

Kind actions begin with kind thoughts

"...Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty"—2 Corinthians 3:17

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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word,
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WHAT'S THIS ABOUT GROWING OLD?

By Ray Waugh, Sr. (Now with the Lord)

Editor's Note: Brother Ray Waugh, Sr. went home to be with the Lord on October 14, 1995. Brother Waugh sent the following article to me approximately two to three weeks before his passing over Jordan. I never enjoyed the privilege of meeting Brother Waugh personally. However, we became acquainted through the mail. Brother Waugh was both kind and gracious to me. He offered encouragement to me when I first became the editor of *The Baptist Examiner*. I didn't meet Brother Waugh while he was on earth, but I surely will meet him in heaven someday.

Some years ago, I stood alone in the 300 block of North Broadway in San Antonio, Texas, and observed President John Kennedy in the back seat of his two-seated open car. He looked straight at me, smiled, and waved. He was so close that if I had extended my hand, he could have shaken it. The next day while sitting at my desk at The Christian Jew Hour, also in the 300 block of North Broadway, I heard the news over my radio that John Kennedy was dead in Dallas, assassinated! A young man alive one day and a young man dead the next!

Though I had lived and served in two wars, needless to say, that experience brought most forcibly to me the fact that we are just one breath out of eternity. Today, as an "old man" who will be 80 if he lives through the summer is speaking to some of the finest senior citizens in these United States. Since I do fellowship rather regularly with a number of senior citizens, I know that most of us are on the move, but it does not seem that we really are going anywhere. In our frail conditions, we certainly are not moving very fast! Just a short time ago, I spoke with a very



dear and loved senior citizen who was first in Tahiti, later in New Zealand, and still later in Australia.

She had enjoyed the shoeless waiters and waitresses in Tahiti. She had enjoyed the beauty of New Zealand, and she was enjoying the real friendliness of the people in Australia. Though she was on tour with many friends, there was an element of emptiness and pointlessness in her journeying. Consequently, she was looking forward to returning to her home this next week. As she left, we discussed the possibility that she might not finish the trip, and that I might not be among the living when she returned after some 19 days.

Thankfully, in such a moment, it was good to remember the Word of God, and the fact that eternity

may be just a blink of time away. David very wisely and wonderfully provides us the Word that from our youth to our old age, God is faithful. He does so where he says, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Ps. 37:25). Thankfully, this has been my assurance and my confidence for more than 50 years.

Since that happy day when Jesus saved me from my sins, I have known that I can look forward to spending eternity in heaven. So, soon after my beloved Texas wife went to be with the Lord in February of 1982, our Lord lay upon my heart a message that it has been my joy to preach several times; namely, HEAVEN: OUR HAPPY HOPE! Across these more than 50 years that I have known my Saviour, many of my loved ones and friends have been going on to heaven before me on a pretty regular basis. So, there are times when I look forward to being with my Saviour and with those saints who already are there.

We know that this one who has
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A Sermon by Pastor Eugene P. Helton

SPIRITUAL LIBERTY

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound" (Isa. 61:1).

In Luke 4:18, the Lord Jesus



read from the book of Isaiah. The Scripture He read is what we now refer to as Isaiah 61:1. Jesus, of course, was the fulfillment of this prophecy written by Isaiah. This prophecy says much about our Lord's ministry. This prophecy should also be a guiding force for my ministry and the ministry of
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GROWING UP

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"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

I've heard it said that a child should go from parent-control to self-control to God-control and that a child must earn his independence by acts that demonstrate personal responsibility.

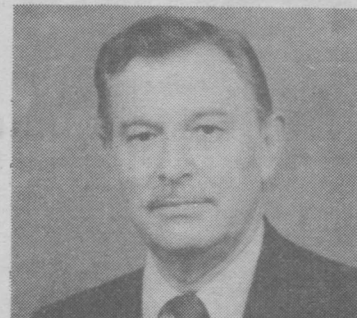
I believe these are very wise statements of fact, and that if studied in depth and applied in fact, could alter the face and future of our nation.

At this time in our history there doesn't appear to be much future for America, for, like it or not, our tomorrows do lie with our children. The only children today that seem to offer hope are our Christian young people whose parents have raised them on the above mentioned premise and whom the power of the Gospel has changed.

But let's take a look at our premise.

Gift of God

In spite of what "women's lib," NOW, and the pro-abortionists preach, children are a gift of God. Psalm 127:3 states "Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward." And Proverbs 17:6 "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers." Children are one of the temporal gifts that God gives to man, and the most valuable, perhaps, for in the child is a living soul that God has given for the parents to lead and guide, they are to be living testimonies that will help to bring that child early to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus. The parents



may lead and guide or turn the child astray.

Parent Control

Where parental control is concerned both the bishop (pastor) and the deacon are admonished to have their children in subjection and if it applies to them then it behooves all Christians to do the same.

Parents are to teach their children for so we are told in Deuteronomy 6:7 and train them, Proverbs 22:6, they are, of course, to provide for them as Paul tells us in II Corinthians 12:12. And parents are to nurture them so Ephesians 6:4 tells us and certainly they are to love their children again as Paul tells us in Titus 2:4.

Discipline

Besides these things parents must control their children with whatever discipline is necessary. Proverbs 22:15 expressly states, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." I know this is contrary to modern psychology but parents must teach their children that they themselves are responsible for their own actions. This is an easy lesson to learn as a child but can be very nearly impossible for an adult.

