



HOPE

Hope is an anchor and a helmet. Paul tells us to put on the breastplate of faith *"and for an helmet, the hope of salvation"* (1 Thes. 5:8). Hope is the anchor of the soul. Many are now driven by the wild winds of the angry sea and will soon be wrecked on the rocks of the distant shore. Only a good anchor can keep them from certain death. Paul says, *"...we might have a strong consolation (encouragement), who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us; which hope we have as an anchor of the soul"* (Heb. 6:18, 19). *"...the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy"* (Psm. 33:18).

Let us not give up but press on toward the mark of the high calling. God has given us a helmet to protect us in the battles of life. Let us not trust in our own strength. When Peter looked at the waves and took his eyes off Christ, he began to sink in the sea (Matt. 14:28-33). Jehovah says, *"Fear thou not; ...be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; ...yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness"* (Isa. 41:10).

Let us not forget that Jesus said, *"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven..."* (Matt. 5:11, 12).

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is" (Jer. 17:7). Let us "rejoice in hope" and "be patient in tribulation" and "continue instant (steadfastly) in prayer (Rom. 12:12). As Paul says, *"...we desire that everyone of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end"* (Heb. 6:11).

- G. K. Wallace (deceased), *Bulletin Digest* -


Christians never see each other for the last time.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To the family of **Ruth Hartzell** at her recent passing. Ruth was a fine Christian lady and a faithful member here for many years; she will be missed. Also to the **Burdine** family at the passing of Willard's sister, **Nellie Burdine**. Nellie was a member of the Pricetown, WV congregation. God bless and comfort these families.

2nd SECRET SISTER PROGRAM: Sister selection/choice will be TODAY. The big reveal will be in **August**.

CARD SHOWER: For Emma Rine. Emma has some health issues that have prevented her from being at worship. Use the card basket on the table.

COUPLE'S FELLOWSHIP: Friday, Feb. 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of  David & Janet Malcomson, 320 Fifth St., East Liverpool, OH. **All married couples invited.** Child care available. Sign-up sheet on the table.

PANTRY: Canned carrots & spinach.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Sally Watson (sister of Sue Collins).

SICK & SHUT-IN: TRINITY HOSPITAL: Alex Harless. **AT HOME:** Charlie & Barb DeLong, Docie Moore, Emma Rine, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Mary Jane Bowers, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **Rick Beck** (minister at Weston, WV), 807 Camden Ave., Weston, WV 26452. Rick's cancer has returned. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **BRIGHTWOOD CENTER:** Rich Robinson, 840 Lee Rd., Room 242, Follansbee, WV 26037. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

TEN VALUES OF CHURCH ATTENDANCE

1. It keeps your **HEART** in constant tune with God.
2. It keeps your **MIND** on the great necessity for having God's Word spread throughout all nations.
3. It improves your **CHARACTER** by learning the great examples that Christ gave us.
4. It improves your **DISPOSITION** by learning to be meek and humble like Christ.
5. It helps in your **EVERYDAY LIFE** by learning to love one another, even as Christ loved you.
6. It teaches you to **GIVE** and know the wonderful joy you receive by giving.
7. It teaches you to **PRAY**, for prayer is the answer to many of our problems.
8. It gives your **SOUL** great joy and comfort to worship and know that God is near.
9. It shows the world that you are **WORKING** for Christ and His kingdom.
10. It is what **CHRIST INTENDED** for you to do. *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"* (Matt. 18:20).

- Author Unknown -