

If the Living Knew

Many years ago, I heard a preacher say something in a sermon that I have never forgotten. He said, "If the living knew what the dead know, they would be in a desperate search for truth."

What a profound statement! Those who have already died and passed into eternity know from experience the things living people wonder about things like:

- Is there really a Heaven?
- Is there really a Hell?
- Was Jesus who he claimed to be?
- Will non-religious but morally good people go to Heaven?

The answers to all of these questions are known by every deceased person that has ever lived. And, if the living knew what the dead know, surely they would be:

- Buying and reading Bibles.
- Filling church buildings (on Sunday night and Wednesday night, too) in a desperate search of learning what they need to do to be saved and grow spiritually.
- Trembling at the frailty of life and would not delay in their obedience to the gospel.

What a changed world it would be if the living knew what the dead know. Ironically, we can know what the dead already know, and we don't have to wait for the experience of death. We can open our Bibles and know, just as assuredly as the dead, what awaits us in eternity.

Please don't delay in your preparation for eternity.

- Steve Higginbotham, Karns church of Christ, Knoxville, TN (Bulletin Digest) -

Life

Forenoon and afternoon and night,
And day is gone,
So short a span of time there is
Twixt dawn and evensong.
Youth — Middle life — Old age
And life is past,
So, live each day that God shall say,
"Well done!" at last.

- Author Unknown -

Nothing is as far away as one minute ago. -Jim Bishop

News Notes

SYMPATHY: To Peggy Williams & family at the recent passing of her niece's husband, Ralph Fabrizio of New Middletown, Ohio.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Carolyn Pallard, & the Toomey's.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Noah & MaClay Toomey on the birth of a son, Aiden on August 19th. The grandparents are Dewey II & Docie Moore, and the great grandparents are Dewey, Sr. & Rosie Moore. Best wishes to all.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. All ladies invited to participate.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Suspended for Summer break.

TRI-STATE GRIEF FELLOWSHIP: Next Saturday, August 30th, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the St. Clair Ave. Church of Christ in East-Liverpool. Lunch provided.

LABOR DAY COOKOUT & PICNIC: Monday, September 1st, 1:00 p.m. at Thompson Park, Pavilion 1, East Liverpool. Take a covered dish or dessert. Meat & beverages provided. Sponsored by the Chester & East Liverpool congregations.

PANTRY: Canned peas, Canned carrots.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Debbie Waite (shingles), Brian Haught (Skip's brother), Peggy Linger, Scharlotte Jones, Harry Huff, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Marlene Evans, Cheryl Renfro Walker. Micheal Sabol (Karen Strum's daughter-in-law's father). **Serra Manor, Weirton:** Jean Haught (Skip's mother). **Fox, Chester:** Marsha Nurmi, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

Why Go To Worship?

Some go to church to take a walk.
Some go there to laugh and talk.
Some go there to meet a friend.
Some go there their time to spend.
Some go there to meet each other.
Some go there a fault to cover.
Some go there for observation.
Some go there for speculation.
Some go there to doze and nod.
The wise go there to worship God.

- Spurgeon -

(via House to House)

"Come and see." John 1:39