Consider the Biblical parents who indulged their children, Eli and Samuel in I Samuel and David concerning Absalom in I Kings to name a few. It would be good for parents to read about these children to see if they are remiss in reprimanding their offspring or are they indulging a child to the point that he will rebel as did Absalom to get what he wants no matter the hurt it may bring to others, his parents included.

Example

Parents are to be examples. Consider what God told Solomon in I Kings 9:4, God held up David as an example to the son. In II Chronicles we read the King Amaziah was the example for the
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every true pastor and preacher. If Jesus conducted His earthly ministry in accordance with Isaiah 61:1 and He did, than shouldn't I and every other true pastor and preacher do the same. He is our example for all things. One might say that Isaiah 61:1 is a job description for all God-called preachers. Let us now look closer at this Scripture and see what it teaches us about ministering.

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me"

A true God-called preacher must take his directions from **"The Spirit of the Lord God."** What I

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Editor's Update

By Pastor Eugene P. Helton, Editor

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As the editor of *The Baptist Examiner*, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the following churches for faithful and uninterrupted financial support of *The Baptist Examiner* during the two years that I have been the editor:

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see in the attitudes of some preachers and some writers is not **"The Spirit of the Lord God,"** but the spirit of man. God should not be blamed for one's arrogance, bitterness, evil speaking, and malice. These traits do not show forth **"The Spirit of the Lord God."** Such attitudes and traits; such a ministry shows forth the spirit of man not following God's directions for ministering.

If a preacher is truly a God-called preacher, such a preacher should conduct His ministry under the direction of **"The Spirit of the Lord God."** Such a preacher will, by word and deed, outwardly display a Christlike spirit. A preacher without **"The Spirit of the Lord God"** may as well sit down, shut up, and never again get up.

"Preach good tidings"

Oh what wonderful news we have for a lost and dying world. We have good news of a Saviour. We have good news of God's provision for redemption. We have good news of God's heaven. We have good news of the way to avoid a devil's hell for all of eternity.

I personally am a news hound. I

tion; that saith...thy God reigneth!" (Isa. 52:7).

"Bind up the broken-hearted"

Many live everyday with a broken heart. Many are leaving this world with a broken heart. A true God-called preacher should minister with much, much compassion. How can a minister of God not hurt when others are hurting about him?

Many times we bring to the brokenhearted a message of condemnation when they need a message of consolation. It's hard to sympathize with a man walking life's road in worn out Brogans with holes in the bottom while I walk the same road in my expensive athletic shoes. (I really do not wear expensive athletic shoes, but many do). Perhaps if I traded shoes with such a man, I might feel his tiredness, his discouragement. I just might experience the pain of a broken heart.

A true man of God should be filled with concern and compassion for others. You may ask, why? Because Jesus was and is; that's why!

"Proclaim liberty"

Many folks are brokenhearted and are slaves to Satan and sin. Some have heard with physical ears the good tidings of Jesus, but have not heeded the message contained in this Good News. Others have not even heard this most wonderful news ever proclaimed; this message of liberty in Christ.

Along comes preacher do-good with his message to these helpless, spiritually dead members of the human race. Many times preacher do-good's message is not one of liberty at all. The message many times is one of bondage and enslavement; enslavement to a religious system; enslavement to an ordinance; enslavement to a sacrament; enslavement to a man. Some Baptists go beyond just being conservative and place themselves and others in the bondage of legalism. It is wrong for a child of God to be enslaved and in bondage to anything or anyone except to the One who made us free, Jesus Christ the Great Liberator from the penalty, the power, and someday from the presence of sin. **"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed"** (John 8:36).

Wherever one finds people in bondage to legalism and things of religion, such a people will be characterized by a distinct absence of a Christlike spirit. **"...Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty"** (II Cor. 3:17).

"Opening of the Prison"

Many folks are lost and in a spiritual prison facing an awful penalty for their sins. Some folks that are saved do not fully realize the liberty they have because they have subjected themselves to the bondage of legalism. Others are enslaved by religious systems such as the adulterous religious system described as **"the great whore"** in Revelation 17:1. Many are in other prisons of Satan, prisons that we call the cults and occult.

We that are true Baptists have in our possession a key God uses many times to free people, such as we just described, from the prisons they're in. We have the truth of God's Word. We have the message that is the key for each of these prisons. Acting in obedience, acting with compassion and concern, acting with a Christlike spirit, we can be used of God to use this key, that is the word of truth, to set many free who are now locked up in the prisons of sin, legalism, and the religion of the false prophets and Satan. **"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"** (John 8:32).

In closing, let me say to you that there are folks that would steal our liberty away, if we give them an opportunity to do so. Paul spoke of the likes of these in his letter to the Galatian Christians. **"And that because of false brethren un-awares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not, for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you"** (Gal. 2:4-5). Paul also said: **"Stand fast therefore in the liberty where-with Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage"** (Gal. 5:1).

Dear lost friend, you probably do not realize that you are in bondage to sin and under the penalty of sin. To be free from this bondage, to be free from this penalty of an eternal existence in hell, you must feel a godly sorrow for your sins, then you must repent of your sins and you must put your faith in the finished work and the shed blood of Jesus Christ. This alone can free you from the bondage and penalty of sin. **"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of..."** (II Cor. 7:10). Jesus said: **"...The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel"** (Mark 1:15).

