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Benefit Alaska

By: Richard Dean

Pastor Patsy Garrett of Jefferson Gospel Tabernacle has been to minister to the Indians in Alaska twice. She is preparing for her third missionary trip 4 to 15 October. It takes money



Missionary Pastor Patsy Garrett

to go on a missionary journey, and to assure that Pastor Patsy had enough money, some people got together and arranged a gospel singing to raise it. On 9 August The Trammells, The Mitchells, the people of Jefferson Gospel Tabernacle and many others gathered to support Pastor Patsy and the Indians at Minto, Alaska. The Mitchells played first; Perry House, Jerry & Shirley Mitchell, and Quincey (see pg 3)

Holy Ghost Seminar

By: R. D. Hempton

Pastors Michael & Brenda Smith of Victory Deliverance Center hosted a unique three-day seminar on the Holy Ghost. The unique part is that the seminar was also a revival. Pastor Michael spoke on the Holy Spirit for three days



Pastor Michael Smith on the Holy Ghost

Beginning on 22 August, but the rest will be presented each Tuesday evening at 1930 (730pm) at Victory Deliverance Center for six additional weeks. A set of CDs with all the seminar in it's entirety is available through VDC or Battlefield News for \$10.00.

The first night was opened by the Minister Tyran Phillips, who prayed. Praise & Worship music was by Pastors Smith (see pg 5).

Braselton Healings

By: Donese Mercaldo/Photo Cristina Villanueva

Four Saturdays in August were set aside for healing with Touch of Hope Ministry's Herschel & Karen Phillips. The first one (August 2013) just got the ball rolling. The next three were so incredible, they will be seen in Time Magazine and on CNN – not really, but they should have been. The Battlefield News has the exclusive.



One in the healing ministry Herschel Phillips

On 10 August the second healing service was held. Many extraordinary things happened that night, but the most incredible happened with a young lady, Cristina Villanueva, who had suffered for over three months with a devastating abdominal pain. It was gone immediately when she was prayed over. In addition, before she left the service, (see pg 6)

Wisdom Missed

By: Richard Dean

At the seven-day revival in July Dr. Lorrie Richardson-O'Neal preached at Miracle Deliverance House of Prayer on the fourth night



Dr. Lorrie Richardson-O'Neal

of the revival. Her message was excellent and is presented here more completely than it could have been in the August issue.

Dr. Lorrie came onto the stage and opened by singing *They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love*.

"Excuse me; I just have to praise him. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I'm a little tired. It's been a long day. I just thank him that he loves me so much. I get so excited when I think how much he loves me.

"Why unity? Why now? Why not all? (see pg 7)

Hot Stove

By: R. D. Hempton

It has been said that an intelligent person is one who learns from their own mistakes, but a wise person can learn from the mistakes of others. The fact of the matter is that life is far too short to have to make all our own mistakes, and God will certainly be able to use us a lot more if we don't have to make all our own mistakes.



Bishop Dale Arnold of True Deliverance

On 30, 31 August and 1 September a 3-day revival was held at Faith Temple Fellowship Church. On the first night Bishop Dale Arnold of True Deliverance Ministries was the keynote speaker. After scripture was read, praise and worship began. Afterward folks greeted each other. First Lady Arnold introduced her husband, the Bishop.

"We need something to wake up the (see pg 8)

Consider Yourself Notified

By: R. D. Hempton

"In the music this morning," began Redenna Poole, "I could hear the sound of warfare. I came here to speak about Casual Christianity. One thing that discourages ministry is casual Christianity. Beginning in Mat 24:3, when the



Redenna Poole First Lady of Lula Assembly of Praise in Lula, Georgia

disciples asked Jesus, "When will these things be? And what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?" And Jesus told them all the things that were coming. In verse 10 he said, "And many will be **offended**, will betray one another, and will hate one another." Sound anything like what we are living (see pg 9)

On Prayer X (Revisiting)

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

I wanted to write on International Intercession, but, as it was pointed out to me, there are some basic things about prayer, especially intercession, that must be made clear first.

I want to start with a reminder about something quite basic, but that some of us do not seem to realize. I am speaking about prayer in “Jesus’ name.” I don’t want to make this a lengthy explanation. I simply want to explain what this particular thing means. We pray things too often: ‘Blah, blah, blah, in Jesus’ name. Amen.’ Too many times we simply treat the phrase as if it were something that should be tacked on the end of every prayer in a compulsory manner, like hitting the ‘Send’ button on your computer keyboard. As I said, this will not be lengthy. Use your Strong’s Concordance, look up John 14:14 under the word ‘Name.’ then see the Greek dictionary no. 3686. The word ‘name’ does not just mean the word we call the Lord. It means ‘authority, character.’ When we pray in Jesus’ name, it is not just something we tack on the end of all our prayers. We are told to pray **representing Jesus**; as if it were Jesus praying. He says in John 15:7, ‘If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.’ If we abide in him, we will not pray selfish or presumptive prayers. When we pray in his name, we are praying with his authority and his character. We need to understand what it means when we say, ‘in Jesus’ name.’

Now I move to another set of basic principles that must be reiterated if we are to be able to understand how to pray more effectively.

Rev 5:1-8 is a long, mysterious passage describing a heavenly book with 7 seals. When these seals are opened, the imminent events associated with them are loosed to occur. And the only one worthy to open this scroll is the Lion of the tribe of Y’hudah – Yeshua, the sovereign Lord of history.

How then, is prayer important in the breaking of these seals? It is written that 24 elders fell down before the lamb, each having a harp, and a golden bowl full of incense, **which are the prayers of the saints**. Prayer must be taken into account before the end-time events can occur.

If you think **everything** is predetermined, you are mistaken. While the events of Revelation are predetermined, how they affect the people you pray for is not predetermined. Before any seal can be broken, heaven must first take into account all the prayers that have been prayed. The incense of prayer controls the destiny of individuals. While the events in history may be predetermined, we can influence people’s lives within those events and create ‘pockets of mercy’ in the middle of them. Does that encourage you to pray for the United States and your loved ones? It should.

Before we get too deeply into the details of this, let’s discuss the **priority of intercession**. I remember what it was like when my husband was courting me. I was so in love with him that everything else paled in comparison. He was the same way with me. He thought of me when he woke up, and I was on his mind when he went to sleep.

When we were separated, I was miserable and, so was he the same way. When we were together again, we wanted to stay with each other always.

I like to think of my prayer time as courting God. Sometimes I call them prayer visits – conversing with God as I would a close family member or friend. I probably spend more time doing this than I do making requests. Prov 3:6 says, ‘In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths.’ It might be translated, ‘In all your courting, seek intimacy with him first.’ In other words, **we are to court God ahead of people, money, success, or any other thing we might seek**. As we do, this becomes our greatest motivation for prayer. Our motivation for prayer will be the power of love. As believers in Jesus Christ, we have been invited into a loving relationship with God as Father and friend. This relationship is **the first priority of intercession**, and this is where we must begin.

