verse two explains that our iniquities can separate us from His power. Sin can block our prayers: *“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”* (Ps. 66:18) So the problem is not the power of God or His ability to hear our prayer. However, He will not answer our prayer or use His power when sin has broken our fellowship with Him.

If your prayers are going unanswered, you may have moved away from God. You can be sure it is not because God does not have the power to answer. There is also the possibility that you are praying outside of God’s best for you; and in His goodness, He is not answering.

If you have broken fellowship with God through sin, what is exciting is God’s willingness to restore it. If you will confess your sin to Him, He instantly forgives you and cleanses you of all unrighteousness. So with this restored fellowship, you can immediately have His power back in your life and your prayers can be answered again. ~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

“Furthermore we have had _____ of our flesh which _____ us, and we gave them _____: shall we not much rather be in _____ unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.” Hebrews 12:9-10

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the man who offered forgiveness with the person that transgressed against him.

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| _____ 1. David (I Sam. 24) | A. Adonijah |
| _____ 2. Joseph (Gen. 45) | B. His brothers |
| _____ 3. Solomon (I Ki. 1) | C. Saul |
| _____ 4. Judah (I Ki. 13) | D. Aaron & Miriam |
| _____ 5. Esau (Gen. 33) | E. Jacob |
| _____ 6. Moses (Num. 12) | F. Jeroboam |

Quote of the Day

“We are too Christian really to enjoy sinning, and too fond of sinning really to enjoy Christianity. Most of us know perfectly well what we ought to do; our trouble is that we do not want to do it.” ~Peter Marshall

Friday
September 30

Doing Good for Others

*“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”
Galatians 6:10*

When was the last time you did something good for someone else? In Galatians 5:14, the Apostle Paul reminded his readers that the law of Christ could be fulfilled in one phrase, *“Love thy neighbour as thyself.”* In Galatians 6:2, he reminded his readers that by bearing one another’s burdens, one was actually fulfilling the law of Christ. When we get to Galatians 6:10, we are reminded *when* we are to practice love for others. Paul writes, *“As we have therefore opportunity...”* Whenever we have the chance to do good for someone else, we should do so; but we should especially do good to those who are Christians. Many times this attitude of doing good to others is practiced in the church. Some people need money and others give. Others need time and others sacrifice. But all too often, those who truly want to fulfil the law of Christ by giving of themselves, get taken advantage of by others who seemingly “always” have the problems. Some people in the church are givers. Others are takers. For one reason or another, some people are “down on their luck,” so to speak, and the givers, out of guilt, “fulfil the law of Christ” by doing good for them.

Without a doubt we are to bear one another’s burdens, but ask yourself, “When was the last time I bore someone else’s burden?” Are you “down on your luck”? This passage is

Morning: *Isaiah 19-21*

Evening: *Ephesians 2*

for you too. As you have opportunity, you are to do good for others. Are you a taker? Are you the type that expects others to do good for you because they have more resources? Try giving to others from what you do have, and so “fulfil the law of Christ.” When was the last time you did something good for some one else? ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“Furthermore we have had _____ of our flesh which _____ us, and we gave them _____: shall we not much rather be in _____ unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our _____, that we might be partakers of his holiness.” Hebrews 12:9-10

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Answer the following questions, based on today’s devotional in the spaces provided.

1. Who wrote Galatians? _____
2. When should we do good for someone else? _____

Quote of the Day

“If life is to have meaning, and if God’s will is to be done, all of us have to accept who we are and what we are, give it back to God, and thank Him for the way He made us. What I am is God’s gift to me; what I do with it is my gift to Him.”
~Warren Wiersbe

Once Upon A Time . . .

By **Monica F. Vernot**

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Princess Annabelle. She was a delightful little creature with round, chubby, red cheeks and golden ringlets that cascaded down her back. The princess loved to laugh. Her little giggle could be heard in the courtyard throughout each and every day.

Annabelle had a dream that someday she would find her Prince Charming who would take her to far away lands We all know how this little story will end. Annabelle will become a beautiful woman whose heart every young man in the kingdom yearns to capture. One day, she will meet her knight in shining armour, fall hopelessly in love, and live happily ever after.

Oh, the classic fairytale! Even though the ending to most of them is apparent from the very first page, these stories of indescribable bliss seem to daze readers. People want to believe that “the fairytale” could happen to them. Unfortunately, because of sin, a perfectly blissful world does not exist on earth, but people keep searching. They search for the perfect man and perfect car. They train for the perfect job and perfect body. They look for the perfect house and the perfect friends. But in the end, perfect is never found. I can’t help but think of King Solomon’s words, “All is vanity.”

