

“What Will It Profit A Man?”

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Jesus asked a question that has eternal consequences for the soul. He said, “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” (Mark 8:36). Generally most people wander through life ardently seeking earthly concerns and material wealth to gain happiness. While at the same time, they are selling their soul to gain things that will never satisfy or bring true happiness and peace.

Have you ever looked back through your life and realized that you have made a terrible mistake? One you wish you could have changed but it was too late. Often this is the way it is, we will make a wrong choice or spend too much time seeking something that is not needed to bring us to a state of well being that is true contentment. We wonder and are amazed at how quickly time has passed only to find out we have been sold a bill of goods that are not important anymore to our life.

Each day there are breakthroughs in science and medicine to extend life and make it more enjoyable and we are told that they are profitable to our life, yet we will die. All the advances in the world do not mean a thing when we breathe our last breath of air. There can be no effort that is more important than saving of our soul. It truly is tragic to spend a lifetime seeking and saving things that one will lose at death. It is written, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die , but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27).

One day when death has control over our life and we look back at all the things that have been important, will we be happy or miserable? It will be too late for us to realize that we sold our soul to gain the world and that is not important anymore. Jesus said:

For what will it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? (Mark 8:36-37).

Let us not exchange our soul for things that are not important.

- *Beacon*, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -

The Power of Sin

Sin is not stagnant. It never stays in one place, person, family, community, or country. A judge may sequester a jury, and a doctor may quarantine a disease, but no man or earthly power can isolate sin. Sin stalks its victim as a hunter does his prey. Sin slithers like a snake, inserting its venom of death into the veins of those who bear the image of God. Sin marches like locusts over the landscape of humanity, leaving a world of human wreckage in its wake. Sin is a vulture feasting on its own handiwork. Adam and Eve’s transgressions initiated a stream of sin that proved torrential in its power and worldwide in its scope.

- Frank Chesser, *House to House, Heart to Heart*

Sin sees the bait but is blind to the hook.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To Wes & Glenna Harrison and David Logston at the recent passing of their mother, Marjorie Logston. God bless and comfort all who knew and loved Margie. Send cards to: Glenna Harrison, 169 Northwood Villa, Parkersburg, WV 26104.

LESSONS ON LIFE, LOVE, & LOSS: Today through Wednesday, April 3rd with Dean Miller at the St. Clair Ave. Church of Christ, East Liverpool, OH. **See additional information on the bulletin board for dates, times and topics.**

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to join in this good work. Come and help make these little bears for sick and needy kids. Sewing skills not necessary.

MEN’S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Men are urged to come and spend an hour with other brothers and be encouraged.

WEDNESDAY SERVICE DISMISSED: This Wednesday, April 3rd, our service here will be dismissed to support the meeting at St. Clair Ave., East Liverpool, OH.

LADIES DAY: Next Saturday, April 6th, Registration 10-11 a.m., Coraopolis, PA Church of Christ. Speakers: Latisha Brown and Danielle Burch on the topic: “The Godly Woman.” Lunch provided.

CHESTER’S SENIOR DAY: Saturday, April 13th, 9:30-Noon. Speakers: Aaron Burch and Chris Raynor. Lunch will be provided. To help defray the cost of the lunch, monetary donations can be given to Willard or Rosie Burdine .

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members are being made and can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building. Please schedule an appointment so this outreach can be completed ASAP.

PANTRY: Spaghetti & spaghetti sauce.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Chris Lamb (David Roach’s sister), Curahealth Heritage Valley, 1000 Dutch Ridge Rd., Room 214, Beaver, PA 15009, or her home address: 78 Preakness Drive, Chester, WV 26034.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Glenn & Mae McMahan, David McKitrick, Beulah Walker, Emma Rine, Cam Adamson (Twila’s husband), Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham. **Brighton Rehabilitation & Wellness Center:** Cindy Mehlmauer, 246 Friendship Circle, Beaver, PA 15009. **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

St. Clairsville, OH	Mar. 31-Apr. 3, 7 p.m. (except Sunday).....	Richard McGough
Southern Hills	Apr. 7-10, 7 p.m. (except Sunday).....	Gary Bailey
Steeltown	Apr. 7-11, 7 p.m. (except Sunday).....	Terry Jones
Chester	Apr. 14-18, 7 p.m. (except Sunday)	Terry Jones
Hanoverton	Apr. 14-18, 7 p.m. (except Sunday).....	Herman McHan
Weirton Heights	Apr. 21-26, 7 p.m. (except Sunday).....	Rico Brown
Salem, Easton, WV	Apr. 21-26, 7 p.m. (except Sunday).....	Wade Webster