All of our endeavors as disciples, including prayer, should be born out of intimacy with him. Paul said in II Cor 11:3, ‘But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.’ Devotion – our relationship with Yeshua – doesn’t have to be complex. Life itself can be so overwhelming. The last thing we need is a complicated walk with God. We all need to keep our relationship with Jesus as pure and simple as we can. Introducing someone to any facet of prayer without making this very clear would help set them up for frustration and eventual failure. **Our motivation for prayer must be relationship – communing with God**.

I emphasize this not only because it’s true, but also because our human tendencies and needs can cause us to miss that vitally important starting place in prayer. We too often place ‘the cart before the horse.’ Of the 3 possible motives and starting places for prayer – communing with God, our own needs, and the needs of others – we too often begin with the 2nd or the 3rd.

When Jesus gave us a model of how to pray, he did not say, ‘Our Provider, who art in heaven, generous be thy name.’ Neither did he say, ‘Our Master, who art in heaven, assignment-giver be thy name.’ He instructed us to begin, ‘Our Father...’ (see Mat 6:9)

Why is this so important? Because no relationship built around ‘using’ another person ever becomes lasting and meaningful. On the other side of it, loving relationships built around true communion and the pleasure of friendship always result in the serving of one another. Paul said that it was his love for God, not duty or reward, that constrained him to serve God. (see II Cor 5:14).

My daughter came to me the other day and said, “I love you Mama.”

“OK, what do you want?” I said jokingly.

“Nothing,” she replied. “I just wanted to tell you I love you.”

All the emotional bells and whistles went off in my heart. Like any good parent, I love to please my family, but nothing compares to being told I’m loved for no other reason than just because I’m loved.

As I jokingly accused my daughter, **if our first motivation in prayer is to get our needs met, will simply become a way of “using” God**. He will be a convenience, like the store on the corner. Prayer will be a survival technique, a heavenly 911. This will never result in a consistent, meaningful life of prayer. Just as a human relationship with a “what’s-in-it-for-me” foundation and motivation will ultimately fail,

so will our relationship with God, if it is founded on such a mindset.

Similarly, **if our primary motivation for prayer becomes interceding for others, this, too, will ultimately fail as a motivator**. This desire to meet God’s need for intercessors, as well as to meet the need of others have for intercession, is noble. But where the first motivation deteriorates into “using” God, this one eventually results in a sense of feeling “used.” It will lead to a performance-based relationship or, worse yet, a legalistic religious exercise, neither of which are positive motivators.

If this is our starting point, prayer becomes an obligation. We feel like hirelings, working our way to heaven through our sacrificial payment of dues as obedient Christians. This is not what our heavenly Father wants. Prayer and intercession should be all about friendship, relationship, and partnering with our wonderful Father.

Just days before Jesus gave the great commission to his disciples (Mark 16:15), He established the working relationship he wanted with them. “I no longer call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends.” (John 15:15)

In Mat 22:37-39 Jesus reminded his followers that **the greatest commandment of God was to love him, then to love our neighbors as ourselves**. This isn’t because God is so egotistical and selfish that he just has to be first. Rather, it is to assure us that **he wants a loving relationship with us more than he wants our good works**. Also, it reminds us that all success and pleasure in life must flow from relationship with our life-giving Creator.

Another time Yeshua reminded a follower and friend, Martha, that communing with him was more important than serving him. While Martha was in the kitchen making him a meal, her sister, Mary, had chosen the more important activity of sitting at his feet listening to him. (Luke 10:38-42)

Too often we become focused on completing a specific task that we forget what is really important: to prioritize our relationship with God, first of all, and then to those we love. Jesus reprimanded the believers in Ephesus (Rev 2:1-7) through John the apostle. After commending them for their faithfulness and good works, he reminded them that their love relationship with him was most important. They had “left their first love” and were in danger of the inevitable results – disillusionment and lowered motivation. “Remember,” he was saying to them, “your good works must flow out of relationship with me, not define our relationship or take the place of it.”

In scripture, Abraham was called a “**friend of God**” (Is 41:8, Jas 2:23). He was a powerful intercessor, the first one mentioned in the Bible. The important thing to remember here is that Abraham was an intercessor because he was God’s friend. He was not God’s friend because he was an intercessor. He was very bold in his intercession, asking the God of all that is questions like, “Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?” (Gen 18:25)

Intimate relationships produce this sort of boldness; not an arrogant irreverence, but a **confident boldness that eliminates the fear of rejection or being misunderstood**. When I need a favor, I ask a friend or a family member, not a stranger. If it is in their power to help me,

they do. God wants us to be on such intimate terms with him that it produces bold, confident, and effective intercession. It is my sincere desire that you experience this sort of intimacy in your relationship with the Living God.

Benefit Alaska (from pg 1)

on sound. Jerry Mitchell addressed the crowd, "We are raising funds for Patsy to go to Alaska. She's going in October – doesn't seem like a very good time to be going to Alaska to me but..."

Pastor Patsy showed the slides from the previous Alaska trip.



Jerry Mitchell addressing those present



The Mitchells in concert



Perry House



Shirley Mitchell



Slides of the Minto trip 2012

Pastor Patsy shared the sad story of her first trip to Minto in 2011 and how she had a very difficult time with the Indians because

"Christian" missionaries had been there in the 1960s and those who were children then were tortured by these "Christians," disallowed from speaking their native language, and taken away from their parents, among other horrible things.



The kids in Minto

Scary!

Pastor Patsy also shared that there were powerful demonic forces in that part of Alaska. Indeed it is true that the FBI have made over 2000 trips to that area regarding missing persons, more than a hundred times the normal for any part of the U. S. She said that the last trip included several people, but that this time it would only be herself and one other missionary. "Some places we are going cannot be reached," said Patsy, "except by private aircraft. Some places we've never been before. Some places no missionary has ever been."



The Trammells performing



The main voice Junior Trammell



Barry Wylie begins the auction by presenting an I-Love-Jesus tie and handkerchief. After the slide show, the Trammells (see pg 4)

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The Reverend Mickey McConnell

**Almighty God Refuses
Access**

By: Mickey McConnell

READER'S NOTE: There are many advantages to the body being in unity – many things we cannot do unless we have it. We continue to lose battle after battle because we have not yet attained it. But it is not just a good idea; Almighty God commands it. Mickey McConnell has written a book on the subject, *Almighty God Refuses Access*, which is presently being used as a text book. BFN has permission to print from it. It is recommended reading, as is his newly released end-time novel, *Twilight Triumph*. Both are available on Amazon.com or from BFN.