Dear saved friend, allow no man to lead you into the bondage of

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The Baptist Examiner Bible Study Lesson

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Ishmael versus Isaac Genesis 21:8-34

"And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned" (v. 8). God's long promised son to Sarah had been fulfilled and there was great joy in Abraham's home. But as the child grew and at the great feast when he was weaned trouble arose in the camp. The results of Abraham's sins as to Hagar now begin to show themselves. The birth of Isaac created a problem for Ishmael. For 14 years he had been the only son and heir of Abraham. Ishmael realizing that Isaac has now displaced him in the home as sole heir of his father, reacts by "mocking" his little half-brother. Sarah seeing Ishmael mocking her own son demanded action on the part of Abraham. She demanded that he "Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac" (v. 10).

This brought grief to Abraham, as Ishmael was very dear to his heart, but while he was pondering on what to do to solve the problem, God appeared unto him and told him that Sarah was right, the bondwoman and her son must be sent away "for in Isaac shall thy seed be called" (v. 12).

While it was through Isaac God's promise that all nations would be blessed, yet God did not forget Ishmael. He told Abraham, "And also of the son of the

bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed" (v. 13).

Although it must have been heartbreaking for Abraham to send his beloved son and his mother away, yet at the command of his Lord, "Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away; and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba" (v. 14). In verses 15 through 21 we see God in His grace and mercy comforts and provides water for Hagar and Ishmael in the wilderness. The angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven and told her not to fear, "for I will make him a great nation." Because Ishmael was Abraham's seed, God took care and provided for him.

Some Spiritual Truths

While this chapter records some of the historical events in the life of Abraham, the apostle Paul uses these events to teach the truth concerning the difference between the Old covenant (Law) and the New covenant (Grace). Also he teaches the difference between the old nature and the new nature in the believer. "For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a free woman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory..." (Gal. 4:22-24). The

birth of Ishmael and that of Isaac illustrate the two births of the believer. The physical birth that makes us sinners and the new birth that makes us the children of God. There are several things about Isaac that represent the believer. His birth was by God's power. It was not until it was physically impossible for Abraham and Sarah to have a son, that Isaac was "born after the Spirit" (Gal. 4:29). Likewise the believer is "born of the Spirit" (John 3:5, 6).

The birth of Isaac brought joy. His name means "laughter," and did not his birth bring joy to his old parents? Salvation is an experience of joy, both to the one who places his faith in the shed blood of Christ and to those around him.

"The child grew and was weaned" (v. 8). The new birth is only the beginning. After we are born of the Spirit we are to grow. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (I Pet. 2:2). "But grow in grace, and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18). Just as little Isaac obtained milk from his mother and grew, the child of God obtains milk from the Word of God and grows in grace and knowledge. How sweet is the newborn baby and what joy to see that one grow and develop. What a joy it is to see a newborn child of God grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. How sad it is to see

one who is twenty or thirty years old and still a baby! The birth of Isaac brought opposition and produced conflict in the household of Abraham. "But as then he (Ishmael) that was born after the flesh persecuted him (Isaac) that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now" (Gal. 4:29). It was only after Isaac was born that Ishmael began to show his true nature. Before Isaac's birth he caused no problem in the household of Abraham. It is only after the new birth of the child of God that his old sinful nature begins to cause trouble. Just as there were two sons in the household of Abraham, the one born of the flesh, the other the gift and by the power of God, so in the believer there are two natures, the natural and the spiritual. Just as there was a conflict between Abraham's two sons there is conflict between the two natures of the believer. The apostle Paul stated, "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would" (Gal. 5:17).

The apostle Paul said that as the son that was born of flesh persecuted the son born after the Spirit "even so it is now." This being true what is to be done? "Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman" (Gal. 4:30).

GROWING UP

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godly rule of his son Uzziah and in the New Testament we find that the mother and grandmother of Timothy were godly examples for him. Parental influence reaches from the birth of the child to his death and can guide him on to the path to heaven or to hell.

When a child reaches the age of his accountability the parents should make him thoroughly accountable for all his actions particularly if they have raised the child in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord.

Self-Control

This is the time of self-control. The time when the young person can learn the control that has been taught by the parents through discipline. Proverbs 16:32 says, "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." To be self-controlled is better than fame or position. Actually to be able to rule one's spirit is a greater task than ruling a city, or to conquer self is a harder task than conquering a city. The boy or girl who has learned that, who has learned to rule the spirit has become a responsible person.

What a child's parent have imparted to him and the practice of those lessons with sincerity is the basis of the character that will grow, the lessons, both verbal and action, decide the degree of self-control whether he will be temperate, sober, diligent, etc., or in our day and time fall into the category of young people seeking "to find" themselves through dope, alcohol, and open and free or abhorrent sexuality.

It is while they are under the control of their parents that the child should find out "who he is" and with that knowledge be able to make the smooth transition into the self-controlled period of life.

God Controlled

And when Jesus comes into the life of the young person one of the first things that they have to learn, if they have not learned beforehand, is that self goes out and Christ comes in. They can have a Christ-centered God-controlled life or fight against it, and become no longer self-controlled or lose all chance of achieving it, but rather become selfish for they will

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Please explain Revelation 3:5, especially the part "...I will not blot out his name out of the book of life...." (Submitted by Barbara Marshall)

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"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels" (Rev. 3:5).

The key that unlocks this verse is the word "overcometh." Who are those that overcometh? John has given us the answer to this question in I John 5:4 where we are told "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world, and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." The next question that may be asked, "who are those that are born of God?" John again comes up with the answer, "WHOSOEVER believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (I John 5:1).

