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The Blessings of Jesus

John 10:10 *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

Jesus came into this world in order to bless all mankind. He came to pay the price for our sins and to enable us to once again live with the Father. We know that we have hope in the face of death, and a place that is prepared for us when we leave this world, but what about this world?

Jesus tells us that His blessings are not only for the hereafter, but also for the here and now. I think of His words in John 15:11 when he says, *“These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”* He just got done telling his disciples that following His commandments allow us to abide in His love. The reason for His teachings is to guide us into a relationship with the Father and allow us to abide in His love. This is the secret to having the joy of Jesus in our lives. This is a joy that can fill us to the brim. He wants us to know we can live with purpose, a promise, and while doing so point others to Him by the joy that we find in the Lord. I encourage you in this time when so many are thinking of negative things that tend to take our joy, to think of our Lord and His desire to fill you will joy when you follow Him.

John

What Is Your Perspective?

II Corinthians 5:16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

Do you have a worldly or a spiritual perspective of life? Many things about the Corinthian congregation caused Paul to think of them in a worldly view. Their fussing, fighting and choosing a man to follow was evidence of a problem. Lawsuits, misusing the Lord's Supper and immorality were signs of a lack of maturity. Something was still missing. Paul instructs them not to regard anyone from a worldly viewpoint. He then uses himself as an example. Before the road to Damascus, Paul had a worldly view of Christ. He listened to those around him and came to believe that Jesus was an imposter and a blasphemer. He was dead set on killing followers of Jesus Christ. Where did he get his information? He listened to his religious party and the common man. Not until he met the Lord did he begin to think much differently. Knowing the Lord should change our view on everything in life.

As Christians, we should have a spiritual perspective on every aspect of our lives. Do we study God's word to know what he expects us to do? Do we look at the life of Christ and seek to be like him and to follow his example? Do we seek to have the fruit of the Spirit in all that we do? Do we make money decisions based upon worldly motives or spiritual motives? Is a good portion of our time devoted to spiritual matters? Coming up from the waters of baptism, we are to live new lives. We must ask what the Lord's will in the entirety of lives and not just a short time on the first day of the week. Are your perspectives worldly or spiritual?

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Myrna Jett-broken ankle
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Melissa Stutts
- Barney Roland
- Donald White - recovering from surgery
- Elaine Whitehead

Sympathy is extended to the family of David Davidson, who passed away yesterday. Visitation is Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. at Oakes & Nichols. The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Columbia Academy.

We commend Will Jones who came forward on Sunday requesting prayers.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, Jackson Gordon, Marie Skelton, Little Natalie Kuykendall, Marvin Norman - brother of Roberta Bolton, Ann Lamar, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Darrell Brown - cancer, Ralph Gilmore, Vonda Hoeye - friend of Kayla Kirtley, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Charles Wilkins - Tracey's dad, 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, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones - mother of Alice Bolton - Hillview, Rm. 102, Mike Primm, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219 - 901-0280, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker - sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Kendall Westmoreland, Virginia Clay, Willard Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8.

WORSHIP LEADERS OCTOBER 16, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Richard Farris
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Jim Pollard
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Mike Lyle
 Chris Mobley Bill Fuller
 Mike Kinzer Ed Hargrove
 Conner Arnett Chase Thomason
 Byran Farris David White
 Read: Luke 24:50-53.....Benny Bolton
 Sermon: Jesus Will Bless You.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Blair Keeling
 Prayer.....Kevin Mick
 Read: John 11:41-43.....Dustin Stutts
 Sermon: Thank You For Listening.....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Eric Hixson
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Barry Cross

AREA WIDE SINGING AT SOUTH GATE

October 21, 7 P.M.
 Refreshments Served

Please sign up in the foyer to bring finger foods.

Ushers: Tracey Wilkins, Jerry Barber, Ryan Massey
 Greeters: Chris & Angela Mobley, Lori Lee and Rosemary Macer
 Visual: Lee Winchester, Ryan Massey
 Security Team: A.M. and P.M.—David Thomas, J.W. Gilliam

If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183)
 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.

NURSERY CARE

Wednesday, Oct. 19 - Fall Series - 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Katherine Nicholson, Teri Hill
 P.M.....Melissa Stutts

Song LeaderRyan Grice
 Prayer.....Charlie Willis
 Announcements.....John Thomas
 Speaker.....Andrew Phillips