Mickey has been a pastor, a missionary, and worked with troubled teens. He is a teacher, a speaker, an author, and a godly brother in Christ

Rick

Satan Confuses, by making up half-truths and selling these half-truths to believers. He does not tell a complete lie, for that would not be so difficult to catch. Satan mixes enough truth with his lie to make it believable. When Satan tempted Christ to leap from the pinnacle of the temple, he quoted Psalm 91:11-12: "For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Satan was tempting Christ to show off in front of everyone in dramatic fashion; to demonstrate, that he deserved to be listened to. Satan wanted him to act in the flesh, instead of in the spirit. Christ replied, "You shall not tempt the Lord your God." Christ was not fooled by Satan's misuse of the scriptures. Christ recognized the part of Satan's half truth that was a lie, even though it was mixed with Holy Bible truth, and we should know the scriptures well enough, so that we cannot be easily fooled.

As I stated earlier, I Tim 1:10, II Tim 4:3, Titus 1:9, and Titus 2:1 all have the phrase "sound doctrine." It is not difficult to come up with a doctrine, but it can be very difficult to establish sound doctrine. There are many principles in scripture, and there are thousands of passages. A person must be very careful that whatever doctrine is established aligns 100% with all of the Holy Bible. If it aligns with most of the scriptures, then it is not sound doctrine, because "most" is not sufficient. Sound doctrine does not conflict with the Holy Bible, even in part; or else it is not sound doctrine. Many denominations have pet doctrines that conflict with other denominations. Often these conflicting doctrines are based upon part of the Holy Bible, but are confusing and contradictory when exposed to the light of other Bible passages! This can never be acceptable because we must govern our lives with sound doctrine, and not doctrine that passes only partial muster. I will start with an example I faced as a teenager, in the denomination I grew up in.

When I was about 12 months old, my parents attended a church service in the "Church of the Nazarene" denomination, and were both born again on that Sunday morning. My parents took me to church regularly from that point in my life. We did attend some Baptist and Methodist churches, but most of my childhood years my parents took our family to the Church of the Nazarene. The Church of the Nazarene, like most denominations, indoctrinated their people into their particular brand of Christianity. I cannot speak for everyone in the Nazarene Church, but I can speak from my own experience, which is quite extensive. The Church of the Nazarene taught a lot about "sanctification," but rarely spoke about being filled with the Holy Spirit. The practice of "speaking in tongues" was completely forbidden, and spoken against as unwanted, or even demonic in nature. I grew up believing this.

When I was 16, I met a girl who attended the "Church of God" denomination. I liked her quite a lot, and visited more than once with a friend of mine, who usually attended the "Church of the Nazarene" with me. At the Church of God we experienced the phenomenon of "speaking in tongues." I was troubled by it because I had

been taught differently. I went home and studied what the Holy Bible had to say about the matter for myself. As I studied in I Cor 14, I realized that there is a legitimate "gift of tongues." That was very unsettling to me, and different. I also found in verse 13, that a person who spoke with an unknown tongue must pray that Almighty God would provide an interpretation. In verse 28, the Holy Bible commands that, if there is no interpreter, to keep silent. Well then! As a teenager, I learned on my own, the Church of God that I visited had violated the scriptures, not by speaking in an unknown tongue, but by not providing an interpretation. I felt somewhat vindicated by the teachings of the Nazarene denomination, but I learned that my denomination did not like to talk about the phenomenon of "speaking in tongues," even though it is addressed openly in the scriptures. Kind of weird, but oh well.

Years passed. I came across a pamphlet put out by the "Christian and Missionary Alliance" denomination. Apparently, the Christian and Missionary denomination had been faced with the "speaking in tongues" controversy, and had studied diligently in the Holy Bible in order to establish their denominational position on the matter. In the pamphlet, they pointed out in I Cor 14:39 that we are not to forbid "speaking in tongues." Now that was truly a revelation to me. My denomination, the Church of the Nazarene, expressly forbade speaking in tongues, and here in the first book of Corinthians 14:39, the Holy Bible expressly stated: "and forbid not to speak with tongues." I was amazed. The denomination I had grown up in, and loved dearly, was openly in violation of the Holy Bible on this particular point. Obviously the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination had studied the controversy, and had adopted a more biblical position. At the top of the Church of the Nazarene hierarchy, as it were, there are several men known as general superintendents. I wrote a letter to each of these gentlemen, showing what the Holy Bible has to say about allowing the use of the "gift of tongues," and sharing with them the new position of the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination. These men courteously, and individually responded to my letter. However, as far as I know, the church never altered its doctrine to fit what the Holy Bible has to say. How very sad!

These events affected me. I am a lover of the truth. I am called and driven to proclaim divine truth. It grieves my spirit when professing Christians are not objective. It grieves my spirit when professing Christians are more loyal to their denomination than they are to Christ and his word. We, as Christians, are not called to be in, or to promote any denomination, but we are called to be part of, and to promote the Kingdom of Almighty God.

Benefit Alaska (from pg 3)

began their first performance. They played many Trammell favorites, including the song everyone loves that Junior Trammell wrote, *The Road that Leads to Heaven is One Man Wide*, which may be the theme for this day, this time.

Although Timothy and Julie were not present, Ron was there playing bass, Wayne was playing lead, Junior played guitar and sang lead, Shannon, and Judy sang.

"Once someone asked me," said Ron, "if I could speak to anyone living or dead, who would it be? Well, of course I'd like to speak to Jesus,

but I'd really like to speak to Elijah." With that, they began their song, *Elijah*. Barry Wylie began auctioning things off after the Trammells. He sold a tie & hanky with



Barry with one of the t-shirts



The chocolate cake



The hanging chair



The rocker



Pastor Patsy praying over the offering

"Amazing Grace" on it, and another "I Love Jesus" set. He sold t-shirts of various sizes, a stone cat, a rocker, a hanging chair, cakes and a couple dozen cup cakes.

After the auction an offering was taken up and Pastor Patsy prayed over it. While the funds raised were being counted, Don Murphy and Doug Wright, who were jokingly referred to as Wright and Wrong, sang. Jerry Mitchell announced that they had raised well over \$1000.00.

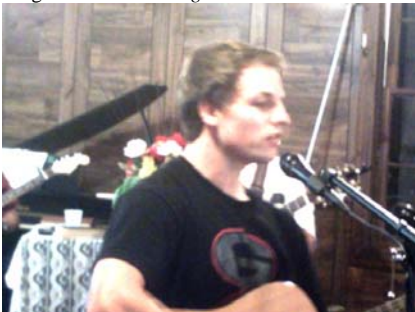
“We’ll have enough to get there,” said Pastor Patsy, “and take some Bibles with us.” The Mitchells began their 2nd performance, and, as they sang, a young lady came to the altar to pray. Pastor Patsy prayed with her.



