



The Need to be Faithful

The comical, yet sobering, story is told of a congregation that had a problem with bats getting into the building. After many times of removing them from the building and the bats continually returning, they decided to contact a nearby congregation that once had the same problem. After asking the preacher how they rid their problem, he replied, "We baptized them!" In a state of confusion, the response was, "That really worked?" The preacher replied, "Sure did. We baptized them, and we haven't seen them since."

Sadly, this fictional story is all too true of human beings. Far too many times, individuals have learned the gospel plan of salvation, accessed the saving grace of God through obedience to His Word, come out of the waters of baptism, only to never again gather together with their newfound church family, or at least to fall away shortly after.

This is not a new phenomenon. It was a struggle for new Christians from the inception of the Lord's church. Paul wrote to the churches of Galatia: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of ...

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for
all ages & Pew Packers
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... Christ unto another gospel" (Galatians 1:6). Generally speaking, every New Testament epistle was written to instruct or exhort Christians to faithful living. Contrary to what many denominations teach concerning "Once Saved, Always Saved," the Bible does not teach such a doctrine.

If the possibility of losing one's salvation is not enough motivation to be faithful, let us consider 2 other brief reasons to be faithful.

1. We need to be faithful because God is faithful. Multiple times throughout the New Testament, the Bible student can find the word "faithful" connected directly to God. 1 John 1:9 tells us He is faithful to forgive Christians their sins as long as they confess them. 1 Corinthians 10:13 informs us how that God is faithful to never let us be tempted beyond what we are able. Hebrews 10:23 reminds us that our God of promises is faithful to His promises. Truly, God is faithful. Let us strive to be more like Him!

2. We need to be faithful because the faithful receive a crown of life. To the members of the church at Smyrna, Jesus said, "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Knowing he was near death, Paul wrote to Timothy, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

Have you been faithful?

–written by Clifton Angel

“He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

And **God is able** to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work”

2 Corinthians 9:6–8

Sermon Review

G.I.V.E. — VISIT & REVISIT

- I. TERMS
- II. TENSES
- III. TOTAL

A.C.T.S. — THIS BUSINESS

(Acts 6:1–7)

- I. LOOK AT THE TEXT
- II. LEARN FROM THE TEXT

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Sammy Williams; Inez Neyman; Seth & Jan Daniel; Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Helen Bowman.

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Family & Friends

Beverly Wilkes, Tim Sr.'s mom, had back surgery Friday; **Lynn's father**, scheduled to have surgery this week to remove blockage in carotid artery; **Claire Webster**, fell at AP camp and broke her leg; **Katie Howard family; Judy Mason** and family; **Elise Iglinsky; Doris Easley; Pat Hardison; Tasha Higginbotham; Walter Huffman; Coleen**, friend of Inez; **Rye family; Beverly Whitecotton; Jack Higginbotham; John & Anita Simpson** and family; **Peggy Hunt; Billie Kid; Andrew Jones; Jason Spencer; Joy Angel; John Smith; Elizabeth Baker; Paul Perkins; Janie Brister; Ray Hendrix; Carole Livsey; Amanda Cummings; Danielle Key; Ava Roten, Brett Rutherford; Frankie Burfield; James Cooper; Renee Loya; Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Martha Hatfield; Virginia Johnson; Mac Owen; Bob Spurlin; Ally Jo Kelly.**

Birthdays

6/3 Amanda Ferrell
6/6 Betty Culbreath
6/13 Melaney Ferrell
6/18 Grace Williams

Anniversaries

6/5 Andy & Molly Ratliff
6/26 Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell
6/28 Jim & Mischel Jackson

Get Involved!

Providence Place Devo – TODAY – 2 PM

SLCC Session 2 – June 14 – 20

Convalescence Center Devo – June 24 – 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night – June 24 – 7 PM

Thyatira VBS – June 28 – July 1

Theme: Fire, 7 PM nightly

Independence VBS – July 6 – 8

Have a Bible Question? Submit it in the ? Box!

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, June 14

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeremy Moore
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
	Jim Jackson
Assist	Sammy Williams
	Jerry Davis
Opening Prayer	Joe Owen
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Johnny Bayless

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jared Brown
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
	Jerry Davis
Closing Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell

Wednesday, June 17

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Chris Martin
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jason Bayless