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The Day of the Lord

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

I Thessalonians 4:13,14

They say that there are only two sure things in this life, death and taxes. While this saying may miss a few of the sure things in life, the statement is true that for mankind one thing that is sure is death. We do all we can to avoid it, but it comes anyway. A rich man will spend all his money to outrun it, but it will always catch him. It comes to the young and old alike. Sometimes it is a shock, and sometimes it is an expected end at the end of a long life. The fact remains, unless the Lord returns during our time, each of us will one day face death, and each one of us will also have to deal with the loss of those we love.

Because of this fact, I am so thankful for Paul's message for us about the day of the Lord. He reminds us that the loss of a person who is a Christian is to be viewed in a totally different light. God has not left us to grieve for Christians as those who have no hope. While our hearts break with grief, they are also soothed by hope and a promise. A promise that Jesus will return for each one of us, and a hope for that sweet reunion with those who have fallen asleep in Him as we meet the Lord in the air. Comfort one another with these words verse 18.

John

Appreciating What We Have

Isaiah 5:4 What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it?

In this passage, God talks about planting a vineyard. A fertile hillside was found and all the stones were removed from the soil. The best grape plants were obtained and planted. A watchtower was built for observation and protection of the crop. A winepress was built in order to remove the juice from the grapes. Everything that could be done for the success of this vineyard was done. God expressed his love for this vineyard. All that was now needed was a fruitful crop. Sadly, the crop never did materialize.

The vineyard symbolized Israel. God did everything to help this nation. He loved Israel and he longed to have fruitful results. In the end, Israel did not produce the expected results. The time came when the vineyard was destroyed and eventually became a wasteland once again. God asked the question, "What more could have been done for my vineyard?" Let's ask the same question for ourselves. What more could God have done for us? What greater thing could God have done other than the giving of his Son? His Son paid the price for our sins in order that we might have an eternal home with him. What more could he do? God has provided us with every spiritual blessing in Christ and he has provided us with our physical blessings. When the Heavenly Father looks at us, does he see productive fruit? Do we really appreciate all that he has done for us? His love for people has been greatly shown. Are we in turn showing our love for him?

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 104
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman - undergoing chemo weekly
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Tal Gray - recovering from a fall
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Libby Moss - at home recovering from surgery
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Melba Pollard - recovering from surgery
- Ned Pollard recovering from cataract surgery
- Elaine Pope
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Melissa Stutts - recovering from surgery
- Donald White
- Suzanna White
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Edith Sharp - sister of Betty Lentz, John (Sonny) Massey - brother of June Wood - 600 Lookout Dr., Elmer Rummage, Beverly Norman, Sunny & Stacy Hobbs, Maddox Jackson, Natalie Kuykendall, Marie Skelton, Shannon Jones, Hayden Jones, Sherry King, Lori Brown, Carter Sexton, friend of Boyd & June Wood, William Nicholson - brother of Larry, Jennifer Coble - friend of Ashlea Bermudez, Carson Vitrano 13 yr. old friend of the Barbers, Jeanne Nicholson - chemo, JoAnn Posey, Alene Cox, Ronald Mayberry - brother of Eldridge & John Mayberry, J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Ralph Gilmore, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, Dot Martin, sister of Linda Weaver - NHC Columbia, Rm. 138-A, David Phillips, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long and Joyce Runions - relatives of Phillis Churchwell, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Debbie Spears, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Nick Tank, Clarence Weaver, Stacey Brown, Dorothy Rea, Evelyn Felker, Ann Graham, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Kendall Westmoreland, Virginia Clay, Willard Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8.

WORSHIP LEADERS JANUARY 29, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Greg Lusk
Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
Prayer.....Charlie Willis
Lord's Supper: Presiding.....David Thomas
 Gary Boyd Daniel Thomas
 Greg Gray Benny Bolton
 Ryan Massey Bobby Daniels
 David Morgan J.W. Gilliam
Read: II Thessalonians 1:5-10.....Byran Farris
Sermon: The Day of the Lord.....John Thomas
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
Prayer.....Mike Lyle
Read: II Peter 3:17-22.....John Allen Thomas
Sermon: False Teachers.....John Thomas
Presiding.....Blake Daniels
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Joe Macer

Ushers: Cheyenne McNeese, Tommy Skelley, Jim Anderson

Greeters: Bill & Peggy Jones, Randy & Melissa Jones

Visual: Chris Mobley, Jacob Pollard

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A.M.....Addison Elrod, Teri Wilkins
P.M.....Lisa Kelley

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderDennis Thomason
Prayer.....David Thomas
Announcements/Speaker.....Nathan Hixson