Wright & Wrong -Doug Wright & Don Murphy



Pastor Patsy praying with a young lady
The Trammells played again and afterward introduced “Vince the Roadie (grandson). Vince Snyder played very impressively, including a song called *Everlasting*.



Vince Snyder “Vince the Roadie”
Pastor Patsy thanked everyone for coming. “There’s no telling what God is gonna do in Alaska.”

Holy Ghost Seminar (from pg 1)

“I speak English and Holy Ghost.” Pastor Smith shared. “If you love me, keep my commands. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another helper, that he may abide with you forever.” Pastor Smith quoted from John 14:15-16. “The 3 work together. You can’t have the daddy without the son. You see the daddy, you see the son, who looks like him. The Holy Ghost is equal with the Father, and does the same things as Jesus did on earth. When Jesus was baptized, a dove came down and **remained** on him. This was the Holy Ghost, and the Father spoke. The 3 were working together.

“In Gen 1:2 we see that the Spirit of God moved on the face of the water. The 3 have been together always: ‘Let **us** make man in **our** image.’ The Holy Ghost is a person. Remember God is a spirit. You must be in the spirit to see him. You cannot look upon him or you will die. But you can look upon Tyran or Mother Deborah and see them, and they have the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is doing the work of the

Father, and John 14:17 says the world **cannot** receive him.



Tyran Phillips opening in prayer



Some of the people at the seminar



Pastors Kenneth & Lorrie O’Neal



Neyda Hempton worshipping



Neyda dancing with the Children

“People say, ‘God is my daddy,’ and curse like a sailor, but God doesn’t curse. They lie, but God doesn’t lie. You will act like your daddy. “God the son will baptize you with the Holy ghost and with fire. The Holy Ghost will give you the power to be effective. What makes a policeman effective? He has a badge, but he also has a gun. This makes him very effective. The Holy Ghost walked in, healing (see pg 6)

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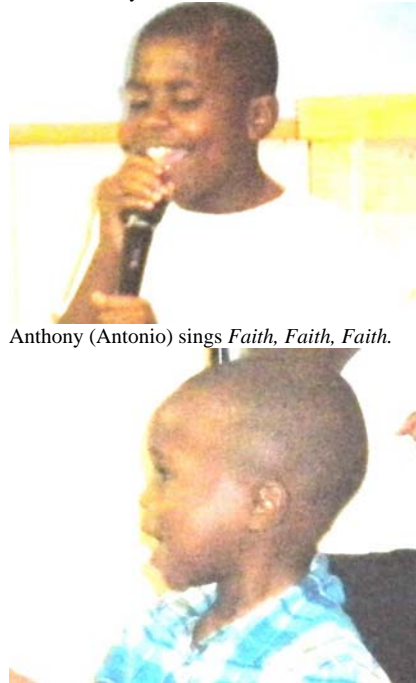
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Holy Ghost Seminar (from pg 5)

came in; blindness, cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure all had to leave; just like roaches when the lights come on. The powers of darkness can't stand the Holy Ghost. They cannot stay where the Holy Ghost is.



Anthony (Antonio) sings *Faith, Faith, Faith*.

Ty Jay

"God said, 'I can't go. Man can't look upon me. Son, you go down there.' The Holy Ghost is like the power steering in a car. He doesn't do the driving, but he makes it a whole lot easier. The Holy Ghost will refill us. We need to get refilled like in Acts 4."

Day 2 began with praise and worship from Pastor Terry Garrett of Mercy Fellowship in Cumming. He had help from Angie Sparks and his youngest son on drums. The minister Tyran Phillips emceed the 2nd night as well.



Pastor Terry Garrett of Mercy Fellowship

Pastor Smith began in Acts 1:8, "...baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire." The Holy Ghost brings power. You receive power to resist lying, stealing, cursing. I have power to tell diabetes it's gotta go, to tell cancer it's gotta go. Power! In Greek, this is dunamis, where we get the word dynamite. You get power to blow up the devil. If there is sickness, there is a healing for it. Deuteronomy 28 blessings, Abraham blessings

are yours. Power! The mentality we see too often is: It's been this way for several years. I guess I'll live this way until Jesus comes back. The devil is a liar! If you say, 'I don't know what to do,' let me help you. Give and live right.



The people of God in worship



Pastor Smith on a roll



Folks greeting one another

"You don't preach to disciples the same way you preach to sinners. If you want corn, you have to plant corn. If you want money, you have to plant money." The offering did yield a little more than was hoped for. Therefore, the "Overflow Dance" was done.



The overflow dance

Healing (from pg 1)

her myopia had been healed and she left her glasses with Herschel and Karen. Reporter Donese Mercaldo handed her a printed card with extremely small font and asked her to read it, which she did, perfectly.



Cristina Villanueva without her glasses testifying on her healing

At the third healing service Herman Parks testified about the first 2 services. He was one of the few that attended all 4 services.



Herschel Phillips at the 3rd healing service



Herman Parks testifying



Donese Mercaldo, "I got a lot last time (2nd svc), but I'm back for more (3rd service)"

"This service is to meet needs," announced Herschel, "The devil tries to get you out of the will of God. **This** is sin." Herschel reminded us of Mat 8:16-17, which tells of the healings Jesus accomplished according to Is 53:4-5, "He himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."

"It matters to God what's going on your life – who you marry, where you work. We do not just go laying hands on someone – only when God says. You must be fully persuaded. If your house is on fire, you are fully persuaded to get out or you will die. I John 3:18 says for us not just to love in tongue, but in truth. If our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart."



Herschel with Daniel Day

A young couple was present at the 3rd healing service, Daniel and Kim Day. Herschel asked what healing was needed and Kim responded with "Daniel's cold." Herschel told them, "No, there is something bigger. God has shared with

me what it is, but..." (Herschel whispered to Daniel). Whatever it was, Daniel was healed of it. Then his wife was healed.



Healing Kim Day



Barry Wylie healed of a long-standing gall bladder problem



Nettie Callaghan is healed

On the 4th night Herschel said, "If you are here, rest assured the Lord has sent you here. In the Old Testament times, if I sinned, I took the lamb to the priest and laid my hands on the spotless lamb, confessed my sins, and the priest handed me the knife, and I cut its throat. The blood of bulls and goats did not take away sin, just covered it up. Jesus took away sin. Sin separates us from God. Its not the action, but an attitude." Prayer over people who needed healing began with a lady named Ruma. She wants a child. She had an abortion at age 19 and had only miscarriages since then. The lady named Sheila who had just lost her son was prayed over. Prayer was also done over Reasie Wright, a lady named Susan, a man named Jim and others. But the most dramatic healing was a lady named Carol, who came barely walking with a large cane. Her right leg and foot were purple from lack of circulation. Herschel prayed over Carol's leg while convulsively screaming and shaking. When he was finished, she fell on the floor and Herschel staggered away, but her leg and foot were healed, she gave her cane to Karen and Herschel and ran laps around the room.

