

Faith Talk

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I Am



**This was in Lola Levitt's Newsletter
in February of 1998:**

I was regretting the past and fearing the future.
Suddenly, my Lord was speaking,
"My Name is I Am."

He paused.
I waited.

He continued, "When you live in the past with it's mistakes and regrets,
it is hard. I am not there. My Name is not 'I Was.'

When you live in the future with it's problems and fears
it is hard. I am not there. My Name is not 'I Will Be.'

When you live in this moment
it is not hard. I Am here. My Name is 'I Am.' "

A Poem by Helen Steiner Rice

The more we endure
with patience and grace,
The stronger we grow
and the more we can face.

There are always two sides,
the good and the bad,
The dark and the light,
and sad and the glad!

Always remember
that whatever betide you,
You are never alone
for God is beside you.

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

-In the Wonderful Name of Jesus, Pastor Bob and Susan Tilton

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Youth Talk

"I Don't Want to Hear Rocks Crying!"



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*They asked Jesus,
"Do you hear what these children are saying?"
"Yes," Jesus replied. "Haven't you ever read the Scriptures?
For they say, 'You have taught children and infants to give
You praise.' "* - Matthew 21:16

We have officially begun teaching the Youth how to play instruments! Acoustic guitars, electric guitars, drums, a xylophone, piano, keyboard, trumpets, finger drums, snare, bongos, conga, and tambourines are among the many sounds you'll hear each Wednesday night. They are enjoying worshipping, singing, and fellowshiping together as well as learning how to follow instructions and work as a team.

These kids are sold out and can teach us a thing or two! It's such a blessing to see each of their gifts manifesting... Some 'not so traditional' songs of the Lord are poppin' out too! I thoroughly LOVE being with these incredible kids.

Luke 19:36-40

³⁶ And as He rode along, the people kept spreading their garments on the road.

³⁷ As He was approaching [the city], at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God [extolling Him exultantly and] **LOUDLY** for all the mighty miracles *and* works of power that they had witnessed,

³⁸ **CRYING**, Blessed (celebrated with praises) is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven [freedom there from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin] and glory (majesty and splendor) in the highest [heaven]!

³⁹ **And some of the Pharisees from the throng said to Jesus, Teacher, reprove Your disciples!**

⁴⁰ He replied, I tell you that if these keep silent, the very stones will cry out.

I am reminded of hearing Mrs. Susan in the nursery dancing and singing with the children during each service... Are we doing that at home? There should be praises unto God permeating the atmosphere of our homes regularly.

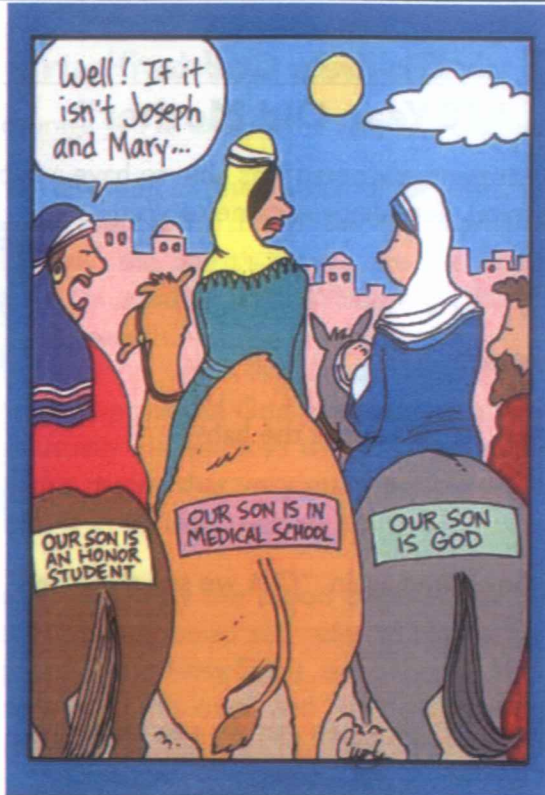
Psalms 22:3

³ But Thou art holy, O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Do we want God's presence in our midst? He inhabits our praises! 'Inhabit' means 'to live in, occupy, dwell, in a place or environment.'

Folks... I want the Youth to be loud. I want them to cry out with everything that is within them to the Lord. Let's be good examples, singing to our Lord with a loud voice, crying, blessed is the King!

