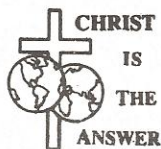


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HOW GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE

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The Subject for our consideration today is "HOW GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE."

The Psalmist said in Psa. 119:170 these words, "Let my supplication come before thee; deliver me according to thy Word." Here we see the Psalmist praying for deliverance. I believe the key expression is found in the expression "ACCORDING TO THY WORD." This means according to the Promises of God. Many times we fail to receive deliverance simply because we want the Lord to do it our way. We end up fretting, fuming, fussing and remaining in a state of bondage or captivity when we could have had deliverance if only we had listened to the "WORD OF THE LORD," and obeyed its precepts.

Let us notice the importance of this statement, according unto thy word, as noted by the Psalmist.

PSALMS 119:28 "My soul melteth for heaviness; strengthen thou me ACCORDING UNTO THY WORD."

PSALMS 119:41 "Let thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation, ACCORDING TO THY WORD."

PSALMS 119:58 "I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: be

merciful unto me ACCORDING TO THY WORD.

PSALMS 119:65 "Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord, ACCORDING UNTO THY WORD."

PSALMS 119:76 "Let, I pray thee thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, ACCORDING TO THY WORD unto thy servant."

PSALMS 119:107 "I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord, ACCORDING UNTO THY WORD."

PSALMS 119:116 "Uphold me ACCORDING UNTO THY WORD, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope."

PSALMS 119:154 "Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me ACCORDING TO THY WORD."

PSALMS 119:169 "Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord: give me understanding ACCORDING TO THY WORD."



We can certainly see by the truths in these passages of scripture the importance of the Word of the Lord. Some one may say that they believe that deliverance comes through faith and that's true, but may I remind you that True Genuine Faith cannot be exemplified until the Word of God is presented. Romans 10:17 states, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Let us notice some areas in our lives where deliverance is needed.

I. WE NEED DELIVERANCE FROM THE GUILT AND PENALTY OF SIN.

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The Word of God informs us that we are sinners. Rom. 3:23 states, "FOR ALL HAVE SIN-
NED, AND COME SHORT OF THE GLO-
RY OF GOD." We are further in-
formed, through the Word, that
the wages of sin is death. "For
the wages of sin is death: but
the gift of God is eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord."
In view of this we can readily
see the dire need of all human
beings to be delivered. So,
what are we to do? Who are we
going to turn to for help? The
Psalmist said emphatically that
we are delivered according un-
to the Word, so the wise indi-
vidual, who truly desires de-
liverance, will turn to see
what the Lord says for us to
do.

In the Gospel of Luke,
chapter 18 and verses 9-14, we
are given an example that pre-
sents to us God's way of Deli-
verance from the Guilt and Pen-
alty of Sin. The Pharisee and
Publican had gone up to the
Temple to Pray. The Bible
states that the Pharisee prayed
with himself. A careful study
of his prayer reflects to us
an individual who was conceited
and one who did not recognize
his need. He was not saved.
The Publican, on the other hand
recognized that he was a sin-
ner, repented of his sins, and
plead for the mercy of the Lord.
This man went down to his house
justified which means He was
saved and delivered from the
Guilt and Penalty of Sin. The
reason He was saved was because
He came and called according
to the Word of the Lord. Some
verses which substantiated these
truths are as follows.

ROMANS 3:20 "Therefore by the
deeds of the law there shall
no flesh be justified in his
sight: for by the law is the
knowledge of sin."

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 "For by grace
are ye saved through faith; and
that not of yourselves: it is
the gift of God: Not of works,
lest any man should boast."

TITUS 3:5 "Not by works of ri-

ghteousness which we have done,
but according to His mercy he
saved us, by the washing of
regeneration, and renewing of
the Holy Ghost."

ACTS 13:38-39 "Be it known un-
to you therefore, men and bre-
thren, that through this man
is preached unto you the for-
giveness of sins; And by him
all that believe are justified
from all things, from which ye
could not be justified by the
law of Moses."

