

“To Live Is Christ”

In Philippians 1:21, Paul confidently proclaimed, “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” Nothing can be more important than being able to say “for me to live is Christ” because if this is not true then to die would be indescribable loss. To die with gain later you must now be able to say “for me to live, Christ is the ...”

Lord of my life. “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36).

Activity of my life. “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58).

Message of my life. “Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart” (2 Cor. 3:3).

Power of my life. “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Phil. 4:13)

Courage of my life. “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27)

Savior of my life. “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10).

Goal of my life. “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:2).

Each of these aspects of life are essential in being able to say, “For me, to live is Christ.” Let each of us build these qualities into our hearts and lives.

- Bobby O'Dell -
Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ,
Pensacola, FL

Minister For Life

In 1773, the young minister of a poor church in Wainsgate, England, was called to a large and influential church in London. John Fawcett was a powerful preacher and writer, and these skills had brought him this opportunity. But as the wagons were being loaded with the Fawcett’s few belongings, their people came for a tearful farewell.

During the good-byes, Mary Fawcett cried, “John, I cannot bear to leave!” “Nor can I,” he replied. “We shall remain here with our people.” The wagons were unloaded, and John Fawcett spent his entire fifty-four-year ministry in Wainsgate.

Out of that experience, Fawcett wrote the beautiful hymn, “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.”

“Today in the Word”
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A Leopard’s Spots

A Sunday school teacher was teaching a lesson based on Jeremiah 13:23. In that passage, the prophet is so disgusted with the unfaithfulness and idolatry of his people that he almost believes they cannot change. He wonders whether a leopard can change its spots. The Sunday school teacher asked her pupils, “What do you think? Can a leopard change its spots?”

Most of the children said, “No,” but one little boy answered, “Yes.” He continued by saying, “If he doesn’t like the spot he’s in, he can change it.”

That was somewhat along the line of what Jeremiah believed. His people could change their evil ways - their “spots” - if they truly chose to do so. The prophet said to his people. “You can do good who are accustomed to do evil.” (Jer. 13:23, nrsv)

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The more of Heaven in our lives, the less of earth we covet,

News & Notes

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.

ANNUAL SPRING SING: TODAY, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at Beaver Street Church of Christ in Lisbon, OH.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All the ladies are invited and urged to help in this good work to make stuffed bears for sick & needy kids.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDIES: Each Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. Men are encouraged to attend this good class.

MEN’S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Mar. 10th, 8:30 a.m. at Columbiana, OH Church of Christ. Sign-up sheet on the desk in the foyer.

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL: Next Saturday, Mar. 10th, 2:30 p.m. at Fox.

TIME CHANGE: Next Saturday, Mar. 10th, turn your clocks **forward** one hour before going to bed. Daylight Savings Time begins.

COVERED DISH DINNER & EARLY SERVICE: Rescheduled for next Sunday, March 11th. Early afternoon service at 2:00 p.m. (instead of 5:30 p.m.)

PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION: Beulah Walker, 304-224-9374. Please change in your directory.

GET BETTER ACQUAINTED: Our Elders and Minister want to get to know the members of this congregation better by voluntary home visits or at a scheduled time here at the building. A sign-up sheet is on the desk in the foyer. 100% participation requested.

PANTRY: Canned peas, limas, and beets.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Mike Kodrich (Betty Henthorne’s son), 30 Crystal Ave., Williamstown, WV 26187. Jean Haught (Skip’s Mom), 42 Haught Lane, Follansbee, WV 26037. Susie Haught (Skip & Sue’s daughter-in-law), 220 Rexroad Dr., Weston, WV 26452.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Charlie Delong, Beulah Walker, Bill & Carol Stillwell, Russell Martin, Linda Wiersbicki, Fred Larrimore, Blondenia Orr, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. FOX NURSING HOME: Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19), Mary Nelson. CROSSROADS: Sarah Miller, Jim Mick. CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE: Ella Beagle. VALLEY HAVEN, BEECH BOTTOM, WV: Warner Haught (Skip’s Dad). IN FLORIDA: Ilene Rayl.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Hillview Terrace, Moundsville.....	Mar. 11-16.....	Ed Melott
Hanoverton.....	Mar. 18-22.....	Rico Brown
Barnesville, OH.....	Mar. 25-29.....	Wes McAdams

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE BIBLE

The wonder of its ...

FORMATION - The way in which it grew is one of the mysteries of time.

UNIFICATION - A library of 66 books, yet one book.

AGE - It is the most ancient of books.

SALE - The best seller of any book.

INTEREST - The only book in the world read by all classes.

LANGUAGE - Written largely by uneducated men, yet from a literary standpoint.

PRESERVATION - The most hated of all books, yet it continues to exist.

“... the word of our God shall stand forever.” (Isa. 40:8)

- Barnes’ Bible Charts