Unfortunately, no one thought to get a picture of her leg (the before picture) before she received prayer, but a photograph was taken of her foot and leg (the after picture) after it was prayed over. This was one of the most remarkable things this reporter had ever seen (see pg 8).

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Isaiah 61:1-3



Drs. Lorrie and Kenneth O'Neal

Why Unity? Because God said so. John 17:6-12 shows us Jesus keeping those God gave him. 17:13-19 shows us the world has hated us because we are not of the world. In 17:20-23 that was Jesus' prayer – that we be one as he and the Father are one. Unity is Christ's gift. He and the Father share the same purpose and power. We share the priority. If we abdicate the thrown of our own lives, we will come into unity. What keeps us from completeness is the lack of unity.

Some may never read the Bible or walk into a church. The only Jesus they ever see is us. This is exactly why the world does not want us. John 17:21 tells us **why** we are to be in unity – so that the world will believe that the Father sent Jesus. How will they ever believe us when we tell them anything if we are not in unity?

The world believes the false prophet of TV. The false prophet tells them things like homosexual marriage is okay. They hear it over and over and they begin to believe it. That's the way the forces of darkness work. The lie is told over and over and people begin to believe it. We have to love these people, but we also have to tell them the truth. Many of **us** have believed that same false prophet, and we don't go to the word and get the truth.

Unity: in Christ 1+1=1. His prayer in John 17 is not an organizational pray but a spiritual one. We are to be one in the spirit – different churches but one in spirit **and in practice**.

There are mega ministries, but that does not mean the Spirit of God is there. Just because a large number of people flock to a particular place does not mean at all that Jesus is there. In Ps 133 unity is compared to the anointing.

God **commanded** the blessing – life forevermore. Is this just poetry? Read it.

At the tower of Babel God had to stop them because they were in unity, “Nothing will be impossible for them.” If God says something more than once, you’d better pay attention. We are told we are to be in unity many times in his word. Everybody has to prepare, to do their part in this, and if you don’t...”

As Dr. Lorrie spoke she blew up a balloon and tied into the shape of something. She handed it to Dr. Kenneth and told him what it was.

“What is it?” She asked. “I made it know what I wanted it to be. If you don’t know what he wants you to be, what do you do? You ask him.” Whoever asked Dr. Kenneth what the balloon was, he told them.

“When we go to him we do not attempt to keep secrets. When I hear someone say wrong things, I know they don’t spend much time with the Lord.

“Why not everyone? Why is it that not everyone who claims to be part of the body of Christ will get this? If we read Is 29:9-16, we will understand why. You see, the created thing is telling God that He does not know. The people who will not get it are those that continue to place their agenda above God’s. If you don’t understand, don’t ask people; ask the creator. Those who will not understand the unity, God has blinded their eyes.

“When you wake up at 3 o’clock in the morning, get up for what God has for you. In Mat 11:25 we see Jesus thanking the Father that he hid these things from the wise and revealed them to babes. Why to babes? Because they are not contaminated by religion and traditions. We lean on our **own** understanding. Mat 11:27 tells us that no one knows the Father except the Son and the one to who the Son wills to reveal him. When they are ready, the Lord will open their eyes. Pray that they have not missed their season. Don’t come into the kingdom crippled because you did not grab what the Lord had for you.

“Why not all? In Acts 10:22 we see that God revealed something to Cornelius **and** to Peter. Why do they not understand? Because God has not revealed it to them. We see in Mark 4:23 & in Rev 3:22, ‘he who has an ear, let him hear.

Shammah is Hebrew for hear. It means to listen with the intention of obeying. Deut 6:4 is known as the Shammah. Adonai was in and for unity.

Why now? Why here? Let’s look at the history of Georgia. When Georgia became a state, it excluded Catholics, Jews, and other states. Explorers had to pay money to explore Georgia. Gold was discovered in Dahlonega, which belonged exclusively to the Cherokees. The President, Andrew Jackson ordered them out and to a reservation in the Oklahoma Territory. The Cherokee took it to the Supreme Court and won. But President Jackson defied the court order. “Let’s see them enforce it,” he reportedly said, and sent the Army to remove the Cherokees from their own land to Oklahoma. This was called the ‘Trail of Tears.’ Many

hundreds of Cherokees died on the way. After the Civil War, the Citizenship, Due process, and Equal Protection of the Laws amendment (14th) was presented and Georgia was the last hold out to ratify it. Georgia is a governmental gate. In other words, has the ability to exert an element of control toward the federal government. This is why it is so important that unity in the body come to Georgia.

Hag 2:6-9 talks about, ‘I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land.’ And Heb 12:25-29, tells us that everything will be shaken – the earth and the heavens, those things shaken will be removed. Those things that cannot be shaken will remain. Therefore we will receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken. Our God is a consuming fire. We are talking here about the last shaking. We are in the season now – getting rid of all that religious stuff, building an unshakable kingdom.

We are to be *wise as serpents* so we can slither into the world’s systems and *be harmless as doves*. One of us will take over the education system, one the banking system, one the medical system, take all that Satan has perverted.

Why are we getting all this rain right now? Because it is a new season, a time to be shut in and seek God. Allow him to down-load us. We will take back the airways. How? We will spend time with him and pray in tongues. This the enemy cannot understand. We will allow God to have his way in us. Unity will increase when we begin to conform to God and have the mind of Christ.

The rain is going to wipe away our iniquity. He is going to blow our mind. He is giving us all that we need to plant and sow. If unity was not important to God, he would not have put it in the book.

Healing (from pg 7)



Herschel beginning to pray over Carol



Carol on the floor, Herschel staggering away

Many people will not believe the miracles that happened at these healing services. That’s the way it is with miracles. Even when people see them, they only last a little while because the world creeps in and begins to convince them that they never really happened, or that there is

some “logical explanation.” This reporter was there and saw these things. They are real and so is the Living God.



This leg is not quite there yet, but is a far cry from the purple that it was before.

Hot Stove (from pg 1)

giant in us. In Acts 27 begins the story of when Paul, ready to get on the ship to go to Rome warned those on the ship what would happen if they left on that ship right then. The centurion listened to the master of the ship instead of Paul. Have you ever told your child to do something and they disobeyed? People of the world don’t believe that the people of God have a word from God. I told my son, ‘Boy, don’t touch the stove; it’s hot.’ He had to find out for himself.

“Paul told the centurion that bad things would happen, but the Roman preferred to listen the one he **wanted** to believe. Something is gonna happen if you don’t believe the word of God. Warning comes before disaster.



People of God in worship



Benjamin Jones of Faith Temple



Bishop Harold green host of the revival

“Samson was blinded and a church without a vision will not last. Warning comes before destruction. When the people of God warn you to keep out of danger, listen to them. You might feel like you are as great as the pastor, but God will bring you down just like Miriam and

Aaron. God's word is there to keep you out of troubles.