II. WE NEED DELIVERANCE FROM THE POWER OF EVIL IN OUR LIVES.

The Tremendous struggle
between the flesh and the spi-
rit is recorded in Romans 7.
The Problem that many possess,
after they're saved, is trying
to bring about this Deliverance
by Self Effort, instead of sub-
mitting to and relying upon the
Saviour. Notice Col. 2:6 and
Romans 10:17. The impact of
all this is that we are to in-
take the Bible truths and ap-
ply these truths to our lives.
We are to do what we do and re-
frain from doing things, ac-
cording to the Word of the
Lord. In all of our experien-
ces, we are to recognize the
insufficiency of ourselves to
accomplish these things, but
recognize the sufficiency of our
Lord to give us the victory o-
ver this Power of Evil in our
lives. One should realize
that the Victory comes because
we have simply obeyed the Word
of the Lord. Victory does not
come because we are more bril-
liant, have a greater power
than someone else, or that we
are better than they are.

According to Thy Word, O
Lord, we have deliverance. Note
Rom. 6:14 and II Cor. 2:14.

III. WE NEED DELIVERANCE FROM SUDDEN TEMPTATION.

It is not a sin to be
tempted because all men are
tempted. Even our Lord and
Saviour was tempted by Satan.
This is recorded in Matt. 4:1-
11. It becomes sin when we
yield to that Temptation. Our

Precious Lord exemplified to
us the way of Deliverance. It
is through the Word and accor-
ding to the Word. He used the
Word of God to combat each
temptation. It's no wonder
that the Psalmist said what he
did in Psa. 119:11 "Thy word
have I hid in mine heart, that
I might not sin against thee."
He recognized that deliverance
comes according to the Word.
We need to take heed to the
Scripture as recorded in I Cor.
10:13 and apply it to our lives.
"There hath no temptation taken
you but such as is common to
man; but God is faithful, who
will not suffer you to be
tempted above that ye are able;
but will with the temptation
also make a way to escape: that
ye may be able to bear it."
Our problem today is not the
accumulation of the data of the
scriptures in our mind but ra-
ther the application of it to
the experiences in our lives.

Another example of the
courageous way to overcome is
seen in Genesis 39:1-23.

IV. WE NEED DELIVERANCE FROM GRIPPING FEAR.

The Psalmist said, "I
sought the Lord, and he heard
me, and delivered me from all
my fears." Psalms 34:4 We
need to have more faith in the
Lord and His Word. Our problem,
I believe, comes because we
want instant action of delive-
rance from the Lord. One needs
to get to the place that he has
more confidence in the Lord.
Notice Prov. 1:33 "But whoso
hearkeneth unto me shall dwell
safely, and shall be quiet from
fear of evil." This faith, not
in self, but rather in the
Lord, was that which stirred
and stimulated David when he
went out to battle Goliath.
This was the faith that filled
the 3 Hebrew Children and Dan-
iel as noted in the Book of
Daniel.

V. WE NEED DELIVERANCE FROM DEPRESSION AND LONELINESS.

This is so vividly illus-

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ABA MESSENGER MEETING



At the recent American Baptist Association Meeting in Okla. City, we had the opportunity to present this Ministry through the means of the Booths which are made available to those who are interested. We were well received and the comments and interest that was shown by our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from our ABA work was wonderful.

Our Publications are now being used in at least 6 different ladies auxiliary groups, 4 classes in either Sunday School or B.T.C. in four different Churches, and the course entitled "Going All The Way" is scheduled to be taught in one our Seminaries, according to the President.

The Lord is really beginning to open doors. We invite others to join in with us in this ministry. As more monies become available we will publish more material.

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GOD AND YOU BY JOHNNY WILLIAMS



TEXT: ECCL. 12:13-14

I. RESPECT INVOLVED - FEAR GOD.

- A. Because of His Person
 1. Exod. 20:2-3
 2. Gen. 1:1
 3. Psa. 8:1,3
- B. Because of His Power
 1. Luke 1:37
- C. Because of His Presence.

II. RESPONSIBILITY INVOLVED - KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.

- A. To show our love for the Lord.
 1. I John 14:15
- B. To add to our happiness.
 1. John 14:23
 2. Gal. 6:7-8
- C. To be an effective witness.

