

## I Need A Crutch

“On hearing this, Jesus said to them, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners’” (Mark 2:17).

Karl Marx is credited with the statement that “Religion is the opiate of the masses.” Freud’s view of religion is well known: “Religion is comparable to a childhood neurosis.” Atheists are quick to ridicule religious people like me as psychologically weak and unable to cope with the stark realities of life and need religion as a crutch.

Mocking, as they do, they believe puts me on the defensive to justify my faith in a personal God who loves me. I surrender. I admit it; I want a crutch.

There are two questions to ask concerning the need for a crutch: What is the problem, and is the remedy the correct one for the problem?

I openly acknowledge my problem. It is sin. I admit it. I am injured and want a crutch. The mockers will not admit it, I do. I am living in a fallen world. I have been injured through sin to the point that I need the help and support of my God.

The solution is a faith that commits to the Lord in complete surrender. It isn’t a sign of weakness to admit my need, and if someone wants to call my faith a crutch, so be it. I cannot walk the path that God has set before me without His assistance.

With such “assistance” I will reach my destination. But I can only reach it with my “crutch.” I not only want my crutch; I am thankful for it!

- David Riley, Enola church of Christ, Enola, AR (*Bulletin Digest*) -

## What Is So Special about Heaven?

- ◆ Heaven is where God is (John 14:2–3).
- ◆ Heaven is where we will have perfect understanding (1 Corinthians 13:12).
- ◆ Heaven is where our life’s records are kept (Revelation 20:12).
- ◆ Heaven is a place of perfect rest (Revelation 14:13).
- ◆ Heaven is where we will receive our new bodies (1 Corinthians 15:44).
- ◆ Heaven is where we will reunite with our saved loved ones (2 Samuel 12:23).
- ◆ Heaven is where our reward is (Revelation 22:12).

- Larry Benderman, Stiversville church of Christ, Culleoka, TN (*Bulletin Digest*) -

*The Great Physician always has the right remedy.*

## News Notes

**CONFESSION & REQUEST FOR PRAYER:** Stacy Kominar.

**CONVERT’S CLASS:** Each **Thursday, 11:00 a.m.** Open to everyone.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** For Marilyn Miller, **Saturday Nov. 30th, 11:00 a.m.** here at the Church Building. Following, we will host a meal at the Fellowship Building. If you can help with the dinner in any way, please see Tracy Clutter.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home:** John Sprout, Bob McMahan, Scharlotte Jones, Becky McKitrick, Dean Spencer, Harry Huff, Peggy Linger, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox-Chester:** Audrey Geer, Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** Carolyn Carbone, 103 Orange Blossom Lane, Ranson, WV 25438. Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

**PANTRY:** Chicken Broth.



*It's Turkey Time!*  
Bring a turkey to church.

## A Blind Man’s Lantern

Mark T. Tonkery

A blind man once walked into a dark room carrying a lantern. When he was asked why he carried the lantern since darkness and light were the same to him, he replied, “I have it so others will not stumble over me.” What a wise man!

God’s Word is described as a lamp that guides us through life. Those who attempt to go through life without this light, God’s Word, are dangerously ill-equipped. This is why daily Bible study and regular worship with the saints should be the most important thing we do in our lives. When we neglect to study and live by the Bible, we open ourselves up to being a stumbling block to others. Psalm 119:105 states, “Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path” (NKJV). May we let our light shine so that we will not become stumbling blocks to others. Remember also, Jesus said, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

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*If you light a lamp for someone else,  
it will also brighten your path.*

- Author Unknown -