Here in Revelation 3:5 God has made the promise that He would not blot out the overcomers (those who are born of God, those who believe that Jesus is the Christ).

Another question, "What is the book of life? Men have made it to be different things, but in Revelation 21:27 this book is called the "Lamb's book of life." We are told that only those who can enter the New Jerusalem are "they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

From these passages of Scripture it is plain that all who believe that Jesus is the Christ are born of God are the "overcomers" (I John 5:1-4), and whose names are in the Lamb's book of life (Rev. 21:27). Revelation 3:5 is saying that Christ has promised that He will not blot out any names from the "book of life." He told us the

same thing in John 6:37, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me: and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Yes, this is another promise, not a threat, that the child of God can never lose eternal life that has been given him by Christ. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand" (John 10:27-29).

"I will not blot out his name out of the book of life" is one of the "exceeding great and precious promises" (II Pet. 1:4) which Christ has made to all those whose faith is in His shed blood.

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In order to understand the Word of God we must remember one very important thing (or rule). Never take a phrase out of a sentence or even a verse without considering what is taught in the entire passage. Someone once said that sometimes the Scripture uses a possibility that is an impossibility in order to teach us a very important doctrine.

The emphasis is on overcoming in this passage. "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." Perseverance is required. For instance God says, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed" (John 8:31). God is saying that if we do not overcome our name could be blotted out. Hebrews 10: 23-26 tells us that if

we do not persevere once trusting in Christ that there remains no more sacrifice for sins, or there is no other way we could be saved again. Those who believe they can be saved and then get lost again, in reality there could not be another salvation.

Just as we cannot earn our salvation "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:4, 5; see also Eph. 2:8-10), neither can we keep our salvation. Because of the sinful nature with which we are born and which we retain after salvation, we would fail and lose our salvation.

God's amazing grace not only saves an unworthy, dead sinner which is required to come to Jesus but cannot, "No man can come to me, except the Father" (Continued on Page 5)

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Please read Revelation 3:1-6.

This portion of Scripture addressed to the church at Sardis contains some disappointing observations, as well as some great promises. The church has a name, but is dead. Most of her members have stained their garments and are about to incur God's displeasure for a time. They were dead in spirit and works.

However, just as always, God has a remnant that have not defiled their garments, but have the charge to strengthen what they have. Praise God for His remnant found in so many places and situations in Scripture. These are the overcomers who will be (1)

clothed in white garments like unto and from the Lord Jesus. These garments have been made white in Jesus' blood. He is made, indeed is righteousness unto the saved as in I Corinthians 1:30. (2) The overcomers (all those truly saved) also have the assurance that Jesus will confess their names before the Father as in Matthew 10:32 "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Jesus will also confess all the names of the saved before the angels as in Luke 12:8 "Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God."

The undefiled believers also have the emphatic promise that (Continued on Page 5)

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It was the custom of the cities of Asia minor as most cities to keep records of the population. There was a citizen registry in every town. When a person died they would "blot out the name" or remove that person from the registry. In the case of this church, they were under severe persecution for the Gospel. The public officials threatened them with loss of citizenship and property for worshipping Christ. What is worse is that the church itself was experiencing severe moral and spiritual problems. Yet, as always, there is that faithful nucleus of people who love the Lord and His truth. They stood true to Christ even though they were removed from the citizen registry. They gave up their possessions and some even their lives for the Lord.

So the Lord promises them that although they have lost their earthly citizenship, they will never

lose their heavenly citizenship. They could never be removed from heaven's registry. In fact, the Lord promised them that God Himself would publicly acknowledge them one day before the angels. They were overlooked by their fellowmen, but Christ will not be ashamed to own them as His people! The "book of life" in this context can simply represent the fact that the Lord knows every one of his disciples. There is of course the "Lamb's Book of Life" which has the names of all of God's chosen people. It was even from the foundation of the world! God's pen has no eraser!

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"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels" (Rev. 3:5). I believe this verse should be understood as giving reassurance to all who have been saved by God's marvelous grace. It speaks of true Christians as overcomers, and why is this? "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (I John 5:4). These verses speak of an enduring salvation because salvation is of God. We also see God's chosen people were entered into the book of life before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4). God's people have assurance, not because of their own ability to keep themselves saved (this could never be), but only because of His promise in His Word. Christ has the Book of Life and He will not "blot out" that which the Father has chosen to be the recipients of His mercy and grace. Jesus Himself made (Continued on Page 5)

SATAN — HIS DEVICES

By Pastor Ronnie Wolfe, First Baptist Church, Harrison, Ohio

In this message we will consider four topics in speaking of Satan: his religion, his rituals, his reasoning, his restrictions.

His Religion

A Base Religion - Jesus said in Luke 10:18 "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Satan is not a friend of heaven. He is his own friend.

He is from heaven only because he was cast out of heaven. Some people seem to think that he is sent from heaven to help them. Every time they put the liquor bottle to their mouth, every time they put that needle in their arm to put drugs in their veins, every time they curse the God of heaven, every time they steal, lie, or kill, they agree with Satan and are his friends.

Satan was once Lucifer, an angel of light; now he is fallen from heaven. So his religion is one of an earthly sort, one of a hellish nature.

A Binding Religion - Notice Luke 13:16, "And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?"

