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BE YE STEDFAST, UNMOVEABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD... 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58



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!

Conversion

Conversion is a subject spoken of and exemplified in the pages of the New Testament. When teaching a person their need of becoming a Christian we will often look to the pages of the book of Acts for examples of those converted to Christianity. This is proper and Biblical. However, there are other descriptions of those who became Christian that can be examined as well.

Consider the Thessalonian Christians in the epistle of 1 Thessalonians. In chapter 1 Paul is writing to "the church of the Thessalonians" that were "in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ" (vs. 1). The Gospel had been preached to them (vs. 5) and they had "received the word" (vs. 6). These verses indicate their conversion to Christianity. Now notice the description of their conversion in verses 9-10.

They had "turned to God from idols." The word "turned" means to convert, to turn to. This is from the same root word as "be converted" in Acts 3:19. The Thessalonians had turned from something and they had to turn to someone. They had turned from idols and turned to God. Remember that these people lived in the very shadow of Mt. Olympus, the home of the (false) Greek gods which greatly influenced their lives and culture. We should realize that such a turning demanded: (a) A rejection of the religion embraced by one's parents, grandparents, and relatives. (b) The rejection of that which was "tradition." (c) The rejection of that which was endorsed and believed by society. (d) The rejection of something that had been "drilled" since youth. (e) The rejection of that which contained immoral practices--which were approved by society. We forget that giving up idolatry to these people, was giving up a whole way of life. It was to virtually make oneself an outsider in one's own community.

After they had turned they would "serve the living and true God." The word serve here means to submit to, to yield obedience to God. The tense of the word is such that it indicates continuous obedience. One must realize that one will serve someone or something and one can choose who or what they will serve. Romans 6:16-18 says, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." Being Christian means giving oneself completely in obedience to God for the rest of one's life here on earth. The Thessalonian Christians made a complete about-face turning from dead idols to serve the true and living God.

After they had turned to God and began serving God they then would "wait for his Son from heaven whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus." The word "wait" here means "to wait for one (with the added notion of patience and trust)." Jesus has promised He would return again. (John 14:3). New Testament Christians are to live in a sustained expectation of His return. We do not know the time of His 2nd coming (Mark 13:32) but we are to live such that we are constantly prepared for the time that Jesus will return.

By their obedience to the Gospel, their conversion and continued faithfulness, they would be delivered "from the wrath to come." By our conversion and continued obedience so can we.

-Jerry Sturgill

News & Notes



<u>Sermons Today</u>

AM: "The Apostles' Doctrine"

PM: "Not In Vain"

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 15:54-58

Dates to Remember

Jun 15- Coffee, Tea & Cakes- 8pm- annex

Jun 24 - Ladies Luncheon - 12:30p - Cheddars

Jun 25 – Ladies Day–Grant & Summitt church– Amanda Scott speaking – 12p

Jun 26- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

Jul 3-9- Ft. Hill Youth Camp week

Jul 16- Picnic- 5pm- here

<u>Jul 17</u>– Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meet–annex large classroom -4:30p

Jul 25-29 Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30p

Jul 31 – 5th Sunday Preachers Answer Your Bible Questions – evening service

Aug 7- Ice Cream Social- annex- 7p

Aug 19-25 – Polishing the Pulpit – Sevierville

Sep 6- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Sep 8 – Little School orientation – 7p

Sep 10- Cookout & Singing @ the Scotts

Sep 13 – Prime-timers group – annex – 10a

Sep 18- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

Sep 20- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Sep 27- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Oct 4 Prime-timers group annex 10a

Oct 9- Potluck luncheon- annex- 12p

Oct 9-12- 'Singing' Gospel Meeting with Andy Robison-here

Oct 18- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Oct 25 – Prime-timers group – annex – 10a

Contribution: \$4983.50

Oct 30- 5th Sunday Preachers Answer Your Bible Questions— evening service

Oct 30 - Trunk O' Treat & Chili Supper- 7p

Gauging Our Faith 05/29/16 Goal 05/31/15 Bible Study 96 110 99 **AM Worship** 145 150 147 109 PM Worship 110 104 Mid Week 83 110 86

\$5600.00

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Congratulations

Mark and Julie Parks have a new grand-daughter. Their daughter, Anna Bean, had Emma Marie Bean at 4:32am Saturday, the 28th. She weighed 8lbs 12.7oz and is 21.2 inches long. Anna and Emma are doing well.

Van Drivers Needed

We need volunteers to drive the church van to and from Ashland to pick up and take home a family for each service. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board. Thank you.

Guyana Mission Trip

Nathan Adkins is planning a trip to Guyana this year and will be purchasing tickets within the next month or two. If there are those who would be interested in going, please contact Nathan.

Prime-timers

Prime-timers group is on a summer hiatus for the months of June, July and August. Prime-timers is an open discussion Bible study group that usually meets each Tuesday morning at 10am in the annex classroom. Next meeting is Sept. 6th

Children's Worksheets

In the foyer, on the round table, you will find work sheets to help your school-age children understand more about the worship service and the sermon delivered. These can be used to help your children develop listening skills, focus, and grow and understand in their role in our congregation.



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WELCOME:

AM/PM: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris PM: Steve Wallace FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith **PM:** David Trimble

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Steve Wallace

Assisting: Greg Hall, Nathan Parks, Will Scott, Ernie Perry, Mitch Stafford, Jacob Martin, Darick Carter

Presiding PM: Nathan Adkins
Assisting: Roy Murphy

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jordan Conley
PM: Daniel Goshorn

Wednesday Servants C3

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace **PRAYER:** Bobby Edmonds **DEVOTIONAL:** Mark Day

™ Weekly Servants

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide **BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Brad Morris **ATTENDANCE:** Mitch Stafford **COORDINATOR:** Nathan Parks

Memory Verse

June 5th-1 Corinthians 15:58
your name
witnessed by
Preview:

June 19th- Galatians 5:13 June 26th- Romans 6:11 July 10th- Psalm 126:5

*** Youth Notes ***

★★Every Sunday★★ Pew Packers

at 5:45pm

in the front of the auditorium -geared to age 12 & under, but everyone is welcomed.

Boys: have a song ready to lead



Youth/Parent Overnight Campout at Carter Caves

