

NO-COST RELIGION

Al Brown (Deceased)

After God had told David to build an altar and worship God on the threshing floor of Araunah, this Jebusite offered the king the threshing floor and everything necessary to worship God. David refused the offer with these words:

Nay; but I will verily buy it of thee at a price; neither will I offer burnt-offerings unto Jehovah my God which cost me nothing (2 Sam. 24:24).

Would that all Christians had the attitude of David. Instead, they often show the very opposite disposition. David realized that an offering that cost him nothing was worth exactly that to him—nothing. God has always demanded the best that each person has—not what somebody else has (Lev.22:21).

All we have has been given to us by God to use for His glory and in His service. We are but stewards of these things (1 Pet. 4:10). The Lord expects us to be good stewards, but giving what comes without cost to us is not practicing faithful stewardship.

The measure of our devotion, reverence, and love for God is in direct proportion to how much we are willing to commit to the service of God or how much we are willing to sacrifice (John 12:3ff). Those who take the easiest, cheapest way to serve God are, in reality, servants of self, not God.

There is to be nothing cheap about our religion. It is to be the best we have—the same attitude that characterized David. "I will...[not] offer...unto Jehovah my God [that] which cost me nothing."

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

THE DEVIL'S BEATITUDES

Blessed are they who are too tired and busy to assemble at God's house on the Lord's Day, for they are my best workers.

Blessed are they who are bored with the minister's mannerisms and mistakes, for they get nothing out of the sermon to strengthen them against temptation.

Blessed are they who are easily offended, for they get angry and quit and harm the work of the church.

Blessed are they who do not give to carry on God's work and mission, for they cause the church to stumble and falter.

Blessed are they who profess to love God but hate their brother, for they will not experience the healing forgiveness of the Lord in their life.

Blessed are they who have no time to pray, for they shall be easy prey for me.

- Author Unknown -

The road to heaven is a one-way street.

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: *Sunday:* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. *Wednesday:* Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED: By request of our Elders, for **EVERYONE** in **ALL** of our assemblies regardless of where seated.

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

NEW YEAR'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, 9:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Bldg. All are invited. Sign-up sheet on the desk in the foyer. Our brothers will be cooking.

PANTRY: Green beans and corn.

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

MEDICAL UPDATE: Word has been received after numerous surgeries and treatments for cancer, **Josh Morrison** (Joyce Murdock's son) has scanned "cancer free".

PRAYERS & CARDS REQUESTED: **Claudette Miller**, 362 Arroyo Village Road, New Cumberland, WV 26047.

Jean Varrato (Jason Wright's aunt). Her address: 5395 Ottawa Road, Lima, OH 45805

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Cam & Twila Adamson-covid, Becky McKitrick, Gary & Melissa Rosohac-covid, Tim Adkins, Bob Riley, Jim Hadley, Marilyn Miller, Randy Beagle, Barb DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Emma Rine, Rick Beck. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

Some Simple Things You Can Do

To Show Christ Living In You

1. **SMILE** - Everyone loves a smile.
2. **BE KIND** - The simplest kindness may beget some great change in someone.
3. **BE GENTLE** - No one likes a brusque and harsh person.
4. **BE CLEAN** - The body, the mouth, the thoughts - all of them should be kept free from the pollutants of this world.
5. **BE READY** - There is no substitute for preparation. No matter the job, we should "be ready to every good work".
6. **BE A CHRISTIAN** - No matter the situation, be sure you exemplify one following Jesus.

- Author Unknown -

ONE MAN ROSE

Many great men have lived and died. But only one man **DIED** and **ROSE!!**

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures; And that He was buried, and that **He rose again** the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

- Richard Stevens, III -

WHY CHRISTIANITY IS SUPERIOR

MOHAMMED ... still dead

BUDDAH ... still dead

CONFUCIUS ... still dead

JESUS CHRIST ...

RISEN! ALIVE!

Not dead anymore!

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