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As I See It. . . By Brian Gregory

Over the past few years there has been a lot of interest in zombies. Several movies and of course T.V. shows have brought this to the forefront of our culture. We even have zombie paint ball hayrides at one of the local Halloween themed events. Many of these shows have a common theme where not only are people turned undead, but also society and civilization are wrecked because of it. One of the most popular and by far famous of all shows in the genera is, *The Walking Dead*.

While these shows are definitely fiction, the Bible reveals they are not too far from reality on some levels. In Ephesians 2, Paul writes about the spiritual condition of the church there before they knew Christ. Notice, he says they were dead in trespasses and sins and they formerly were walking in them (vs. 1-2). Another fact we often fail to see for what it is, is the fact sin wrecks every society and all civilization. We cannot find a single place in the entire world that sin has not marred or ruined in some way. Society suffers and people quite literally die daily because of the affects of sin.

Although people are alive physically, God says you can be the walking dead because of sin. In each of these shows, there never seems to be a cure for the problems. However, God has the cure, Paul goes on to say, God made them alive again in Christ Jesus (vs. 5). What an incredible thought, no matter how dead anyone is in sin, God can make them alive again in Christ Jesus.

Brian

Why They Perish. . . By Joe Macer

II Thessalonians 2:10 They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

In the short book of II Thessalonians, much is said of those who are lost. They will face judgment because of their opposition to God and his word. The first chapter deals with those that have opposed Christians and made them suffer. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord. The second chapter talks of the coming man of lawlessness. He also will be doomed to destruction since he is doing the work of Satan. Jesus taught that many would take the path to destruction and few would enter the narrow gate to salvation. Why will these individuals perish?

At least three reasons are provided in II Thessalonians. First some will be lost because they do not know God. Many today live in our world that do not know who God is or what he is about. Even here in our own county there are young folks raised by atheistic or agnostic parents that know nothing of God. The second reason given is they do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The vast majority of Americans still acknowledge God however they do little if anything with this fact. The third reason given that they refuse to love the truth. Does God exist or not? Is Jesus his Son or not? Are we expected to be baptized or not? What is the truth on spiritual matters? Do we really care enough to dig for the truth? All three of the stated reasons really fall into the same category - do we search for the truth. Our life's ambition should have the goal of determining the truth. Our eternal destiny could be determined by it.

Sympathy is extended to Ray Rummage and family in the death of his aunt Mary Charlotte Rummage. The funeral will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Oakes and Nichols with visitation tonight from 4 to 8.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SOUTH GATE MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 221
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress
- Mary Chumbley
- Sarah Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 122-B
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Libby Moss - back at worship
- Frances Petty - Sterling House, Rm. 403
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead

If anyone needs to be taken off or added to our prayer list, please notify the office.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Mike Kinzer, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) & Janice Johnson - brother & sister of Corrine Goetz, John Massey (Life Care, Rm. 213) & Linda Harris, brother & sister of June Wood, Evan Rector, nephew of Paula Gilliam - Vanderbilt, Marguerite Porter, grandmother of Natalie Thomas, W.M. and Betty Morrow, Clara Mae Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage - Life Care, Rm. 203-B, Deak Waldrum, cousin of Blair Keeling, Patsy Loveless, Gerald Boyd, father of Gary, Dennis Thrasher - surgery Oct. 16 at Vandy, Charles Stofel, Joan Van Hooser, Aaron Way, 12 yr. old great nephew of Barry Brown - undergoing chemo, Lou Miller - Poplar Estates, Rm. 205, Clara Totty - Poplar Estates, Rm. 102, Jackie McPeak - liver cancer, Travis Jett - VA Hospital, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Teresa Warf Walkup - cancer, Shirley Woods - mother/Diane Upchurch, Jennie Evans, sister/Karen Mann, Mark Shaw, Bobby Wales, Patricia Luffman, Dorothy Rea, sister/Elmer Lusk, Earline Hensley - sister/JoAnn Coleman, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Little Gatlin Macer, Sharon Riley, Doris McKennon (not doing well) - sister/Edna Hardison, JoAnn Anderson, Paula Baker - sister/Kaye Beard, Alice Lovett - aunt/Cheyenne McNeese, Ann Graham - Morning Point, Rm. 113, Jenny Miller, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Paul Jackson - father/Rhonda Farris, Alfred & Irma Pagel, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Bella Huey, Kim, Skylar & Dakota Cannon-friends of Johnny & Janice Smith

FALL FAMILY DAY - OCTOBER 25

WORSHIP LEADERS OCTOBER 19, 2014

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Trent Hill
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Tommy Hight
 Serving:
 Jacob Pollard Blake Daniels
 Ryan Massey Bill Fuller
 Chase Thomason Jason Kelley
 Jim Anderson Mike Lyle
 Read: Ephesians 4:14-19.....Benny Bolton
 Sermon: "Speaking The Truth In Love".....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....John Thomas
 Read: John 3:16.....Daniel Thomas
 Sermon: "When God Loved the World".....Brian Gregory
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Bryan Farris
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Danny Latsater and his family in the death of his father, Wendell, whose funeral was conducted on Monday.

Ushers: Tim Ranies, Dave Coleman, Tommy Skelley
 Greeters: Linda Porter, Linda Weaver, Jason & Brecca Snyder
 Audio/Visual: Alex Jones

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton

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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2014 - 6:30 P.M.

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Linda Kuykendall, Teresa Lyle
 P.M.....Alice Williams, Debbie Massey

Song LeaderDennis Thomason
 Prayer.....Trent Hill
 Announcements/Speaker.....Greg Lusk