

The Fear Of The Lord

The fear of the Lord is that understanding of God's greatness and power and men's accountability toward Him. A scriptural and saving knowledge of God is the greatest need of every person. An unknown God can neither be trusted, served, nor worshipped. Belief in God is the foundation principle of the Christian faith. The writer of the book of Hebrews said, "...without faith it is impossible to please Him..." (Hebrews 11:6).

The fear of the Lord leads to finding the knowledge of God. "If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." (Proverbs 2:4-5). The fear of the Lord awakens feelings of gratitude and love. The fear of the Lord leads us to the Bible so that we might gain the knowledge of God.

The fear of the Lord causes us to depart from evil. God commanded, "Be not be wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil." (Proverbs 3:7). He also said, "...by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil." (Proverbs 16:6). No one who knows himself should be conceited. There is no experience more humbling than to come face to face with our own sins. One who thinks he knows everything will never come to fear God. Watch and pray constantly against the spirit of self-conceit.

The fear of the Lord produces a satisfied life. "The fear of the Lord tendeth to life, and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil." (Proverbs 19:23). A Godly life is a happy and satisfied life, here and hereafter. The fear of the Lord produces a true life. True life, genuine satisfaction and freedom from sin are all blessings of the fear of the Lord.

The fear of the Lord will cause you to obey the gospel quickly. To become a Christian you must hear the gospel and believe (John 6:44-45), repent of sins (Acts 2:38), confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3-4).

- Charles Box, via Austinville Church of Christ, Decatur, AL -

THREE THINGS

- Three things in life that may never be lost: Peace, Hope, Honesty.
- Three things in life that are most valuable: Love, Self-confidence, Friends.
- Three things in life that are never certain: Dreams, Success, Fortune,
- Three things that make a man: Hard work, Sincerity, Commitment.
- Three things in life that can destroy a man: Wine, Pride, Anger.
- Three things that are truly constant: Father, Son, Holy Ghost.

I ask the Lord to bless you, as I pray for you today;
To guide you and protect you, as you go along your way.
His love is always with you, His promises are true.
And when you give Him all your cares, you know He'll see you through.

- Author Unknown (*House to House Heart to Heart*) -

Nothing ruins the truth like stretching it.

News & Notes

NEW MAILING ADDRESS: Betty Henthorne - 800 Williams Avenue, Williamstown, WV 26187.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 406. This class is for those who were baptized in the last three years.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Today at about noon at the Fellowship Building, followed by our early afternoon service at 2:00 p.m. at the church building.

MEALS NEEDED: For Keith & Elaine McClung while Elaine recovers from a broken ankle. Sign-up sheet on the desk. Check with the McClung's to see what is needed - (304-387-3181).

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are welcome to participate in this activity to make stuffed bears for kids. Ability to sew not required.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: This class is suspended for the summer months: June, July, and August.

CHESTER'S AREA-WIDE SING: Next Friday, June 8th, 7:00 p.m. Refreshments to follow at the Fellowship Building.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, June 9th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbiana, OH Church of Christ. Sign-up sheet on the desk in the foyer

FOX NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL: Next Saturday, June 9th at 2:30 p.m.

SUMMER LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Resumes Thursday, June 14th, 11:00 a.m. at the Brown's residence. All ladies welcome and invited to join in this study.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE'S BANQUET: Saturday, June 16th.

CHESTER'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 18-22, 7:00 p.m. Adult class teacher: Larry Lemasters.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CAMP: July 9-14 at Tomlinson Run State Park. Sign-up sheet on the desk in the foyer.

MEMBER VISITS: Our Elders and Minister are making visits to get to know the members better. Schedule a visit here at the building or in your home by signing the sheet on the desk, or arrange an appointment by talking to Rico. Otherwise, expect an impromptu visit.

PANTRY: Canned fruit

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS & CARDS: Cindy Moore (Pat Allison's cousin). Cindy has bone cancer. Her address: 2760 Craig Circle, Fullerton, CA 92835.

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Pat Allison, Elaine McClung, Charlie Delong, David McCoy, Bill & Carol Stillwell, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19), Mary Nelson. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle. **AUBURN NURSING HOME, SALEM, OH:** Jim Mick. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.