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From Here To Eternity

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"There's a Great Day Coming" are the words to a familiar and favorite song. Christ's return is a reality; it is neither some riddle to be solved nor a code to be broken, but it is a day to be anticipated. However, when that day will occur remains a mystery to all except God (Matthew 24:36). Therefore, it should not be when that day will come that concerns us the most but how we live until that day arrives. Peter taught how we should live from here to eternity – "in holy conduct and godliness" (2 Peter 3:11 NKJV).

We should live Christ-like lives. Christ is our example (1 Peter 2:21). We should consider His "steps" (1 Peter 2:21), His "mind" (Philippians 2:5), and His deeds (Acts 10:38). Jesus' life and teaching were in perfect harmony. He cared enough to die, loved unconditionally and did the Father's will. We will walk in the paths of righteousness by living like Christ.

We should strive to save our families. One man said, "I've gone the world over saving souls and lost my son." Noah was a preacher of righteousness (2 Peter 2:5), and yet, he saved only his wife, three sons and three daughters-in-law (1 Peter 3:20). Joshua was a busy leader, but he said, "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). The world needs more fathers like Noah and Joshua (Genesis 18:19; Ephesians 6:4).

We should be supremely committed to the Church of Christ. Brethren, never be ashamed of the "Church of Christ!" It is the Church of the New Testament Christ died for it (Acts 20:28) and He reigns over it (1 Corinthians 15:25). When He returns, it will be delivered unto God (1 Corinthians 15:24).

We should strive for unity, peace and harmony within the Church. Ephesians 4:1-6 details the dispositions and doctrines for Christian unity. The pulse of the Church must beat in unison. With the Bible as our guide in faith and practice, we should never allow false doctrine, opinion or supposition to lead the church into error, liberalism or legalism. Let's stand foursquare on the Bible, not swaying to the left or to the right (Acts 5:29)!

We should live so that our names are always in the Book of Life. Right now in Heaven, there is a Book of Life. Moses was aware of this book (Exodus 32:32) and so was Paul (Philippians 4:3). Jesus told the disciples, "Rejoice because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). The names of the redeemed are in the Book of Life. Is your name in that book right now? One's name is placed there when he or she becomes a Christian. A person's name remains there by living a faithful life. When the Book of Life is opened (Revelation 20:11-15), will your name be there? The most important thing in life is having one's name written in Heaven!

Life is short, death is sure, sin is the cause, but Christ is the cure! May we live for Christ all the days of our lives – from here to eternity!

- via Gospel Gazette online -

When time is spent, eternity begins.

News & Notes

REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED: Masks or face shields are **required for EVERYONE in ALL of our assemblies** whether seated in the auditorium or the balcony.

SYMPATHY: To the **Barr Family** at the passing of Judy Barr, mother-in-law of **Melissa Barr**. God bless and comfort this family.

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

PANTRY: Instant potatoes.

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

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: Saturday, Nov. 6th, Hanoverton Church of Christ. Topic: "Home Improvement" (Spiritually Speaking). Speakers: Danielle Burch, Angela Marshall, Tam Raynor. Registration & Breakfast Eatables, 8:15-9:00 a.m.; Lessons, 9:00 a.m. through Lunch.

ELDER/DEACONS NOMINEES: Elder: David Malcomson; Deacons: Willard Burdine and Charles Dewey Moore II. If anyone has a scriptural reason why any of these men should not serve, please present that reason in a signed statement to our present Eldership by Wednesday, Nov. 10th.

SICK & SHUT-IN: SHARPE HOSPITAL, WESTON, WV: Claudette Miller. CITY HOSPITAL: Ed & Linda Morgan (brother-in-law & sister of Nancy Hadley). WEIRTON MEDICAL CENTER: Jean Haught (Skip's mother), Room 712. AT HOME: Lois Hissom, Jillian Reardon, Marilyn Miller, Randy Beagle, Barb DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Dana & Emma Rine, Rick Beck. CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE: Sarah Miller (Room 6). VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER: Fred Larrimore (Room 210). IN FLORIDA: Ilene Rayl.

Wanted: Great Hearts

The Word is solemn,
therefore don't trifle;
The task is difficult,
therefore don't relax;
The opportunity is brief,
therefore don't delay;
The path is narrow,
therefore don't wander;
The prize is glorious,
therefore don't faint.

- Author Unknown -

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James 4:7

- When you carry a Bible . . . the devil gets a headache.
- When you open it . . . he collapses.
- When he sees you reading it ... he faints.
- When he sees you living it . . . he flees.
- Glad Tidings of Good Things (House to House) -