



Life Lines

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(For the next few weeks, we will have articles from speeches given at our April 25th, 2015 Ladies' Day. We had 4 speakers from our congregation.)

Theme: The Gift of Holiness

2nd Speech: "Becoming Holy"

By: Charlene Clark

Paul continues to talk about this new life in Ephesians chapter 4. Let's begin reading at verse 17. "So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more. (He is referring here to those who have NOT become obedient to Christ).

Then in verse 20 he continues, "You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. Surely you heard of Him and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regards to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which

is being corrupted by its deceitful desires, to be made new in the attitude of your minds, and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

"Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.

Wow, Paul was telling us, because of our salvation, we must change the way we live, Verse 22, we must change the way we think, verse 23, the way we talk, verse 29, and the way we act, verse 31. Then he tells us that it is not enough to get rid of our old habits, we must become like God, verse 24, be righteous and holy and verse 32 be forgiving, and like Jesus, Chapter 5, verse 2, living a life of love.

We can't just incorporate our new spirit filled life with our old life- it no longer fits!

Several of us have just finished reading a book called *The Pursuit of Holiness* by Jerry Bridges, I want to quote a passage from that book: "Many Christians have a basic desire to live a holy life, but have come to believe they simply cannot do it. They have struggled for years with particular sins or deficiencies of character. While not living in gross sin, they have more or less given up ever attaining a life of holiness and have settled down to a life of moral mediocrity with which neither they nor God are pleased. The strong commands of scripture to live a

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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“Do not put your trust in princes, nor in the son of man (human being), in whom there is no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish.” (Psalms 146:3-4)

Too often we put our trust in those around us. We put our trust in our family, our friends, or some other human being. I've know those who put their trust in the preacher, and when he left, they did too. They only went to worship because of him, a human being.

I'm not saying we should not trust others. That's not what this Scripture indicates. We must trust others, but not in a way that leaves God out of the picture. Our salvation must come from a trust in Him, not human beings, whether they are family or the preacher. Like the psalmist says; humans die and with them their plans perish.

If we obey His will, God will never forsake us. He is dependable, and His mercy and grace will always be available.

“The

Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
The Lord raises those who are bowed down;
The Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over strangers;
He relieves the fatherless and the widows;
But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.” (Psalms 146:8-9)

Throughout the Scriptures there are words of blessings or warnings of curses. If we love and obey Him, He will bless us. If we reject Him, He will destroy us. We may not see an immediate effect in this life, but we will in the life to come.

“The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.” (Psalms 145:8-9)

These two verses tell us of His blessings. The Lord is good to all. However, this is not the end of the story, for time and time again, He warns us. “The Lord preserves all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.” (Psalms 145:20)

Remember Our Sick

Dennis Drewry – recovering at home
Melba Horton – at home and doing well.

Liliya McDaniel – needs our special prayers.

Becky Miller – needs our prayers.

Kim Walters – surgery in Little Rock
June 16th

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: Billie Nichols

Legacy Heights: Bonnie Vinson
Juanita Whitted

Russellville Nsg & Rehab:
Joe Miller

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, DJ Bandy, Amie Barkley, Bettye Barton, Nubbin Boley, Austen Cathcart, Donna Chambers, Troy/ Rachel Curtis, Johnny Estes, Leota Hickey, Ronnie Leavell, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Bea McDaniel, Liliya McDaniel, Linda McDaniel, Connie Myers, Becky Miller, Julie Moss, Larry Reynolds, Michael Tindall, Jon Vance, Joan Vance, Justin Vaughn, Joyce Walters, and Patsy Wisbrock.

Military: Pray for our service men and women

Expectant Mothers:

Andrea Henson
Deborah Cloud Arambula
Jillian Church

Please, remember

Truth for Today

and the work of
their organization
in your prayers.

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The Gift of Holiness*

consistently holy life only frustrate them.” How many of you, besides me, can relate to that paragraph?

Let's go back to Romans chapter 6 and look at verses 6 & 7. “For we know that our old self was crucified with Him, so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.” Our dying to sin is from Christ, it is a fact whether we realize it or not – it is something we do, but Christ did for us. We died to sin because of our union with Him. Verse 18 says, you have been set free from sin, but somehow, we have gotten the idea that dying to sin or being set free from sin means to be removed from sin's ability to touch us. And then when we do sin, it frustrates us and makes us think we are no longer saved and we might as well give up.

So, what does it mean to be dead to sin? Before our salvation, we were living in the kingdom of Satan and sin. (Ephesians 2:2) Then through our union with Christ, we have died to this realm of sin, and have been placed into the kingdom of God. but if we have been delivered from the realm of sin, why do we still sin? Though God has delivered us from the reign of sin, our sinful natures still reside within us. Even though sin's dominion and rule are broken, the desires that dwell in us exert a tremendous power, constantly working toward evil. Paul describes this in Galatians 5:17 “For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.” (cont next week)

EVENTS

Ladies' Devo

July 16th

@ 6:30 pm

Hostess:

Diane Walters (2)

Men's Business

Meeting

July 13th

@ 7:00 pm

Fish Fry

4th of July

5:00 pm

See sign-up sheet.

Attention

current and former Military.

Karen Womack is collecting

pictures of you for an

upcoming tribute at our July

4th celebration. If you have a

picture of yourself in your

uniform, please submit these to

Karen by June 28th. Thank

you and God bless you for

serving your country and us.

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ

Children's Church

Every Sunday

11:15 - 12:00 Noon

Ages 4 thru 8

Bible Stories and

Activities

Ages 1 thru 3

Nursery Class

*Congratulations to
Blake & Jessica Walters*

on the birth of

Bryson Curtis!

*He was born June 15th
and weighed 8 lbs 10 oz.*



Lawn Care

June 27th

Chris Loper & Ed Meadows

July 4th

Allen Veasman, Ethan Letson

&

William Boley

June Birthdays

- 01 Sandra Boatright
02 Chase Chance
Liliya McDaniel
03 Allen Veasman
04 Michelle Helton
Jeff Myers
08 Cannon Chance
11 Joe Miller
12 Tina Davis
14 Kenna Rae Jackson
15 Joan Vance
19 Dmitri McDaniel
Zackary Nordin
22 Janelle Miller
28 Tanya Smith
Joyce Walters

In Search

of the Lord's Way

The Search Program

can now be accessed

any time on their website

@

www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon

or

Phil Sanders

weekly lesson can be

heard and seen on

LR KASN TV 38

Sunday @ 7:30 a.m.

THOSE TO SERVE

June 28th, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Blake Walters
Brett Walters

Communion

Podium: Michael Robbins
Serve: Earl Stamps
Gary Williams
Kevin Nordin
Larry Mahan

Scripture Reading

Sid Womack

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Charles Davis
Chris Loper

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Charles Davis

Greeters

The Elders

Wednesday Night Services

@

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

6:30 P.M.

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