III. REQUIREMENT INVOLVED - THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN.

- A. Required by God.
 1. Mic. 6:8
- B. Required by Christ.
 1. Matt. 19:17
- C. Required by true religion.
 1. James 1:27
 2. Rom. 12:1-2
 3. Eph. 2:10

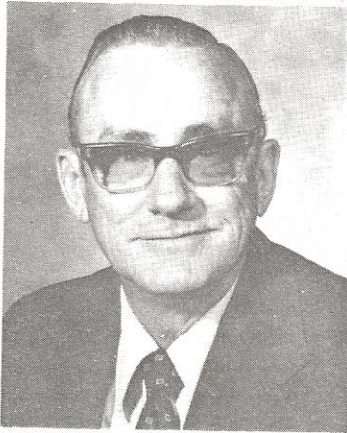
IV. REASON INVOLVED - GODLY JUDGMENT.

- A. Impartial judgment.
 1. I Pet. 1:17
- B. Revealing judgment.
 1. Eccl. 12:14
- C. Accounting judgment.
 1. Rom. 14:12



MUSED
UNCLE
MOSE

W'en de chu'ch vote de way
Sist' Jinny want 'em to, she
say dat de Lawd's will wuz
done; but ef'n dey votes de
odder way, she say dey wuz
some railroadin' done.



BOWING KNEES AND CONFESSING TONGUES

BY
GEORGE CRAWFORD

- all submit to Him as the five kings had to submit to Joshua. 10:26
2. The Wicked will own the justice of their punishment. Rev. 5:13
 3. The demons will tremble in dread before Him.
 4. The false prophet and the beast shall be cast alive into the lake of fire.
 5. Satan shall be laid hold of, and never thence forward allowed to come out of his prison house.

TEXT: PHIL. 2:9-11

INTRODUCTION:

In these verses, we have seven steps from the Throne to the Cross and seven steps from the Cross to the Throne.

I am glad to acknowledge the truthfulness of these steps.

Our text verses tell us of "bowing knees" and "confessing tongues,"--all at the name of Jesus.

I. EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW AT THE NAME OF JESUS.

- A. The Believer has already bowed to Jesus.
 1. We now bow in worship and adoration.
 2. Eph. 3:14
- B. The Unserved shall bow the knee to Him.
 1. They shall bow as did the Egyptians to Joseph. Gen. 41
 2. They shall submit to Him however unwilling they are to do it as did A-haziah's captain to Elijah. II Kings 1:13
 3. God himself has declared it. Isa. 45:23
- C. The Things in Heaven shall bow to Jesus.
 1. The Angelic host shall worship Him as the bearer of the highest name.
 2. Seraphims with their fiery zeal, Cherubs in their righteous service, principalities in their rule, powers in their authority, might in their strength, dominions in their lordship and angels in their songs shall own Him Lord of all.
- D. Things on earth shall bow to Jesus.
 1. When Christ was on earth some bowed the knee in mockery. Matt. 27:29
 2. When Christ is manifested in His Glory all shall bow in reality.
 3. Israel will bow before Him in contrition. Zech. 12:10 and John 19:37
 4. The Unserved will bow in unwilling submission. Rev. 7:15
 5. The whole earth shall be under His sway and rule.
- E. Things under the earth shall bow to Jesus
 1. The wicked, the demons, the false prophet, the beast, and Satan, shall

II. EVERY TONGUE SHALL CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD.

- A. No man now can call Jesus "Lord" but by the Spirit. I Cor. 13:2 WHY?
 1. Because there is nothing that would lead the natural man to acknowledge Him as such.
 2. Because He doesn't look like a "LORD" in the manner, yet angels and men did worship Him then.
 3. He doesn't look like "LORD" on the cross or in the grave.
 4. There is no beauty in Christ to the natural man that we should desire Him therefore we acknowledge Him as Lord by the Holy Spirit.
- B. But in the coming day of Christ' glory-- it shall manifest who and what He is.
 1. The very shining forth of His Glory shall convince men of His Lordship.
 2. It shall make them own that He indeed, the despised Nazarene, is the Lord from Heaven.
 3. This confession will be to the glory of the Father who sent Him, loved Him, and acknowledge Him in His humiliation and humanity.

CONCLUSION:

- A. What effect will this bowing knee and confessing tongue have upon the destiny of the confessor?
 1. It will be to their own condemnation.
 2. They will have to admit they should have bowed and confessed while it was the day of grace.
 3. They waited until the day of wrath.
 4. They will have to say "AMEN" to their own destruction.
- B. Don't wait too late, dear Friend.

