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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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-Dustin Bolks
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-Michael Mayo
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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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And every man that hath this

HOPE IN HIM

purify himself, even as

HE IS PURE.



1 JOHN 3:3

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!

Nobody Gets To Heaven Without A Fight

Is the title of this article true? Is it the case that nobody gets to heaven without a fight? Some would possibly say “don’t you know that the Bible says we are to love everybody?” Some might even claim that such a statement is “mean spirited and not the attitude or character a Christian should have.” While it is true that children of God are to love all people (John 13:34; Mark 12:30-31; Luke 6:27) and have proper attitudes (Ephesians 4:15), this in no way negates the truthfulness that nobody gets to heaven without a fight.

Before we get to far in the article, I wish to clarify that I am not talking about evangelism at the point of a sword. As brother Foy E. Wallace said, “We cannot shoot the Gospel into a man nor machine-gun Christianity into a community. The Gospel is not coercive; it is persuasive.” The apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 10:4, “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds”. Did you notice that? Paul referred to our *warfare*. New Testament Christians we are at war. Not a physical war, but in a spiritual war, a spiritual battle. Ephesians 6:12 says, “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” That is the reason Paul would tell Timothy, and by extension all Christians in 2 Timothy 2:3, “Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” Those who have obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ are in the Army of The Lord.

As soldiers of The Lord we must ever be ready for duty, prepared for conflict (spiritual), and never retreat in the face of the enemy. When trials and tribulations come upon us in this life, we wade into battle wearing the armor of God, Ephesians 6:13-17, and “war a good warfare”, 1 Timothy 1:18. New Testament Christians cannot “turn tail and run” away from the battle. 1 Corinthians 15:58 is the “stand your ground” law of the kingdom when it says “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” We are to be stedfast (seated, fixed, standing one’s ground) and unmoveable (unshaken, stable) in the work which Jesus Christ requires His children to do.

This leads us to ask, “What if we don’t stay in the fight? What if we do surrender. In Revelation 21:8 we read “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” Those who are “fearful” are included with those who will not enter heaven. The basic meaning of this word is cowardly, fearful, timid, fainthearted. This word is used only two other times in the New Testament in Matthew 8:26 and Mark 4:40. This word translated fearful is never used in a good sense in the New Testament. These are those who shrink back and are unwilling to pay the costs of discipleship. In these God is not pleased: “Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul” (Hebrews 10:38-39). There is no room in the Lord’s army for cowards and one must not maintain such an ongoing attitude. We are to stay in the fight, regardless of circumstances, whether in times of pandemic or riots or whatever storm of life that comes upon us. If we do not, nobody gets to heaven without a fight.

-Jerry Sturgill

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45 AM: Mark Day- Holiness
6:00 PM: Brandon Foresha- While in the Depths of Despair, Know that Your Redeemer Lives!
Scripture Reading: Job 19: 17-29

Dates to Remember

Jul 27-31- our VBS- 6:30p-8:30p- M-F
Sep 13-16- Gospel Meeting w/ Roger Rush

Lawn Maintenance

—Team of the Week—

The lawn team assigned to complete their task by June 13th is **JC Hughes, Ranie Wohnhas, Matt Vonderheide, Ben Poling, Daniel Goshorn**



Much Appreciation

For the past several years Mark Parks has been the director and Julie one of the primary teachers in our Little School. The Parks have decided it is time to pass the baton to a new couple. Mark and Alissa Day will step into the role of Mark Day as director and Alissa Day as the primary teacher, as she has been teaching for several years. We thank the Parks for the many, many hours of volunteer service to Little School and thank Mark and Alissa Day as they begin their new roles.

Note From The Elders

We will continue worship services at the building on Sunday a.m. & p.m. with Sunday & Wednesday auditorium Bible Classes being streamed through the month of June, while evaluating when we should resume regular Bible classes. The easing of restrictions will also be evaluated during this period. A decision regarding VBS has not yet been made.

VBS Planning- Start Now

2020 VBS is being evaluated by the elders on a weekly basis. In case we can hold VBS this year, we need to begin planning now for July 27-31. Jeremiah Smith posted the sign-up sheet for volunteers to file on Facebook. If you can volunteer, please comment either on Facebook or by text to Jeremiah on what you'd like to do.

Gauging Our Faith

	<u>05/31/20</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>06/02/19</u>
Bible Study	ns	110	88
AM Worship	92	160	138
PM Worship	60	110	84
Mid Week	ns	110	77
Contribution:	\$5848.00	\$6000.00	\$6888.10

☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brandon Foresha

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Ben Poling

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Chris Scott

Assisting:

*gluten-free bread

Presiding PM: Nathan Parks

Assisting:

Assisting Back:

Assisting Back:

PM Scripture Reader:

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: John Gambill

PM: Braydon Snell

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: on-line broadcast

SONG LEADER: on-line broadcast

PRAYER: on-line broadcast

DEVOTIONAL: on-line broadcast

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Steve Wallace

COORDINATOR: David Smith

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

VBS -July 27th-31st

is being evaluated. If held:

the learning centers
and teen Bible classes
will be about
Lessons From Acts.



The preschool classes
will learn about
Bible Kings.



...we know
that when He
shall appear...

**we shall be
like Him...**

1 John 3:2