First Lady Annette Green



First Lady Arnold

"My older sister was my example," commented Bishop Green, "When my mama told her not to do something and she did it anyway, she paid the price. I learned from watching her. 'I've been getting away with this for a long time.' Will God give you a chance to repent? You might sow it in the snow, but you're gonna reap it before you go. If we can be real with each other and with God, he wants to help us through some things. It's not what your peers say about you; it's what God knows about you.

Notified (from Pg 1)

in today? One of the portals of this is casual Christianity. What is a casual Christian? It is someone who wants to please God and others while extracting as much pleasure from the world as possible. I'm not talking about wearing blue jeans on Sunday. I'm talking about what's in your heart. 66% of professing Christians fit in this category.



Karen Lewis greeting all present



First Lady Tina Baldwin of Monroe First Congregational Holiness Church opens in prayer.

"We must do something to reverse this trend. If I told you I was a pastor's wife, you would expect me to live with integrity. I believe that, if we get deep down honest and naked before the Lord, we can change the way we are. The root cause is not them, those others, but us. We must change the way we are.



Annette Herndon with the praise and worship



Women in worship



Annette Adams greeting at the door



Pastor Betty Arnold praying over the offering



Karen Lewis and Redenna Poole

"The root of casual Christianity is bound in selfishness. Why would we take something we are willing to die for so casually? When some folks finally do have suffering, they (see pg 10)

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Chlorinated Baptism

By: R. D. Hempton

On 25 August the people at Living Hope Christian Fellowship of Hoschtton gathered to baptize several people. The baptism was a celebration, as well every baptism should be.



Blake (above) Austin (below) are baptized



We celebrate birthdays with parties and wild celebrations, we celebrate weddings in some cultures with three or four day events. We celebrate Christmas, as the birth of Christ when

Emperor Constantine merged Christianity and paganism. Christ was not born in December. Why should we not celebrate one of the most



Hayden



Katie



Joey



Katlyn (above) Robin (below) are baptized



important turning points in any person's life? The party was lively, filled with love, food (including hot pizza) and joy.

Notified (from pg 9)

are devastated.

"In our effort to be relational to one another, we take away from the fact that this is the **King of kings**. We lose the seriousness of it, the actual suffering part, the price he paid. We replace it with traditions, ritual, and religion.

"If all our Bibles were confiscated and burned today, if every church was forcibly closed, if it were illegal to even speak the name of Jesus, do you know him? There has to be an awakening in our church, in the church.

"Don't say, 'If there is anything I can do,' if you don't mean it. You may think you're 'being nice,' but you're not. You're being insincere. Remember, you will be asked. I said something like that once, and I was asked to clean someone's house. **This is ministry**. Don't say, 'Call me if I can do anything for you.' That's worthless. Instead say, 'Here's a \$50.00 gas card. I know you've been driving back and forth to South Georgia to see your sick sister.' Or say, 'I'm coming over to wash your car, clean your house, etc.' **Consider yourself notified**. You know, that should be a t-shirt. Consider yourself notified. Don't tell somebody, 'Call me.' Consider yourself notified.

"If we do not do something about casual Christianity, our children will not know the Lord.

"Thousands of starfish were washed up on the shore and were dying. A little girl was standing on the beach throwing them back into the ocean one at a time. A woman walked up behind her and told her, 'You can't even make a tiny difference. There are thousands of them.'

"The little girl said nothing, but threw another one into the ocean, then another. 'It sure made a difference to that one.' She responded, and kept throwing them back in.

"If I get serious about my relationship with Jesus, I've got to change some things. I'm just being bare nekked honest. If you hold something out to the Lord and ask him to change it, he will; that is, unless we don't really want him to. We are so afraid we'll break some cultured norm. Miracles and real Christianity are messy.

"A man in my church was having a 'lifestyle issue.' Remember when we used to call it sin? Well, the Sunday school teacher, a fearless woman, approached him and told him right out, 'As a Christian, this cannot go on.'"

Redenna lead all present in prayer for the Whole body of Christ to stop being in casual Christianity. The service was ended with the music of Annette Herndon, and the prayer of Pastor Angie Burgess.

Prayer & Healing Crusade

Drs. O'Neal of Anointed Hands Medical Services are also Pastors O'Neal of Anointed hands Ministry & Healing Center. They are hosting a prayer and healing crusade on 27, 28, & 29 September at 115 Towne Center Parkway in Hoschton. Friday 27 Sept Pastor Arlene Smith of Acts of Salvation Ministries will be speaking, on Saturday 28 Sept Pastor Patsy Garrett of Jefferson Gospel Tabernacle is speaking. Both services begin at 1900 (7pm). On Sunday at 1030 will be the final day of the

crusade. Crusades like this one are rare. If you have plans, you might want to change them.

Men's Conference

For some reason women's conferences are everywhere, but not many men's conferences. Well, on Saturday 5 October at 1000 there will be a men's conference at Miracle Deliverance. It will be hosted by Bishop Clyde Patman and Pastor Roger Williams. Dr. Kenneth O'Neal, pastor of Anointed Hands Ministries and Healing center in Hoschton will be speaking, among others, including Pastor Willie Harris of Christ Outreach. It is being arranged for there to be a different speaker every thirty minutes. Miracle Deliverance is located two doors down from *The Corner Book Store* at 49 Jackson Street in Winder.

The men of God must come together so that we can all come together.

Fall 7-day Revival

The Whole Body of Christ Alliance holds a 7-day revival at 7 different churches every 3 months. They are always in Jan, Apr, July, & Oct, in the middle of the month. In October 2013 it will be from 14 to 20 October. Each night of revival begins at 1900 (7pm), **Not** at 730.

Monday 14 Oct – Kingdom Community Worship Center at 73 Lee St. (VFW Hall) in Winder.

Tuesday 15 Oct – Anointed Hands Ministry & Healing Center at 115 Towne Center Parkway in Hoschton.

Wednesday 16 Oct – Braselton Tabernacle of Praise at 2260 Davenport Rd.

Thursday 17 Oct – Living Hope Christian Fellowship at 62 Pearl Ind. Ste A in Hoschton

Friday 18 Oct – Faith Temple Fellowship Church at 247 Hwy 211 in Winder

Saturday 19 Oct – Bush Chapel AME Zion Church at 181 Horton St. in Winder

Sunday 20 Oct – Hope Fellowship at 49 Piedmont Dr Stes 2 & 3 in Winder



Pastor Johnny

Psalm 119:45 says, "And I will walk at liberty, for I seek your precepts." The psalmist celebrates the freedom that is found in obeying God's instruction. Although many think of laws, instructions, and commandments as limiting and restricting, the law of God paradoxically frees us from sin and gives us the peace that comes from following the Lord's instructions. Guard duty is my job, not God's. It is my job to guard my thought life – to guard the eye gates and the ear gates.

