

THE JOY OF CHRISTIANITY

In the ten-point outline which follows, we learn of the blessings awaiting those who serve the Saviour. Following Jesus means:

1. **We surrender** - Yet win the battle! (Romans 12:1-2; James 4:7-10; 2 Peter 1:11).
2. **We are humble** - Yet always victorious! (2 Corinthians 2:14; Luke 14:11; 1 John 5:4).
3. **We die daily** - Yet live abundantly! (2 Corinthians 5:1; John 10:10; Ephesians 3:20).
4. **We long for heaven** - Yet live better lives on earth! (Philippians 3:20; Jude 21; Revelation 14:13).
5. **We are crucified with Christ** - Yet we never die! (Galatians 2:20; John 11:25, 26; Ephesians 2:6).
6. **Buried with Christ** - But walk in new life! (Colossians 2:20; Romans 8:1-2; Ephesians 4:20-24).
7. **Past sins are forgiven** - Yet pressing onward! (Acts 3:19; Hebrews 6:1; 8:12).
8. **Sojourners on earth** - But mansions awaiting in heaven! (1 Peter 2:11; Hebrews 9:24; 11:10-13).
9. **Content with blessings** - Never satisfied with attainments! (Philippians 4:11; Romans 8:31; Psalm 116:12; Revelation 3:21).
10. **Deep in debt** - Yet free in Christ! (Romans 1:14; 13:8; Psalm 46:1; John 8:36; Galatians 5:1).

Surely, all of these attendant joys of Christian service encourage a spontaneous response of loyal devotion in our hearts!

- Johnny Ramsey (deceased) -

WILL YOU BE HERE?

Will you be here the next time we meet?
Will you bow down at Jesus' dear feet?
Giving to Him a life that's complete?
One that, to Him, is true, pure, and sweet?

Will you sing praise and lift up your voice?
Worshiping Him as we all rejoice?
Will you stay home and bring to Him shame,
Not glorifying His precious name?

Will you give prayer to God up above,
Deeply sincere, to show Him your love?
Through every day will your light, thus, shine,
To glorify Christ, His Son, so divine?

Oh, plan now, today, to give Him your all,
Let Him, your life, completely enthrall.
Help others answer that sweet gospel call,
Doing His will, then you'll never fall.

- L. B. Strawn -

You can trust the Bible – God always keeps His word!

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To Jim & Marilyn Hadley, Nancy Hadley and their families at the passing of their nephew, Robert A. 'Bobby' Hadley this past week. God comfort the Hadley family.

ADDRESS: For Jackie Parsons' son-in-law and daughter: 1093 Dunsmore Dr., Chelsea, AL 35043. Jackie was a faithful member of this congregation for many years and passed away recently.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Ladies are encouraged to participate to help make stuffed bears for kids.

MEN'S LEADERSHIP CLASSES: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All men are urged to attend this class.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: To Arlen Webb who will celebrate his 90th birthday this Wednesday, Jan. 25th. We wish Arlen the very best as he reaches this great milestone.

STUDY ON REVELATION: Each Wednesday at the 7:00 p.m. Bible study hour.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: Each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the Brown's home.

ELDERS DATE TO SPEAK RESCHEDULED: To Sunday evening, Feb. 5th at 5:30 p.m. Plan to be here for this annual event and learn about the church's present situation and future plans.

PANTRY: Macaroni & cheese.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Tasha Hall Beatty (member at Southern Hills). She is to have very serious surgery on this Thursday, Jan. 26th for recurring cancer. Imogene Aebi, (radiation treatments), her address: 2660 Layman Rd., Vincent, OH 45784. Irvin & Barbara Gainer in Texas (Jenny Rhodes' parents).

SICK & SHUT-IN: Jim Smith (preacher at Langeloth, PA), 1370 Langeloth Rd., Burgettstown, PA 15021. Dean Spencer, Janet Malcomson, Lois Hissom, Eva Steff, Jim & Shirley Beagle, Doris Dunham, Betty Henthorne. Ruth Wright (Sharon Williams' sister) 1211 Mound St., Salem, OH 44460. **CROSSROADS:** Jim Mick, 13280 Echo Dell Road, East Liverpool, OH 43920. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller & Ella Beagle. **WORTHINGTON NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER,** Margie Logston, 2675 - 36th St., P.O. Box 4010, Parkersburg, WV 26104.

Me ... Read The Bible?

The American Bible Society offers the following suggestions for Bible study:

- Read slowly and prayerfully. "Not snapshots, but time exposures" should be the rule.
- Read keenly and thoughtfully. Imagine the scenes.
- Read obediently. Search for personal messages each day.
- Underline passages which strike fire. Copy them and repeat them aloud.
- Memorize one key verse daily.
- Set aside and keep a definite daily time for reading.
- Make it a habit; become a daily reader of the Bible.

*"The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure enlightening the eyes."*

- Psalm 19:8 -