-fLoYd & Michele Dotter



Church Sign

Save money on gas - Walk with God.

Recipe of the Month

Homemade Laundry Soap **(DO NOT EAT)**

Ingredients:

5 Gallon Bucket with a lid (Home Depot has them)
 Box of Borax Powder
 Box of Arm & Hammer Washing Soda
 A cheap grater—(Dollar Tree has them)

2 Bars of Ivory Soap—(You can use other soaps, but not deodorant soap or moisturizing bars.)

Directions:

Grate 2 bars of soap. Dissolve it in about 4 cups of hot water on the stovetop over med-low heat.

Step 4: Add soap mixture to your 5 gallon bucket and fill bucket half way with hot water. Stir in 2 cups Arm and Hammer Washing Soda and 1 cup Borax. Dissolve completely.

Step 5: Fill bucket the rest of the way with hot water. Recipe complete. - You can use old detergent bottles to make it easier doing laundry. I use 2-4 oz per load of laundry. This stuff is great. Gentle on sensitive skin, brightens colors, takes care of stains, whitens white clothes, and is earth friendly. You can make about 15 gallons for less than \$10.

—Angie Cook

Chillie's Corner "70 Year Old Mother"

Thanks to the miracle of fertility treatment, a woman was able to have a baby at 70. When she was discharged from hospital, her relatives came to visit.

"Can we see the baby," they asked?

"Not yet," said the 70-year-old mother.

Fifteen minutes later, they asked again, "Can we see the baby?"

"Not yet," said the mother.

Another quarter of an hour later, they asked again, "Can we see the baby?"

"Not yet," answered the mother.

The relatives were growing impatient. "Well, when can we see the baby?"

"When it cries," said the mother.

"Why do we have to wait until the baby cries?"

"Because I forgot where I put it."



Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A)** By the Brook Kerith, Elijah was fed by *whom*?
- B)** Elijah physically revived the widow's son by *what*?
- C)** The servant who was afraid to tell Ahab that he'd found Elijah was named *what*?
- D)** Elijah executed the prophets of Baal *where*?
- E)** After Elijah slept under a broom tree, an angel told him, "Get up and eat," because *what*?
- F)** When Elijah met Elisha, what was the latter doing?
- G)** Who did God tell Elijah to anoint as king over Syria?
- H)** Elijah was taken up to heaven in a weather anomaly known as *what*?
- I)** Before Elijah went into heaven, what did Elisha ask him for?

(See page 6 for answers)

The Crucified Life of the Holy Spirit

(We want to encourage you to look up the Scripture references as you read.)

If we often forget to consider the viewpoint of the Father or of Jesus, we will even more often forget to consider the Holy Spirit. Part of the reason for this is that the words of the Holy Spirit are recorded in the Bible relatively few times. Clearly, the Spirit's words are recorded in Revelation 14:13b. In other places, He may speak but be identified in another way. Wisdom is talking in Proverbs 1:20-33, but I believe that these are actually the Holy Spirit's words.

Natural thinking would figure that an all-powerful God will speak in a window shattering voice. Of course He certainly can (Psalm 29:5), but usually He employs the still small voice, which is more useful in testing the hearts of men. Unfortunately this means that very many people will ignore Him, reject Him, or doubt His existence. The Holy Spirit, too, is living the crucified life.

Even among those who have been cleansed by the Blood of Jesus, the Spirit does not necessarily have an easy time. Many Christians forget His personhood and refer to Him as an "it." Or, they say they belong to Jesus, but will not receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, even though He resides in a measure within every believer. John 1:11 states, "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." This verse primarily means that Jesus came down to Israel, and the Jews rejected Him. But the verse can also mean that the Holy Spirit came into the Church, and Christians rejected Him.

Bible believing Christians generally do acknowledge the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5), and the Charismatics will acknowledge the validity of the gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12) for today. However, it's easy for some of us to focus on the gifts and not the Source of these gifts. Many parents know what it is like, when on Christmas day your kids are enjoying the presents you gave them, while they ignore you. Moreover, the fruit of the Spirit can be imitated on the natural level. Very often when genuine fruit is manifest, we give credit to man and not the Holy Spirit. Again, the Holy Spirit is living the crucified life.