The book of Galatians shows that we are set free when we are saved. The reason we need to be set free is because Satan binds us in his clutches.

A Belittling Religion - Luke 22:31 says "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat."

Satan does not want you so that he can be your friend. He wants you so that he can "sift you as wheat." Actually he wants to destroy you (see I Cor. 5:5).

A Bragging Religion - Acts 5:3 says, "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine

heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?"

Ananias and Sapphira both bragged about how much they got for their property and promised to give it all to the church, but they held back part of the price. Now, they did not have to give all of the price, but they bragged about it and pretended to give the whole price to the church. All bragging is part of Satan's religion.

His Rituals

"Ethical witches may disown black magic and Satanism, but there are some black witches around. For example, Anton Szandor LaVey directs the First Church of Satan in San Francisco.

"Satan's clergyman schedules a black mass every Friday at midnight in his church, which calls for...a virgin whose body serves as an altar.

"...LaVey claims that more than 7,000 people in 25 'grottoes' around the country pay a \$13 membership fee in his satanic denomination.

"Recently the U.S. Armed Forces paid \$30,000 to a private research firm to prepare a study of witchcraft and Satanism for the use of chaplains who might be called upon to minister to devotees. The study described three basic kinds of rituals: 'sexual rituals, to fulfill a desire; compassionate rituals, to help another; and destructive rituals, used for anger, annoyance, or hate.'

"...Witches believe in living a life of easygoing pleasure followed by death and reincarnation...Clothes are supposed to hamper their mystical vibrations, so they usually shed their garments and conduct their activities in the nude.

"The rituals themselves are

recorded in the witchcraft bible, called the Book of Shadows. Copies are handwritten and kept from the hands of outsiders." (William J. Whalen)

His Reasoning

Satan's reasoning is temptation for every person on the face of the earth. He desires to have every person. He cannot stand the thoughts of the Lord claiming people.

Satan believes, no doubt, that every individual belongs to him because of the fall of the entire human race into sin in Adam in the Garden of Eden.

His purpose is to snatch the Word of God away from the mind of every individual, and he would do it without fail if it were not for the grace of Almighty God.

His Restrictions

In Luke 22:3 we read, "Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve."

Satan wants to disrupt the work of God. He has wanted that from the beginning. Satan entered into (he dwelt in) Judas Iscariot. Satan, along with all the unholy angels, wants to dwell in human beings. He must do this in order to perform his work in the world.

Why did he not enter into Peter or John or James? Because the Holy Spirit dwelt in them, and there is not room enough in the heart for both Satan and the Lord.

The Lord threw Satan and his angels out of heaven a long time ago, and he threw Satan out of my heart when he gave me faith to repent and believe the Gospel. Praise God! There is no room for the devil in my heart. He can influence, but he cannot possess me.

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which hath sent me draw (literally "drag") him: and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:44; see also v. 65), but it also keeps that sinner.

Yes we are required to persevere, which we cannot within ourselves. Thank God, He not only saves, but He keeps. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (I John 5:4, 5).

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6). "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13). God not only gives us the inclination or desire to serve Him but He also gives us the ability to do it. Not only the above things but we also have the assurance that the Holy Spirit seals us.

If we could get lost again, we could never get saved again, because there is no other sacrifice and our names would be blotted out. Since, as we have seen, we cannot fail to overcome because of God's grace, the thought of our names being blotted out is an impossibility. Praise God for His blessings.

LENEGAR

his or her name will not be blotted out of the book of life. "I will by no means blot out his name" is the emphatic promise. The Greek contains a double negative and allows the translation I have just given. What then is implied? Can a name be blotted out once it has been put in? Is every living person in the book until they do not accept Christ? No, to all these questions!

The names of the saved were entered into the book of life before the foundation of the world (Rev. 17:8). If one has a comprehensive knowledge of eternal life and eternal salvation and their teachings, there is no problem. Eternal life and eternal salvation are the only kind that the Scriptures teach. Hebrews 5:9 says "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." We must remember that

an obscure passage can never be quoted in contradiction to clear Scriptural teaching for which there is a mass of clear teaching. No one will be blotted out of the book of life. This is just an assurance of the eternal security of God's child.

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this very clear when He said: "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

No truly born again, child of God need ever fear having their name "blotted out" of the Lamb's Book of Life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Doubt...
sees the wall;
Faith...
sees the way.
Doubt...
sees the darkest
night;
Faith...
sees the day.
Doubt...
dreads to take a
step;
Faith...
soars high.
Doubt...
questions who
believes;
Faith...
answers 'I.'

'Now faith is the
substance of things
hoped for, the evidence
of things not seen'
Hebrews 11:1

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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"
Ephesians 6:11-12

WHAT'S THIS

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given us many of the Psalms had a somewhat checkered career. Nevertheless, after all of his sinning, after all of his failures, after all of his successes, and after all of his good and bad relationships with people, this man, David, became an "old man." To himself, he may have seemed to be pretty much the same man with many of the same feelings. He may have been desirous of setting goals wherein he could bring glory to God as he had in the past. But David, the aging man, could no longer follow through.

We learn that he dreamed of building "The Temple of God." God, however, explained to him that his son, Solomon, would have to do the building (see I Chron. 22:7-11). We read, "So when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel" (I Chron. 23:1). Thankfully, the God whom David had served in his youth and his middle years was the same God whom he was serving in his "old age"! He knew that he could no longer do as he had done in earlier days, but he still knew that he had his responsibility to God. David knew that God expected him to be as faithful in his old age, as he had been in his earlier life.