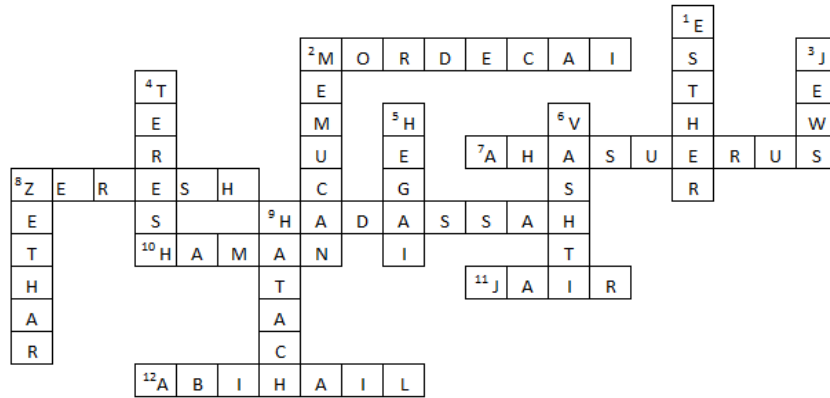
However, amidst the “gloom and doom” that the world has to offer, Christ gave this hope: ***“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a***

place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” (Jn. 14:1-3) If you have repented of your sins and have trusted in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, He is preparing a place for YOU! What wonderful words of hope in a sinful world!

Let’s learn a little bit more about our future home. First, God Himself is there. (Mk. 16:19) How incredible it will be to finally be in the presence of God! Secondly, God will be the sole light. Revelation 21:23 says, ***“And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.”*** Third, there will be rest in Heaven. (Rev. 14:13) Work will be done. We will enjoy sweet fellowship with our Saviour. Fourth, there will be no corruption. Matthew 6:20 says, ***“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.”*** Finally, there are pleasures and fullness of joy in Heaven. Psalm 16:11 says, ***“Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”***

Oh dear Christian, it is so easy to become entangled in the cares of this world. Have you found yourself looking for the “next best thing” in life? Are you weary from the quest to find your perfect fairytale? Stop searching. Live for the Lord Jesus Christ and Him alone. Delight in the hope that absolute perfection lies within Heaven’s gates. Only there will you live happily ever after.

Cross-Word Puzzle



Word Search



Bible Quizzes

- Sept. 1 Pg. 2 Answers will vary.
 Sept. 2 Pg. 3 1. B 2. C
 Sept. 3 Pg. 4 1. F 2. T 3. F
 Sept. 4 Pg. 5 1. Justified 2. Believed 3. Works
 4. Faith 5. Flesh
 Sept. 5 Pg. 6 1. B 2. E 3. A 4. C 5. D
 Sept. 6 Pg. 7 1. E 2. C 3. B
 Sept. 7 Pg. 9 1. A 2. B 3. C 4. E 5. D
 Sept. 8 Pg. 10 1. 1 2. 3 3. 5 4. 2 5. 4
 Sept. 9 Pg. 11 1. F 2. T
 Sept. 10 Pg. 12 1. Pray, much 3. Faith, whole

Bible Quizzes

- Sept. 11 Pg. 13 1. Jesus is preparing a place for His children. 2. Sorrow will end. 3. God will forgive sins. 4. The wicked will be cut off, and the righteous will be exalted.
 Sept. 12 Pg. 14 1. 3 2. 3 3. 1 4. 2
 Sept. 13 Pg. 15 1. Pharaoh took Sarah. 2. He sent Abraham and Sarah away.
 Sept. 14 Pg. 17 Answers will vary.
 Sept. 15 Pg. 18 1. B 2. C 3. A 4. G 5. F
 6. E 7. D
 Sept. 16 Pg. 19 C, F & G
 Sept. 17 Pg. 20 Answers will vary.
 Sept. 18 Pg. 21 1. T 2. F 3. F
 Sept. 19 Pg. 22 1. C, E & F
 Sept. 20 Pg. 23 1. C 2. F
 Sept. 21 Pg. 25 1. A 2. B. 3. C 4. E 5. D
 Sept. 22 Pg. 26 1. T 2. T 3. T 4. F
 Sept. 23 Pg. 27 1. C 2. A 3. B
 Sept. 24 Pg. 28 1. Wheat 2. Eternal
 Sept. 25 Pg. 29 1. C 2. B 3. A 4. D
 Sept. 26 Pg. 30 1. B 2. D 3. A 4. C
 Sept. 27 Pg. 31 1. Genesis 2. I Corinthians
 3. Philemon 4. Ecclesiastes
 Sept. 28 Pg. 32 Answers will vary.
 Sept. 29 Pg. 33 1. C 2. B 3. A 4. F 5. E 6. D
 Sept. 30 Pg. 34 1. Paul 2. Whenever we get the chance