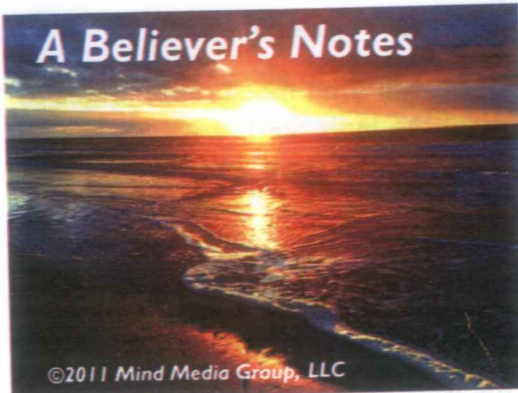
In John 14:16, Jesus said, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever..." Jesus spent 33 years on earth being faced with the attitudes of men. The Holy Spirit so far has spent 2000 years putting up with the attitudes of men. In addition, the Holy Spirit is the most sensitive member of the Godhead. In accordance with this, the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit carries the more serious penalty (Matthew 12:31-32).

We are informed in 1 Corinthians 3:16 that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. To select a mild example, the Spirit probably does not appreciate residing within a tobacco-smoking saint. Surely, readers can identify other scenarios. More importantly, our temples are defiled by sins that come out of the heart (Matthew 15:18-19), of which there is a long list!

Still another class of sins that grieve the Holy Spirit relates to sectarianism, divisions, etc. But let's take the approach that we choose not to make the Holy Spirit live the crucified life. Instead, do what pleases Him. We can honor Him by worshipping Jesus. We can spend time praying in the Holy Ghost. We can pursue the fruit of the Spirit in our lives!

-Phil Rust

Resist him (satan) in the Name of Jesus!



Resist him like someone resisting arrest. When you act that way toward the devil, he will flee from you—James 4:7 guarantees it!

The word 'flee' in that Scripture doesn't just mean he leaves the scene. It literally means, "he runs as in terror." The reason he runs is because you bear the name of Jesus. That Name strikes terror into every fiber of the devil's twisted being.

God also hath highly exalted Him (Jesus) and given Him a Name which is above every name. That at the Name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth. That includes the devil! He has to bow his knee at the Name of Jesus. Now you can see why, when you resist the devil in Jesus' Name, he flees from you. He has no choice!

Jesus is the One who defeated him. After Jesus spoiled principalities and powers (Colossians 2:15), He (Jesus) made an open show of them publicly, triumphing over them. Satan was humiliated in front of all the angels of heaven and the demons of hell. He (satan) is defeated and he knows it. Jesus is the one who defeated him and it is His (Jesus') Name you're wearing!

So the next time satan tries to put something over on you, resist him in the Name of Jesus. Say, "Satan, I take authority over you. I resist you in the name of Jesus and I will not receive (whatever he's trying to tell you or give you). According to Colossians 2:15, you are defeated! I am victorious! AMEN!"

Speak the Word—"I submit myself to God, and I resist the devil. The devil flees from me." (James 4:7)

Bible Trivia **-I Didn't Know That!** **(From Page 4)**

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| A) Fed by ravens
I Kings 17:2-4 | D) The Brook Kishon
I Kings 18:40 | G) Hazael
I Kings 19:15 |
| B) Elijah stretched out on the boy
I Kings 17:19-22 | E) The journey is too great for you
I Kings 19:7 | H) Whirlwind
2 Kings 2:11 |
| C) Obadiah
I Kings 18:7-9 | F) Plowing
I Kings 19:19 | I) A double portion of his spirit
2 Kings 2:9 |

Directions to our Father's House

Make a Right onto "Believeth Boulevard."

Keep straight and go through the Green Light, which is Jesus Christ.

From there, you must turn onto the "Bridge of Faith," which is over troubled water.

When you get off the bridge, make a Right turn and Keep Straight.

You are on the "King's Highway" Heaven-bound.

Keep going for three miles: One for the Father, One for the Son, and One for the Holy Ghost.

Then exit off onto "Grace Boulevard."

From there, make a Right turn on "Gospel Lane."

Keep Straight and then make another Right on "Prayer Road."

As you go on your way, Yield Not to the traffic on "Temptation Avenue"

Also, avoid SIN STREET because it is a DEAD END.