When the reality of old age was upon David, what did he do? Did he become depressed and sorrowful that he could not do the things that he once had done? Did he frustrate himself by attempting to "stay young," when the years were telling him that he was getting old? Did David attempt to fight the fact that his body was becoming more feeble, and that his joints no longer worked as they once did? No! Ten thousand times, No!

David seemingly was content with what the apostle Paul would learn many centuries later, "All things work together for good to them who love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). David has a wonderful word for all of us, both for our younger days and for our older ones: "Blessed is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in

the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Ps. 1:1-3).

Then, as David approaches his old age, what do we find him saying? Is there complaint? Is there concern for himself? Or do we find him still serving his God in faithfulness and in assurance? David has given to us a word that should be upon the lips of all of us who are elderly or old even today. Let us hear his confident cry and prayer, and let us take it to heart. "Thou art my hope, O Lord God; thou art my trust from my youth...I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge...Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth...But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more...O God, Thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to everyone that is to come...My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul which thou hast redeemed..." (Ps. 71:5, 7-9, 14, 17-18, 23).

The truth that the man David was conscious of his indebtedness to his Lord may be found dramatized for us in Psalm 51. There, we learn that David the man rejoiced in his service to God as a young man and David the man was rejoicing still in his service to God as a old man. Therein, we find that his confidence is not in himself and not in any of his abilities as a man. Rather, we discover him crying in obvious anguish, "For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me" (Ps. 51:3).

Though God had forever put the sin of David behind him because he had placed his faith in the Only Begotten Son of God, even his Lord, David, the man, of necessity cried—even as we must—"my sin is ever before me." Nevertheless, in the confidence that he had in his God, he was able to pray with true assurance, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit" (Ps. 51:12). Because of that undying

confidence in the faith of the God against whom he had sinned, David was able to anticipate the concluding moments of his life with a true victory cry, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" (Ps. 116:15).

And perhaps because he had been into the depths of his faith with the Lord, David has provided for each of us who once were young but who now are old a word of assurance both for time and for eternity. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me into the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For Thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all of the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Ps. 23).

How is it with you, today, elder citizen; elder lady, elder statesman or woman? Do you know the Man, Jesus, as your Saviour, or as your Messiah? Has the aging process taken you or are you taking over the aging process. Have you given thanks today that God has let you live so long? Are you excited about your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ today? Some of you aging ones have spent a great deal of time in seeing the world or some parts of it at great expense. At our ages, however, we perhaps should be thinking far more about seeing heaven and about our trip to heaven—not some other part of the world that will be burned with fire (I Pet. 3:10).

Perhaps I may be able to paraphrase another Scripture "What will it profit any of us if we should see the whole world, and then miss the mansions in Glory that our Lord has gone to prepare?" (compare with Matt. 16:26). In just a little while, all of us will be sailing through the wonders of this universe and on our way into eternity. Let each of us make certain that we are on our way to heaven by believing the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, even His death, His burial, and His resurrection!

Even now, if we will, we can live in the confidence that when we arrive in that land of eternal day, our heavenly home, we shall never again be bored, as we sometimes are now. Thankfully, we shall never again experience pain; we shall never again have to shed a tear because of grief or sorrow; and we shall never again have to grow old! There, my

mother obtained her answer for the question she sometimes asked as she moved through her 91st year, "Why do we have to grow old, ugly, and die?" If we have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, we then shall have an ageless and eternal body "like unto that of His glorious resurrection body" (Phil. 3:21)!

JANUARY DISMALS

By Irene Orrick

Lives there a soul so cheery who has not been smitten with a case of the January Dismal Droops? January is a most fitting time to study the book of Ecclesiastes, for I am quite convinced that Solomon wrote the book on a drizzly, gray Monday in January while suffering a severe case of the January Dismal Droops. Had someone confronted him about his views of life the following March or April, his outlook probably would have been drastically better. For years I routinely got seizures of the Dismals. It bothered me that I, a Christian, could have such an unChristian attitude; I could almost doubt my sanity as well as my regeneration. Then I finally realized that these feelings that life was a monotonous cycle were almost always confined to January, sometimes slopping over into February. The droops can probably be explained from simple reasons: the weather is gray, one cannot much enjoy being outside; there is a mental

and emotional letdown after the holidays.

However, I have finally come to just accept gray winter as a time of the year that God has given us for slowing down and changing from a busier pace; a time when I can spend hours reading without feeling too guilty about neglecting other duties; a time to look out at a gray day, grateful for a warm, bright home; and yes, even allow myself to feel dismal once in a while without feeling guilty about feeling dismal! However, one of the best cures for this winter malady is knowing that our God probably has spring scheduled again this year—glimmering, shimmering, gloriously bright April! I could not possibly appreciate April as much if I hadn't trudged through sludgy, gray, droopy January.

"When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other" (Eccl. 7:14a).

John R. Gilpin, Jr. Recovering

Since mid October, Brother Gilpin has been very ill. He has had two very serious surgeries. John still has to have some more surgery, however his total recovery is well underway and the prognosis is very good.

Pastor Helton says Thanks to Wright-Patterson AFB Medical Center

I recently underwent prostate surgery and was hospitalized at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Hospital. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Dr. Bart DeBrock and all his surgical team. I also have a heart full of admiration and gratitude for all the nurses and staff of 4-West. As usual, the Air Force performed at an exceptional high level of professionalism. For the first time in my life, I now understand why nurses are sometimes called "angels of mercy."