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trated in the life of Elijah in I Kings chapters 17 through 19. In I Kings 17 and 18 we see His Faith in the Lord shining. In I Kings 19 we see him fleeing for his life. He became dejected, alarmed, fearful, depressed, and prayed to die. The Lord came to his aid and delivered Him.

May the Lord help all of us to claim the promise of Isa. 41:10 "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee: yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

VI. WE NEED DELIVERANCE FROM DIFFICULT AND SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS.

This is illustrated in Daniel 6:14-23. In this section of scripture notice the following.

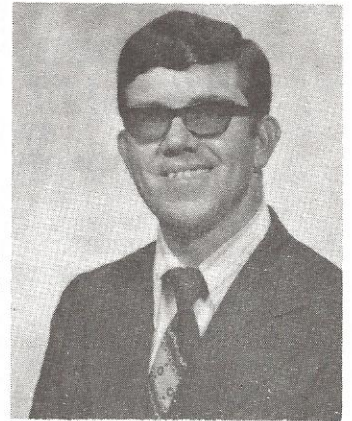
1. His Devotion to God.
2. The Difficult Situation.
3. The Deliverance.

When we are doing what the Lord wants us to do, then we can claim the promise of Psa. 34:7 "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." We need to develop enough faith to always remember that the Lord knows what's best for us. (Romans 8:28) Our biggest problem is worrying about what others might think of us or our circumstances. Even if the Lord does not see fit to deliver us in the way we think he should -- He still delivers. This is exemplified in the lives of Paul, Silas, and yes, even Stephen. Stephen was completely delivered from all Impossible Situations. He was elevated and promoted to Heaven's Glory.

In conclusion, I ask, what kind of bondage are you in? Will you let the Lord deliver you? The Psalmist said, "Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy Word."

WHAT IT TAKES TO GET THE LORD'S WORK DONE

BY
CHARLES SWILLING



TEXT: MATTHEW 28:19-20

INTRODUCTION:

The Lord's work is the greatest work on the earth and it is the most demanding work. Let's notice some of the things it takes to get the Lord's work done.

I. A SPIRITUAL PEOPLE.

- A. Spiritual people are a saved people.
- B. Spiritual people are a separated people.
- C. Spiritual people are a serving people.

II. A SPLENDID PURPOSE.

- A. Preaching the gospel to all the world.
 1. Acts 1:8
- B. Baptize the saved.
 1. Text
- C. Teaching the Word to the Saved.
 1. Text
 2. II Tim. 3:17

III. A SCRIPTURAL PLAN.

- A. A scriptural plan for salvation.
 1. Luke 13:3
 2. Acts 16:31
- B. A scriptural plan for baptism. By a New Testament Church a believer should be immersed to obey the Lord.
- C. A scriptural plan for evangelism.
 1. Preach the Word.
 2. The Holy Spirit Convicts.
 3. Sinners called upon to repent and believe.
- D. A scriptural plan for discipleship.
 1. Rom. 12:1
- E. A scriptural plan for financing the Lord's work.
 1. Matt. 23:23
 2. Mal. 3:10

IV. A SINCERE PRAYER.

- A. Prayer is talking with God.
- B. Prayer is a means of confessing out sins.
- C. Prayer is an opportunity to ask God for our needs.
 1. James 5:16

V. A SUSTAINING POWER.

- A. The Holy Spirit indwells individuals who are saved and is with the Lord's churches in a special way.
 1. Rom. 8:16
 2. Luke 24:49
- B. The Holy Spirit aids our infirmities and weaknesses.
 1. Rom. 8:26
- C. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin, judgment and righteousness.
 1. John 16:8
- D. The Holy Spirit guides us in life and understanding the Bible.
 1. John 16:13

BEHOLD JESUS THE GIFT OF GOD

BY
D.B. WRIGHT



SERIES: "BEHOLD" Message No. 3
TEXT: JOHN 4:1-15 (Specifically v-10)

INTRODUCTION:

- A. In this season of "giving and receiving" let me share with you a message entitled, BEHOLD JESUS--THE GIFT OF GOD."
1. God's Gift to Man!
 2. God's Gift for Man!
- B. Notice these verses.
1. Romans 12:8
 2. II Cor. 9:7
 3. Acts 20:35
- C. In this season of giving and receiving it furthermore behooves us to face up to the fact that THE BEST GIFTS ARE INTANGIBLE AND UNSEEN!
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| 1. II Cor. 4:18 | 6. New Body |
| 2. Love | 7. New Home |
| 3. Forgiveness | 8. Grace |
| 4. Cleansing | 9. Mercy |
| 5. Eternal Life. | |
- I. BEHOLD JESUS--THE GIFT OF THE UNEQUALED GIVER!
- A. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, is the GREATEST GIVER!
- | | |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. James 1:17 | 3. John 3:16 |
| 2. Acts 17:24-25 | 4. Romans 8:32 |
- B. God, the Greatest Giver, is ALL-WISE and knows our needs. Matt. 6:8
- C. God, the Greatest Giver, is ALMIGHTY and is able to do for us exceedingly, abundantly above all we can ask or think.
1. Eph. 3:20
- D. God, the Greatest Giver, Loves Sinners.
1. The birth of Jesus is no way made God a lover...Jesus was born because God loved first. I John 4:19
 2. I John 4:9-10
- II. BEHOLD--THE GIFT!
- A. So many have never KNOWN the gift, or the Giver.
1. May I share a few words about the GIFT with you today?
- B. Behold Jesus--God's Unspeakable Gift.
1. II Cor. 9:15
 2. Jesus--God's Gift is Undescribable.
 - a. No man can ever set forth the whole meaning of Jesus--God's Gift to man and for man.
 - b. No man can ever fully satisfy himself or his hearers as to the manner of this Gift.
 - c. No mortal man can tell to the fullest the benefits which are ours with the receiving of God's Indescribable Gift.
 - d. Heaven cannot match Him so how can earth describe Him?
3. Jesus is undescribable in His Person.
 - a. Truly man..yet truly God.
 - b. Perfect man...glorious God.
 - c. Col. 2:9
4. Jesus is undescribable in His Condescension.
 - a. He disrobed Himself to be clothed in human flesh. Gal. 4:4-5
 - b. He gave up the throne for an ox-stall.
 - c. He left the glory of the Father for the lap of a woman.
 - d. He left the role of Creator for the Carpenters shop.
 - e. He left the beauty, wealth, holiness of heaven for poverty. II Cor. 8:9
5. Jesus was undescribable in Life.
6. Jesus was undescribable in His Sacrificial, Substitutionary death.
7. Jesus was undescribable in His Glory.
8. Jesus was undescribable in the hearts and lives of born again believers.
 - a. Rest from the burdens of sin.
 - b. Joy unspeakable and full of glory.
 - c. Peace that passeth all understanding.
 - d. Transformation of lives.
- III. BEHOLD JESUS--HEAVEN'S GIFT RECEIVED.
- A. Each gift has 3 things--Giver-Gift- and Receiver.
 - B. John 1:11-12
 - C. Testimonies of some who received Him.
 1. Simeon.....Thy Salvation.
 2. Anna.....Redemption.
 3. Gal. 6:14

THE QUICKEST CURE FOR GRIEF IS ACTION.



BIBLE EXPOSITION

BY
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EPHESIANS 1:1 "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus."

- I. THE PENMAN
- II. THE PEOPLE
- III. THE POSITION

The PENMAN of these words or this book was the Apostle Paul. One needs to keep in mind, however; that he wrote these words by and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He did not just sit down and write just anything, but rather was guided by the Holy Spirit. This is clearly evident from the teachings of other portions of God's Word. II Tim. 3:16 states "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." Also careful attention should be given to I Peter 1:21 which reads, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Paul was an apostle of Jesus Christ. This position was not of his own choosing but rather this was God's choice as seen in this verse of scripture. Also a careful study of Acts 9 would prove to really be beneficial at this point. It's good to keep in mind that it's "God's Choice" which makes the difference. Also God's ways are not like man's. Who would have selected a man like Saul of Tarsus to become Paul the Apostle. You will remember that Saul had been a staunch opponent of the church and yet,

through the grace of God, look what the Lord made out of him. So you can see this man was selected by God and called to be an Apostle.