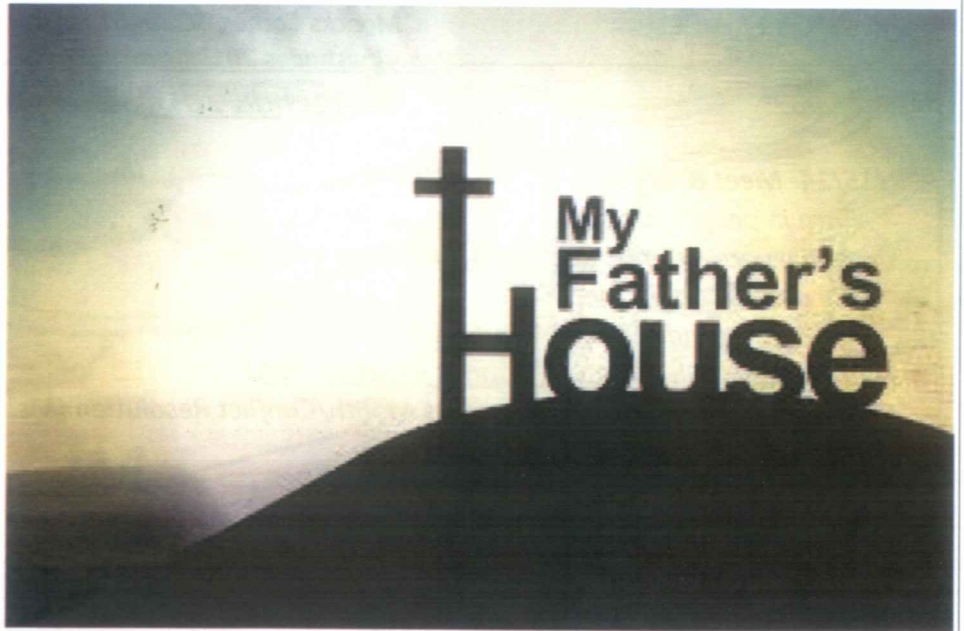
Pass up "Envy Drive" and "Hate Avenue."

Also, pass "Hypocrisy Street," "Gossiping Lane," and "Backbiting Boulevard."

However, you have to go down "Long-suffering Lane," "Persecution Boulevard" and "Trials and Tribulations Avenue."

But that's all right, because VICTORY Street is straight ahead!

AMEN!!!!



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Agenda 2014

2/15/14- Meet & Greet

Turn in permission slips

Review procedures, goals and guidelines and sign

Fill out "All about me"

Go over agenda for 2014 and Q&A

3/29/14- **2014 Girls Annual Summit Location TBA!**

4/19/14- Alcohol & Drugs Awareness Month/Conflict Resolution (Ms. Haley)

Self-Esteem

Peer pressure & STI's

Role play

4/26/14- Yard Sale Fundraiser

5/17/14- Employment (Michele Dotter)

Filling out applications

Resume Writing

6/21/14- Social Media

Self-Image

Hygiene

How to dress like a "Beauty"

6/28/14- Car Wash

7/12/14- College Tour @ "Charleston Southern"

7/19/14- Monthly Meeting- Discuss the tour and what we got from it

8/16/14- Back to school/Community Service

8/23/14- Healthy relationships & suicide (Charles Ferguson)

Setting goals

9/20/14- Eating Healthy Awareness Month/ Suicide Prevention Month (Alisa Wetzig)

Healthy eating

Eating out "etiquette"

9/27/14- South Carolina State

10/18/14- Preparing for the future: (Rhonda Hill)