II Cor 10:3-6: "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God,

bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled." Casting down! Thoughts can pass through, but if they want to hang around, you must take authority. You must **speak** to it. You cannot think it away. It is one thing to **be** free and another thing to walk that freedom out. There is no chemical cure for a spiritual problem. It takes blood.

Lukewarm Leftovers

By: Jerome Applegate

Last March a writer submitted an article that has been the talk of BFN readers ever since. This September we reprint this article for those who missed March.

Many people will not read the book of Revelation. They don't even want to talk about it. Revelation scares them. The book of Revelation is my favorite book in the Bible because it is Grand Central Station for the whole rest of the Bible. The book is not about the antichrist. It's not about the battle of Armageddon. It's about Jesus. Rev 3:15-18 says, "I know your deeds, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish you were either one or the other! So because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth."

This is Jesus speaking. He is not just talking to some church we don't know anything about in Laodicea. He is speaking to us. When you put something in your mouth to commit to eating or drinking it, you want it to either be cold or hot, not lukewarm. If it is, you will probably spit it out.

In the U.S. we are impressed by numbers. We gauge the success of an event by how many people attend it. Jesus questions the validity of this kind of record keeping. According to the account in Luke 8:10, when a crowd began following him, he began speaking in parables – "so that" those who were not genuinely listening wouldn't get it. He just wasn't interested in those who fake it.

In the parable of the sower, the seed is the word of God. When the seed is thrown on the path, it is heard but quickly stolen away. On the rocks, it has no roots, has the appearance of depth and growth, but only on the surface. Among the thorns it is received, but suffocated by life's worries, riches, and pleasures. In good soil it grows, takes root, and produces fruit.

My warning to you is this: **Do not assume that you are good soil.**

I will say it again: **Do not assume that you are good soil.**

Has your relationship with God actually changed the way you live? If you have ever been honest with yourself in your whole life, now is the time. Are you satisfied with being "godly enough" to get into heaven, or to look good in comparison to others? Or can you say with Paul that you "want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death (Phil 3:10)?"

For far too long this verse had just too much Jesus for me. I thought the verse should have ended at the word *resurrection*. I have heard people say that So-in-so was "so heavenly minded that they were no earthly good." That is one of the stupidest, most worldly statements I've ever heard.

I do not want to be in the church of Laodicea. I do not want to be lukewarm. There is no such thing as being so heavenly minded that you are no good, just like there is no such thing as a lukewarm Christian. This is an oxymoron. To put it plainly, church folks who are lukewarm are **not** Christians. We will not see them in the Kingdom.

Christians do not serve leftovers to a holy God. Yet so many of us pay our tithes as long as we can do it without putting ourselves in a bind. A man once told me, "It's all fine and good to talk about tithing, but the electric company will still cut off the power if you don't pay the bill. The mortgage company will still foreclose on you and the bank will still repo your car if you don't pay."

My answer to the man was, "If they repo my truck because I paid my tithes, God will give me a new one, that is, of course, if it was because I paid my tithes and not because I took my wife to Red Lobster." I was actually put to the test on that one because they **did** repo my truck because I kept on paying my tithes, and sure enough, God **did** give me another one, and this one was paid for – no truck payments.

Look at me. Aren't I wonderful? – Not! I am right there with the rest, constantly reminding myself of where I am lacking.

Christians do not serve leftovers to a holy God. Yet so many of us pray – spend time with the one who placed us here so he could hang out with us – in our "spare time." The fact is that, according to some surveys, most "Christians" pray more in church than at any other time. Most spend **far** more time in front of the television than praying.

What happens when people "ask Christ into their lives?" They go up to the altar, say a prayer, and that's it. It's done. Right? Unfortunately, that is exactly the way we treat it. They said the prayer and now they go to church. It is better to be in church than not to be in church, but this is so very far from what God wants from us. Our lives have not actually changed hardly at all.

Let's face it. If we are willing to make changes in our lives at all, it is only if we think it effects our salvation. This is why I hear so many questions like, can I divorce my wife and still go to heaven? Do I have to be baptized to be saved? Am I a Christian even though I am in a homosexual relationship? If I am afraid to talk about Jesus, is he really going to deny knowing me? If I have sex with someone I'm dating, can I still go to heaven? If I commit suicide, will I still go to heaven?

To me the real tragedy of these questions is that they show the real state of our heart. They show that we are more concerned about going to heaven than actually loving the King. We are in the mindset of "What's in it for me?" If it were all about us, we would be in even more serious trouble. It is not about us. It is about God. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command." When we consider this, our question quickly becomes the unthinkable: Can I go to heaven without truly and faithfully loving Jesus?

I have never seen anything in the scripture that leads me to believe that the answer to that question could be yes. 1 John 2:3-4 says, "We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

Maybe I'm warped, but I just kind of think that what John was trying to say was that the person who claims to know God but does not obey his commands is a liar and the truth really is not in him.

In Mat 16:24-25, Jesus says, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it."

If I think more of my comfortable life than what the Lord wants me to do – what he wants me to be, then I will lose my life. What we are talking about here is the dzoe' life, the kind of life God has, the spirit life, the kind of life that does not constantly have to be recharged with food, with water, and with air. The kind of life we are familiar with is the bios life, the temporary life, the life that will ultimately end for all of us. Jesus promises those that belong to him the kind of life he has, the dzoe' life.

Some people claim that we can be Christians without necessarily becoming disciples. This makes me wonder, then, why the last thing Jesus told us was to go into the world, making disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey all that he commanded. Notice that he did not add, "But hey, if that's too much to ask, tell them to just become Christians – you know, the people who get to heaven without having to commit to anything."

When we are in the mindset of What's in it for me, we think about such things as how we can "get into" heaven and what rewards we will receive. If we continue to serve and pursue Christ for Christ himself, at some point we will realize that we have forgotten all about those things and just want his work to be done, his kingdom to be realized. We will realize that the rewards are chicken feed compared to being with him.

I don't want to be lukewarm. Lukewarm people attend church because that's what "good Christians" do. Isa 29:13 says, "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men."

I don't want to be lukewarm. Lukewarm people give money as long as it doesn't impinge on their standard of living. If they have a little extra, they give a little. "I tell you the truth," Jesus said when he saw the rich bringing their gifts and the poor widow putting in two small coins, "This poor widow has put in more than all the others."

I don't want to be lukewarm. Luke warm people tend to choose what is popular over what is right when they are in conflict. They care more about what people think of what they do (like going to church and giving) than what God thinks of their hearts and lives. Jesus said in Luke 6:26, "Woe to you when men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets." He said in Rev 3:1, "I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead."

