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Youth For Christ!

For I was very glad when brethren came and testified to your truth, that is, how you are walking in truth. I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

3 John 3,4

In this short letter to Gaius, the aged apostle John shares these words about how he feels about fellow Christians who walk in truth. Let's consider a few facts from this passage when it comes to raising our youth for Christ.

I. There is truth and there is a lie. In a world that is sending confusing messages, we must help them to know the difference.

II. John had no greater joy than to hear that his children walked in truth. In this we see two things. One, John considered those in the church, even though they were not blood relatives, as his children. Let's love all of our young people as if they are our own. Secondly, let's assess where we find our greatest joy. Some would say I find no greater joy than to watch my child excel in athletics, band, academics, or in the financial world. All of these things will fade, but if our children walk in truth they will have an inheritance that will never fade. Children usually chase the things they see us treating as important so we must make sure we show them the importance of following God and His truth in all that we do. I'm looking forward to Sunday!

John

No One Is Upright

Jeremiah 5:1 Go up and down the streets of Jerusalem, look around and consider, search through her squares. If you find but one person who deals honestly and seeks the truth, I will forgive this city.

How badly can a society stray from God? Israel was God's chosen nation. Jerusalem was the capital where kings lived in the palace and many of God's prophets resided. The people had grown far from God. God called his people unfaithful and asked them to return. The prophet had declared that a people from the north were coming because of Israel's unfaithfulness. Times were about to be terrible. The sad commentary about Jerusalem was that just one honest person who sought the truth could prevent the disaster but no one was found.

Jeremiah described the people like this. They swear falsely. Correction was refused. They would not repent. Their children have sworn by idols - false gods. Adultery was committed and they thronged to the houses of prostitution. Rebellion and backsliding was prominent. Jeremiah was given the responsibility to preach to these people and to announce the coming judgment against them. How did they respond?

The people called Jeremiah a liar. The prophets were simply bags of wind and Israel refused to accept their message. Wrongly, they believed the message was not God's word and they asked God to turn the prophet's message of doom on their own heads. Little did they know that Jeremiah spoke the truth and disaster was soon to come. God would punish them for their unfaithfulness. Christians, are we really listening to God's word? Are we comparing our behavior with the teachings of the Lord? Do we understand that eternal damnation exists? Do our lives truly honor the God of this universe? May we all seek him with all our heart.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Roberta Bolton
- Ann Brady
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- Nell Hood
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
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- Helen Lusk
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
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- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101-B
- Ethel Spears - NHC Hillview, Rm. 112
- Laura Spires - recovering from heart surgery at home
- Eden Stutts - tubes in ears, tonsils & adenoids removed
Apr. 11 at Vanderbilt
- Elaine Whitehead

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David Phillips, Henry Harris, father of Jan Thomason - NHC Cool Springs, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Carolyn Macer, mother of Joe, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long - uncle of Phillis Churchwell, Susan, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Doug Wilson - brother of Peggy Jones, Debbie Spears, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Dora Bolton - mother of James, JoAnn Anderson - mother of Katherine Nicholson, Ginger Chesnut - at Vanderbilt for bone marrow transplant, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones - mother of Alice Bolton, Mike Primm, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage - Life Care, Rm. 143, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Joan Hermsdorfer - aunt of Robin Weaver, 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, Ronnie Springer-leukemia, friend of John & Debbie Massey, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker.

WORSHIP LEADERS APRIL 10, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Richard Farris
Song Leader.....Youth4Christ
Prayer.....Donnie Davis
Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jerry Wilson
 Chase Thomason Bobby Daniels
 Byran Farris John Allen Thomas
 Jerry Ballard Jeremy Britt
 Max Ballard Barrow Brown
Read:Youth4Christ
Sermon:Youth4Christ
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

SUNDAY 12:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Conner Arnett
Prayer.....Charlie Willis
Read:David Morgan
Sermon:.....John Thomas
Lord's Supper Presiding.....Trent Hill
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jim Pollard

Ushers: Dave Coleman, J.W. Gilliam, Cheyenne McNeese

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A.M.....Lisa Kelley, Tonya Boyd
P.M.....Linda Lasater, Lori Lee

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderConner Arnett
Prayer.....Gary Boyd
Announcements/Speaker.....Joe Macer