

## See Only Christ

You are familiar, no doubt, with one of the most famous paintings ever done by any artist: The Lord's Supper by Leonardo da Vinci, that classic portrayal of Christ and the twelve apostles at the table.

Many students of art history believe that the painting, when first created, was somewhat different from the version which we now see. There was initially, it is believed, an exquisite lace border on the tablecloth. When, immediately upon completion, da Vinci invited a group of art students to view the masterpiece, they were immensely impressed by the delicate design of that lacework.

Upon seeing the reaction of these young men, the artist took up a brush, dipped it, and made a few long strokes across the canvas, obliterating the lace. Then, with uncontrollable feeling, he shouted, "Now, look at the face of Christ!"

How easily we take our view off of Christ and put it upon some nice distraction. The Hebrew writer urged "fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

Let us fix our eyes upon Him. Let us see His beauty, His love, His grace and His commitment to us. Then let us walk in His steps (1 Peter 2:21-25).

- Phil Sanders,  
In Search of the Lord's Way,  
Edmond, OK (via *Bulletin Digest*) -

## IN HIS STEPS

"The road is too rough, Dear Lord," I cried; "There are stones that hurt me so."

And He said, "Dear Child, I understand; I walked it long ago."

"But there is a cool green path," I said, "Let me walk there for a time."

"No, child," He gently answered me, "The green road does not climb."

"My burden is too great," I said, "How can I bear it so?"

"My child," He said, "I remember its weight; I carried My Cross, you know."

"But I wish that there were friends with me who would make my way their own."

"Ah, yes," He said, "Gethsemane was hard to bear alone."

And so I climbed the stony path,  
Content at last to know

That where my Master had not gone  
I would not have to go.

And, strangely, then I found new friends;  
the burden grew less sore,  
as I remembered long ago

He went that way before.

- Author Unknown (*Bulletin Digest*) -

## UNCHAINED

There was a day when C. H. Spurgeon (1834-1892) was criticized for not coming promptly enough to the defense of the Bible when it was being attacked. "Defend the Bible?" flamed the preacher at his critics, "I would as soon think of defending a lion! Unchain it, and it will defend itself!"

This has been the true apostolic spirit from the first century to now. Unchain the Word of God, and it would go raging through the world and take the hearts of men by storm. - Author Unknown (*Bulletin Digest*)

Dying Christianity fails to present a living Christ.

## News & Notes

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.** Masks & distancing apply.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.**

**POTTERS CHILDREN'S HOME: Today is the last day** to contribute to this cause. Give your donation to one of the Elders or Bro. Rico. The church here will match the total donations.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE: For Bro. Charles Aebi next Saturday, Sept. 4th, 11:00 a.m.,** Barlow Vincent Church of Christ, Vincent, OH. (740) 678-2309.

**OUR GOSPEL MEETING: Sept. 19-23 with Ed Melott. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, 7:00 p.m.** Plan to support our meeting with your attendance.

**PICTURE GALLERY OF PAST MEMBERS:** Submit pictures (black and white or color) to David Malcomson.

**PANTRY:** Noodles.

**SEND CARDS: Karen Meeks, 49411 Fredericktown Clarkson Rd., Negley, OH 44441.** (Friend of Sharon Sprout who has cancer).

**SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME:** Randy Beagle, Jim Hadley, Peggy Linger, Marilyn Miller, Barb DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Emma Rine, Rick Beck. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller (Room 6).

**VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore (Room 210). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

## Knowledge and Wisdom

We too often mistake knowledge for wisdom. Impressive initials at the end of one's name may well indicate knowledge, but they in no way guarantee wisdom. As the saying goes, "When you educate a fool, you end up with an educated fool." A brain laden with facts may be empty of common sense.

While knowledge gathers and stores information, wisdom puts such to good use. Knowledge comes from learning facts about life; wisdom comes from learning to live. Knowledge comes from study; wisdom, from experience, and thus, and most importantly, from the God of heaven (James 1:5, 17).

Patience and wisdom walk hand in hand. Knowledge may be hurried along, but not so with wisdom. Wisdom simply will not be rushed. For our own good (and no doubt out of consideration for those with whom we live), God bestows wisdom upon us slowly, a little at a time, not in overfilled bushel baskets, but by bits and pieces, here and there.

And among the odder aspects of wisdom is this: just when we think we've "got it", we are soon humbled, forced by the facts to admit we've got along way yet to go! "Wherefore let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). When it comes to wisdom, we're all works in progress, and the sooner we admit it, the closer to wisdom we'll be.

- Dalton Key (*Bulletin Digest*) -

## Singing for the Brain



Lifting your voice in song has cognitive benefits, according to a Finnish study that found better verbal fluency in elderly singers compared to nonsingers. This makes sense, since singing requires regulation of attention, versatile information processing, linguistic output, learning and memorization.

- News from the World of Medicine, Reader's Digest (September, 2021), Adapted -