I don't want to be lukewarm. Lukewarm people don't really want to be cleansed of their sin; they only want to be saved from the penalty of their sin. They don't genuinely hate sin and aren't truly sorry for it. They're just sorry because God is going to punish them.

I don't want to be lukewarm. Lukewarm people hardly ever share their faith with their neighbors or friends. They don't want anyone to feel

uncomfortable by talking about private issues like religion. They don't want to make people angry. A young woman I witnessed to once told me in a very angry voice, "I'm not a Christian. I'm a Baptist." The truth is she might not have known anything about Jesus, but she knew she was not where she needed to be with Christ and that she did not know him at all (Baptists usually **are** Christians) and it scared the daylights out of her. We all tend to manifest fear through anger. James 1:22 tells us, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourself. Do what it says."

I don't want to be lukewarm. Lukewarm people do not live by faith; their lives are structured so that they don't have to. They don't have to trust God if something unexpected happens – they have their bank account. The truth is, their lives wouldn't look much different if they stopped believing in God. Fool! This night your soul will be required of you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" (Luke 12:20)

I don't want to be lukewarm. Lukewarm people may drink and swear less than average, but besides that, they aren't really any different from your typical unbeliever. They equate their partially sanitized lives with holiness, but they couldn't be more wrong.

We attempt serve leftovers to a holy God – leftover money, leftover time, leftover love.

My concern in writing this is that it may only evoke fear and guilt. Personal experience has taught me that actions driven by fear and guilt are not an antidote to lukewarm, selfish, comfortable living. I hope that you realize instead that the answer is love.

I don't want to be lukewarm. I have said this, but unfortunately, I find myself falling into just that on too many occasions. I don't want to fall into lukewarmness ever. But, you see it is not just our actions that God looks at; it is also our heart.

Paul said beginning in Rom 7:14, "For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do...Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me...O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God – through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin."

You see we all sin. We all fail God, fall short of his glory, but I truly hope you can see the difference. The grace of God is there for those who belong to him. God's grace is sufficient for this. God's grace covers us if we belong to him. But what if we do not belong to him? What if we are concerned only about whether we are going to get into heaven with the least amount of effort instead of whether we love the king?

What if we are more concerned about the rewards we think we will receive than whether the things we can accomplish for the kingdom will come to pass?

I don't want real believers to doubt their salvation. In the midst of our failed attempts to please the God we love, his grace covers us. To call someone a Christian simply because he does some Christian-like things is giving false comfort to the unsaved. But to declare someone who sins "unsaved" is to deny the reality and truth of God's grace.

Grace does not help, however, what is wrong with our hearts. Grace does not cover lukewarm,

complacency. If we have as much God as we want for right now, a reasonable portion of God among all the other things in our lives, this is not covered by Grace. Those that should be the most afraid are those that are lukewarm, and know it, and don't care.

The thing is, when you're in love, you will do whatever you have to for the one you're in love with, even things you didn't know you could do. Please read this next part until it sinks in. It is vital and there is absolutely nothing that is more important. Here goes: *Are you willing to say to God that he can have whatever he wants? Do you believe that wholehearted commitment to him is more important than any other thing or person in your life? Do you know that nothing you ever do in this life will ever matter, unless it is about loving God and loving the people he has made?*

If the answer to those questions is yes, then put your actions where your mouth is. Real faith means holding nothing back; it bets everything on the hope of eternity.

Bible Knowledge

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A little story about the above article: It was handed to one of the editors of BFN at a church function in an envelope while he was in deep conversation with some one. He thought he knew who handed it to him, but later that man knew nothing about it. It is one of the best articles I have read in BFN and no one seems to know who wrote it.

Now for the answers to last month:

Kings, Pharaohs, and Other Rulers

- 1: Tirhakah. II King 19:9
- 2: Ahab. I King 16:29-33
- 3: Hoshea. II King 17:4-6
- 4: Sihon. Num 21:21-26
- 5: Ahab. I King 18:17
- 6: Hazael. I King 19:15
- 7: Manasseh. II Chro 33:10-13
- 8: Ahab. I King 22:17
- 9: Jehoshaphat. I King 22:48
- 10: Ahaziah. II King 1:2
- 11: Meshah. II King 3:4
- 12: Jehoiakim. Jer 26:20-23
- 13: Hazael. II King 8:15
- 14: Jehoram. II King 8:16-18
- 15: Darius. Dan 5:31

So Many dreamers

- 1: His wife (Claudia). Mat 27:19
- 2: Joel. Joel 2:28
- 3: Peter did on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem Acts 2:17
- 4: One – To go ahead and marry Mary, Mat 1:20-21, Two – flee to Egypt, Mat 2:13-14, Three – return from Egypt, Mat 2:19-21, Four – to go to Galilee instead of back to Judea, Mat 2:22
- 5: Nebuchadnezzar. Dan 4:5-17
- 6: Gold, silver, brass (bronze) & iron. Dan 2:31-35
- 7: A cake of barley bread. Judg 7:13
- 8: An understanding heart and good judgment. I King 3:5-10
- 9: Pharaoh's Baker, his butler, and Pharaoh. Gen 40-41
- 10: Jacob's father-in-law Laban. Gen 31:29
- 11: Joseph. Gen 37:2-11
- 12: Jacob. Gen 28:10-15

Change of Life, Change of Name

- 1: Abram. Gen 17:5
- 2: Sarai. Gen 17:15
- 3: Israel. Gen 32:28

Now for the September questions:

Change of Life Change of Name

1: What was Joshua's name before Moses changed it?

2: The Lord told the prophet Nathan to tell the Father of the child to name the baby Jedidiah after the father had already named the boy what?

3: The man's name was actually Shim' on Bar-Yochanan. Jesus (Yeshua) called him Kefa, but we know him mostly (in English) as who?

4: Saul of Tarsus had his name changed to what?

5: Naomi told people not to call her Naomi because she was bitter, but to call her what?

6: Joseph Bar-Jacob had his name changed by Pharaoh to what?

7: Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon gave Daniel a new Name. What was it?

8: The same king renamed another young Israelite boy Shadrach. What was his real name?

9: Meshach was the name King Nebuchadnezzar gave to what Israelite young man?

10: Many people mispronounce this young man's Babylonian name by switching the -d- and the -n- and calling him Abendego. The actual Babylonian name is Abed-nego. What was his Hebrew name?

11: Eliakim was made king in place of his father Josiah and Pharaoh Necho changed his name to what?

12: Mattaniah was made king by the king of Babylon. What did the king of Babylon change Mattaniah's name to?

What's in a Name?

(clue: many of these can only be looked up with a Strong's Concordance or a Bible dictionary)

1: What is this famous king's name? His name means "Beloved."

2: This prophet's name means "God is strong."

3: This prophet's name means "God is savior."

4: A book in the Bible is named for this man. His name means "Help."

Have fun with these

Love in Christ,

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