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*For we being
many are one bread,
and one body:
for we are all partakers of
that one bread.
1 Corinthians 10:17*

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

The Righteous Scarcely Saved?

“And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?” 1 Peter 4:18.

Many Christians appeal to 1 Peter 4:18 to say that if we do our best as Christians, we will barely be saved. Consequently, many Christians do not have confidence about their salvation. God wants us to know that we have eternal life that our joy may be full (1 John 1:4; 5:13). God does not want us to live in continual anxiety about our eternal destinies, but rather to have confidence at Christ’s coming (1 John 2:28). Does 1 Peter 4:18 tell us that we, as Christians, will barely be saved?

First Peter is a book about suffering. In 1 Peter 4:12, Peter begins talking about the trials that will soon come upon the Christians that were the original recipients of this letter. The time leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 was fraught with wars and persecutions from various groups (Matt. 24:6-12). Nero set fire to Rome and blamed Christians; thus, Roman persecution of Christians was a danger. The Jewish arm of persecution on Christians reached beyond Jerusalem to other cities that were strongholds for Judaism (Acts 9:2; 14:19; 17:5-9; 26:11). These Christians were about to suffer because they owned Christ as their Lord. They were encouraged by Peter to rejoice for the reason they were persecuted was “for the name of Christ” (1 Peter 4:14).

In 1 Peter 4:17, Peter talks about an imminent judgment. We know that he cannot be referring to the final judgment because as we stand here today it has yet to come. Nearly 2,000 years away would not be described as “the time has come” (1 Peter 4:17). The judgment is a period of severe trial upon the church, the house of God (1 Tim. 3:15); this would take place in the years leading up to the Roman-Jewish War. Thus, in 1 Peter 4:18, Peter is not talking about the salvation of their souls from sin, but rather the salvation of their lives from the bloodshed in this upcoming war. When Peter talked about their souls being saved, he painted a very different picture. In 2 Peter 1:11, he writes, “For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” These then must be different salvations, for one is said to be scarce while the other is abundant. The Christians who obeyed Jesus’ warnings of Matthew 24:4-35 would barely be saved from the bloodshed of the severe trial that was soon to come upon the church, but Christians who walk in the light of God’s commands are given an abundant entrance into the heavenly kingdom.

Take heart, Christian brothers and sisters. Jesus is the captain of your salvation (Heb. 2:10), and because of who He is, those who are saved do not barely squeak by, but dwell in the love of God and are made whole, that boldness may be theirs in the day of judgment (1 John 4:14-18). - Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM- "Who Is God?"

PM- "Take Heed"

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:11-14

Dates to Remember

Jan 17– elders, deacons, preachers meet-4:30p

Jan 17– youth devotional-annex– 7p– hosted by Brad & Jennifer Morris

Jan 19– Prime-timers– 10am- annex

Jan 23– Lauren Conley Babies Shower– 1p– annex

Jan 24– guest speaker– Ralph Brewer, Potter Children's Home Executive Director

Jan 26– Prime-timers– 10am- annex

Jan 29– Ladies Luncheon–O'Charley's– 12:30p

Jan 30– Ernie & Sharon Perry's 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration– annex- 5p-7p

Jan 31– 5th Sunday, Preachers Answer Your Bible Questions

Feb 2– Prime-timers– 10am- annex

Feb 6– Sweethearts Banquet– 6pm

Feb 9– Prime-timers– 10am- annex

Feb 16– Prime-timers– 10am- annex

Feb 21– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

Feb 21– Youth devo-7p- annex– hosted by Matt & Tammy Vonderheide

Feb 23– Prime-timers– 10am- annex

Feb 26-28– Christian Youth Conference

Mar 1– Prime-timers– 10am- annex

Mar 8– Prime-timers– 10am- annex

Mar 13– Youth devo– 7p-annex– hosted by Nathan & Davonne Parks

Mar 15– Prime-timers– 10am- annex

Mar 19– Anna Bean's Baby Shower– dtf

Mar 20– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

Mar 22– Prime-timers– 10am- annex

Mar 25-27– Lads 2 Leaders Convention-Tenn.

Mar 29– Prime-timers– 10am- annex

Apr 5– Prime-timers– 10am- annex

Apr 8– Parents Night Out– 6p– annex

Apr 10-13– Gospel Meeting w/ Phil Sanders

Apr 11-13– Bible Study– 10am– auditorium

Apr 17– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

Apr 19– Prime-timers– 10am- annex

Guest Speaker Jan. 23rd

On Sunday, January 24th, Ralph Brewer, the Executive Director of the Potter Children's Home & Family Ministries, will give a presentation at 9:45am and preach the morning sermon.

Babies Shower

On Saturday, January 23rd, at 1pm, you are invited to a Babies Shower for Lauren and Jordan Conley who are expecting twin girls. The shower will be given in the annex by Denise Smith, Beverly Conley, and Jennifer Morris. Lauren is registered at Wal-Mart, Amazon.com and Babies-R-Us.

50th Anniversary Invitation

Everyone is invited to join Ernie and Sharon Perry celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, January 30th. The event will be in the annex from 5-7pm. RSVP on the foyer board.

Memory Verse Challenge

In 2016, everyone will be given an opportunity to participate in a new memory verse challenge almost every week. Every Sunday evening sermon will be based on one verse, the memory verse for that week. You may turn it in at the box on the office desk.

Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?
Why not today?



Gauging Our Faith

	01/10/16	Goal	01/11/15
Bible Study	110	110	76
AM Worship	155	150	125
PM Worship	76	110	81
Mid Week	91	110	70
Contribution:	\$6,635.00	\$5500.00	\$4528.00

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER:

AM: Dan Stone

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Mark Parks

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Denny Deskins,
Bobby Edmonds, Lowell Parsley,
Michael Perry, Mitch Stafford,
Tim Hammond, Daniel Goshorn

Presiding PM: Nathan Parks

Assisting: David Smith

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Matt Vonderheide

PM: Don Music

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Dan Stone

PRAYER: J.C. Hughes

DEVOTIONAL: Jordan Conley

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Greg Conley

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

COORDINATOR: Brad Morris

Memory Verse

Jan 17th- 1 Corinthians 10:12

your name _____

witnessed by _____

January preview:

Jan. 24th- Philippians 4:8

Jan. 31st- 5th Sunday Q&A

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★★ Every Sunday ★★★

Pew Packers at 5:45pm
in the front of the auditorium
-geared to age 12 & under,
but everyone is invited to attend.

Boys: have a song ready to
lead for the group.

★★★ This Evening ★★★

Youth Devotional- 7pm
annex- Brad & Jennifer Morris host
-Bring a snack and a soft drink
to share