When someone says he doesn't feel as near to God as he once did, you can be pretty sure which one has moved

DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ELECTION?

By Pastor Carl E. Morton, First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Kentucky

Who chose whom?

When was this choice made?

Why did God choose us?

How did God choose us?

That is an easy question to answer. Yes. The word "elect" or "election" is found 23 times in the New Testament alone. You cannot be honest with the Word of God and deny that the Bible teaches it. Now, for a bigger question to consider. What does election mean?

The word "elect" means "to choose out, to pick, to select." I have heard people say, "Election is hard to understand." I don't believe that! It may be hard to receive, but it is not hard to understand. Paul defines this truth quite simply in Ephesians 1 **"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world."** God literally chose who would be saved before time began (Rom. 9:11; II Thess. 2:13; II Tim. 1:9). Ephesians 1 answers four questions about election. (1) WHO chose whom? It says **"He hath chosen us."** If you are a believer, it is not because you chose God, but because He chose you. Did not the Lord say in John 15:16 **"For ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you."** (2) WHEN was this choice made? Many try to sidestep the truth of election by saying God chose us when we chose Him. But Ephesians 1:4 says **"He hath chosen us before the foundation of the world."** The Biblical doctrine of election clearly states that God's choice preceded ours. He made this choice "before the foundation of the world." (3) WHY did God choose us? Again, many say that He chose us because He fore-



saw we would believe. If I choose to help out a certain person, it is true I foresee that I will do it, but the reason I foresee I will do it is because I determined to. God chose us simply because He willed to, not because of any foreseen faith or good works in us. Romans 9:11 says **"For the children, being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand."** (4) HOW did God choose us? In Christ. Election is God's sovereign choice of His people in Christ. He chose them to be saved in His Son before the foundation of the world. Election is in Christ and cannot be understood apart from Him. The elect were chosen, not arbitrarily, but **"in the Beloved"** (Eph. 1:6). They were redeemed by Him, and they all come to Him. **"All that the Father giveth Me shall come to me, and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out"** (John 6:37).

Why preach the doctrine of election? There are many reasons. First, it is true. You cannot honestly face the Scriptures and deny this holy doctrine. But the

issues at stake go even deeper. Election tells us that God is God. He is not in our hands but we are in His. He is so absolutely in control that He decides who will be saved. Election teaches us that salvation is all of God's grace. My salvation did not begin with my choice of God, but His choice of me. Since salvation begins with God's electing grace, all of salvation from the beginning to the end and everything in between is 100% a work of God's grace. **"By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast"** (Eph. 2:8-9). The bottom line is if you deny election, you deny salvation by grace. To reject election is to reject salvation by grace and promote salvation by works. Election allows no room for human boasting.

There are some who say election kills missions and evangelism. That is not true! I would not bother preaching or even to write this article if I did not believe God has an elect people He will call to Himself. Others object that election shuts people out of heaven who want to be saved. That is not true! Election brings people into heaven who would have been damned! Still others object that election destroys motives for holiness. The opposite is true. The fact that God chose me freely before the foundation of the world motivates me to holiness.

How I love the doctrine, or rather, the God of election. I say, thank God for election.

A Woman's Touch

By Wendy Barkman



Apphia

Philemon 2

General Information

Philemon 2 - She was a female member of the household of Philemon, mentioned along with Philemon and another man by the name of Archippus. It is believed that she was the wife of Philemon



and the mother or sister of Archippus. We are not exactly sure what Apphia's relationship was with these two men. Of course, Onesimus was the other member of this household, being their slave. Apphia and her family lived in Colossae, a city in Phrygia (now a part of the land area of Turkey). We must believe that Apphia was a very devout woman. Onesimus brought this letter to Apphia's home, and in this letter, written to Apphia and her family, by the apostle Paul, on behalf of Onesimus, we find a special mention of Apphia. In fact, this is basically all that we know about her. Tradition, however, has it that Apphia, along with Philemon, Archippus, and Onesimus, was stoned to death during the reign of Nero.

Name Study

Her name is probably of foreign origin, but Cruden's concordance did give the following meaning: "that produces, or is fruitful."

Personal Application

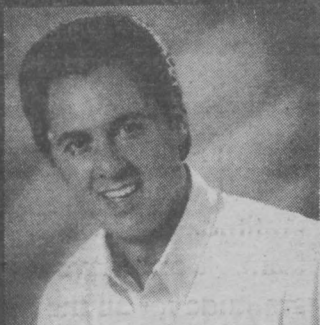
Apphia must have been a Christian woman who bore much fruit in her service for the Lord.

Practical Application

We are taught in Scripture that bearing fruit is not the cause of, but the proof of one's salvation. Our fruits, the good works that we do, make manifest, reveal, our salvation to others (John 15:1-16; Eph. 2:10; James 2). The following are other verses which elaborate on these truths: Matt. 7:20, 12:33, 13:3-9, 18-23; Mark 4:3-9, 14-20; Luke 6:43-45, 8:5-8, 11-15; Rom. 6:21-22, 7:4-5; II Cor. 9:6-15; Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 5:9; Phil. 1:11; Col. 1:10; Heb. 12:11, 13:15; James 3:17-18; II Pet. 1:5-8.