Now, let us notice THE PEOPLE to whom he is writing this letter. Two things are said about them. Number 1, they are referred to as saints, and Number 2, they are referred to as the faithful in Christ Jesus. Let us notice two questions in reference to the fact that they were called saints. The first question is simply, Who are the saints? These were saints because they had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Substitute and the Righteousness of Jesus Christ was imputed upon them. We are saints "in Christ" because of Christ. A person is not a saint because he or she lives a saintly life; yet it is true that every child of God should strive to live a saintly life.

In the second place, they were called the faithful in Christ Jesus. Now every person who is saved should be faithful. (I Cor. 4:2) We are to be faithful because of and due to the glorious fact that we have been saved. We are to be faithful due to the fact that one day we shall be judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ. (II Cor. 5:10-11) We are not doing it in order to be saved.

Now let us notice the POSITION OF THE PEOPLE. They were in Christ. This means they were in Him FEDERALLY. Adam is the federal head of the Human Race, so Christ is the Federal Head of the Spiritual

Race. This is what Jesus meant when He told Nicodemus that ye must be born again. Man must be born again or born of the Spirit in order to be in Christ.

They were in Christ REDEMPTIVELY. Because of their faith in Him they had been brought out of the slave market of sin and had become servants of the Sovereign. The wages of sin is death, and the life of the flesh is in the blood, so the Redemptive price for the souls of mankind was the shedding of blood. Rom. 6:23-Lev. 17:11, Heb. 9:22 I Peter 1:18-19.

They were in Christ REPRESENTATIVELY. Our precious Lord is our representative in Heaven. The Fact that He's there in Heaven is our guarantee that one day we'll be there if we're saved--In Christ we have the truth or the fact that He's our Great High Priest. Heb. 7:25, Heb. 4:14-16

They were in Him RELATIVELY. That simply means we are related. We have become Sons of God in and through Christ. (John 1:12) All of those who are "in Christ" are our brothers and sisters in Christ. Oh, what a joy to be a member of the family of God.

They were also in Him RICHLY. Thank God for the riches that we have "in Christ." Romans 8:17-18 states, "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."





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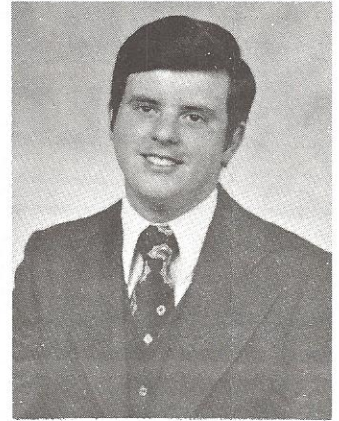
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TEXT: COLOSSIANS 1:1-12

INTRODUCTION:

It's almost funny what people desire out of life. Most of the time, the Lord and His Will is not even among our first wishes, or our first desires. Many wish for Good Health for themselves and their Family; others desire a great sum of money to pay off their bills, while others want things such as friends and happiness.

These are alright in their place, but in this letter to the Colossians, there are 4 things that Paul and Timothy would have to be true of their lives. These things are of great importance to us as well. Let's look at them.

WE SHOULD DESIRE:

I. TO BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL v-9

- A. We need to be fully acquainted with what the Lord would have us to do.
 1. Acts 9:6
- B. God does expect something of your life.
 1. We should know what it is.
 2. Eph. 6:17

II. TO WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD. v-10

- A. What good is it to know God's Will unless we perform it in our lives.
 1. v-10 "BEING FRUITFUL IN EVERY GOOD WORK."
- B. What does it mean to "walk worthy of the Lord?"
 1. Not worthy of Christ, Salvation--never worthy of this.
 2. Simply, we must act and live the way Christian ought to.
 - a. Example-In Military Service--would not disgrace what your uniform represented.
 - b. It should be no different in the Lord's army.

III. TO BE STRENGTHENED WITH ALL MIGHT. v-11

- A. Not our might, But God's Might.
 1. David told Goliath--"This day will the Lord deliver thee unto mine hand."
- B. Trust in the Lord always brings victory.

IV. TO GIVE THANKS UNTO GOD. v-12

- A. Thank God for all He has done, is doing, and will do.
- B. Greatest thanks should go for the gift of eternal life.
 1. v-12 "...which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

CONCLUSION: Do you desire to know God's Will? Are you walking worthy of the Lord? Is God strengthening you in all facets of life? Do you thank Him daily for His Blessings.