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LIBERTY

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legalism. If you're already in bondage to legalism, then throw off your bonds. You have been made free by Christ. You're in bondage to serve Him. You're not to be in bondage to any man; nor any man's private interpretation. Submit to the Lord and serve Him faithfully through one of His local New Testament Baptist churches and enjoy the great freedom that He has provided for you. "...Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (II Cor. 3:17).

GROWING UP

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have to deny their service to Christ, for the unsaved allow no service to God, and so they will serve only themselves and their personal desires. But whatever direction they should always be reminded that He is in charge, in control of all things. Matthew 28:18 states, "And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." All power is His, He can be directive or permissive. Man's will can choose full obedience or disobedience, but in the end man, and certainly the unsaved man, answers for his choice and answers to his Lord and his God.

We are meant, as Christians to learn to live as Christ, patient, loving, merciful, gentle, meek, etc., and constantly growing through His control in faith.

Finally, it is during the period of self-control that parents should pay closest attention to the action of their children. Do their actions demonstrate their ability to handle personal responsibility? If so, then parents should begin to grant their children specific points of independence accordingly.

The greatest freedom, of course, comes to the Christian young person who by his or her faith in Christ Jesus, demonstrates, by service to their Lord and Saviour, their Christ-centered God-controlled life. These are the true adults of this world no matter what their age. And these are the young people that this nation will need to look to for the future. Help your child to come to know Christ and learn to lead a God-

controlled life by living in such a way that your life is a daily testimony to him or her. Your life will be better for it both now and in the future.

**Nobody knows
what a boy is
worth,
And the world
must wait and
see,
For every man in
an honored
place,
Is a boy that
used to be**



"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22:12).

There is disagreement among good brethren concerning the subject of rewards in heaven. There are some who believe that in heaven God will reward His people for their faithful service on earth and others who believe that we will all be dealt with equally, citing such scriptures as Matthew 20:1-15 for their proof text. However, to deny the subject of rewards in heaven is to shut one's eyes to many scriptures that are found in the Bible.

Salvation is Not a Reward

There is a vast difference between salvation and rewards. Salvation is the free gift of God, while rewards will be for

believer's faithful service to his Lord. Such scriptures as Romans 4:5, Ephesians 2:8-9, and Titus 3:5 make it clear that our works have nothing whatsoever to do with our salvation. Salvation is a gift (Romans 6:23), and a gift is not something that we work for or pay for but rather something already purchased by another and something that we need only to receive. After we are saved we are to live for the Lord. "And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again." (II Cor. 5:15). Note also Matthew 5:16, Ephesians 2:10, and Titus 2:11-12. James 2:14-26 teaches that true faith in Jesus for salvation will manifest itself in good works. While it is true that we are saved by grace through faith alone, we are not saved by a faith that remains alone. True faith always produces good works in a person's life.

In order for our works to be good works they must be motivated by love. We can see this to be true by carefully reading I Corinthians 13:1-13. In this chapter Paul mentions many good, even great, things but he says that if charity (Love) is missing we are as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. The church at Ephesus is another example of the importance of love. They had many good qualities, but the Lord rebuked them and even threatened to remove the candlestick because they had lost their first love. Note Revelation 2:1-5. As important as doctrine is, we need to be careful that it is always seasoned with love. Doctrine without love can be cruel.

Rewards in Heaven

Sometimes the blessings that we receive in this life are called rewards, but at other times they

refer to future things, things that we will receive when the Lord returns. Our text says: "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me to give to every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. 22:12). Space will not permit the printing of many other verses, but the interested reader should read the following scriptures: Matthew 5:12, 6:20, 10:41-42, 16:27, Luke 6:22-23, and 14:12-14. That there will be different rewards or degrees of rewards should be obvious from such verses as I Corinthians 3:8: "And every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor." since all do not have the same works it is clear that all will not receive the same rewards. This can also be seen from the words of Jesus as seen in our text, Revelation 22:12.

Concerning the difference between salvation and rewards the late C.D. Cole wrote: "There is a necessary distinction between salvation and rewards. To ignore this distinction will lead to confusion and perversion of the gospel. Salvation is for the lost; rewards are for the saved. Salvation is for believers; rewards are for the saved. Salvation is for believers; rewards are for workers. Salvation is by grace through faith; rewards are for faithful service. Salvation is common to all the saints - one will be no more saved than another - rewards are proportioned to the work done: Rev. 22:12. Salvation is received on earth; rewards are to be received in heaven. Matt. 5:12. Salvation is based on the suffering of the Saviour; rewards are based upon the suffering of the saints. Salvation is the result of Christ's suffering for us; rewards are based upon our suffering for Him."

SUNSET AND SUNRISE

By Ray Waugh, Sr.
(Now with the Lord)

Sunset, we exult, is the hour of rest;
Little birds seek before darkness their fragile nests.
Lads who for adventure set out to roam;
In the twilight hours turn wayward feet toward home.

But we, amidst earth's recurring sunset splendors,
Seek not a tenuous place of moor
Our fragile temples of mere clay;
In the waning sunlight hours, we just simply pray.

After the sunset comes the twilight
After the twilight comes the night.
Though darkness try to hold its mortal prey,
He Who won at Calvary still holds sway.

Thus, the sunset hour brings rest and peace;
The twilight does our confidence increase;
For we know that as we span the night,
Through faith we can bask in God's eternal Light!

O glorious dawning, we can forever intone,
When our triumph over darkness shall be won;
Unending, then, our praise for Christ shall be,
As in the sunrise of tomorrow we rejoice eternally!

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