Finishing school, SAT, ACT, ASVAB, Prep for college

11/15/14- Field Trip to Soup Kitchen

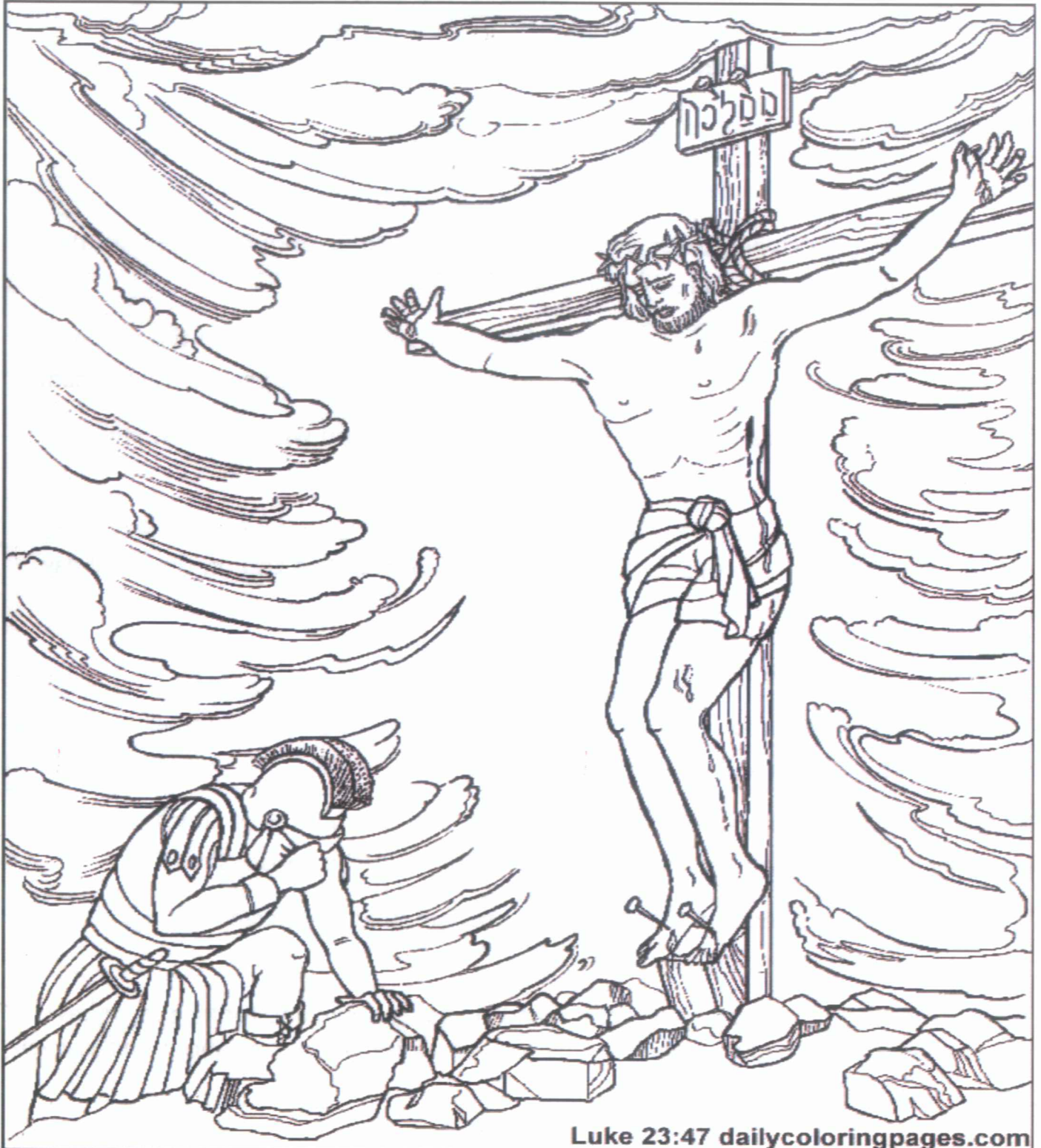
12/13/14- Overview of the year and feedback from the Beauties

12/19/14- Ceremony & Dinner

Review of the year (Has it made a difference in their life & how, feedback from parents)

Hand out of certificates.

Kids' Corner
(We are ALL His kids!)
"Jesus Paid the Price With His Blood"



Kids' Corner
“Jesus Rose Again!”

Luke 24:1-12 (Amplified)

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had made ready.

² And they found the stone rolled back from the tomb,

³ But when they went inside, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

⁴ And while they were perplexed *and* wondering what to do about this, behold, two men in dazzling raiment suddenly stood beside them.

⁵ And as [the women] were frightened and were bowing their faces to the ground, the men said to them, Why do you look for the living among [those who are] dead?

⁶ He is not here, but has risen! Remember how He told you while He was still in Galilee

⁷ That the Son of Man must be given over into the hands of sinful men (men whose way or nature is to act in opposition to God) and be crucified and on the third day rise [from death].

⁸ And they remembered His words.

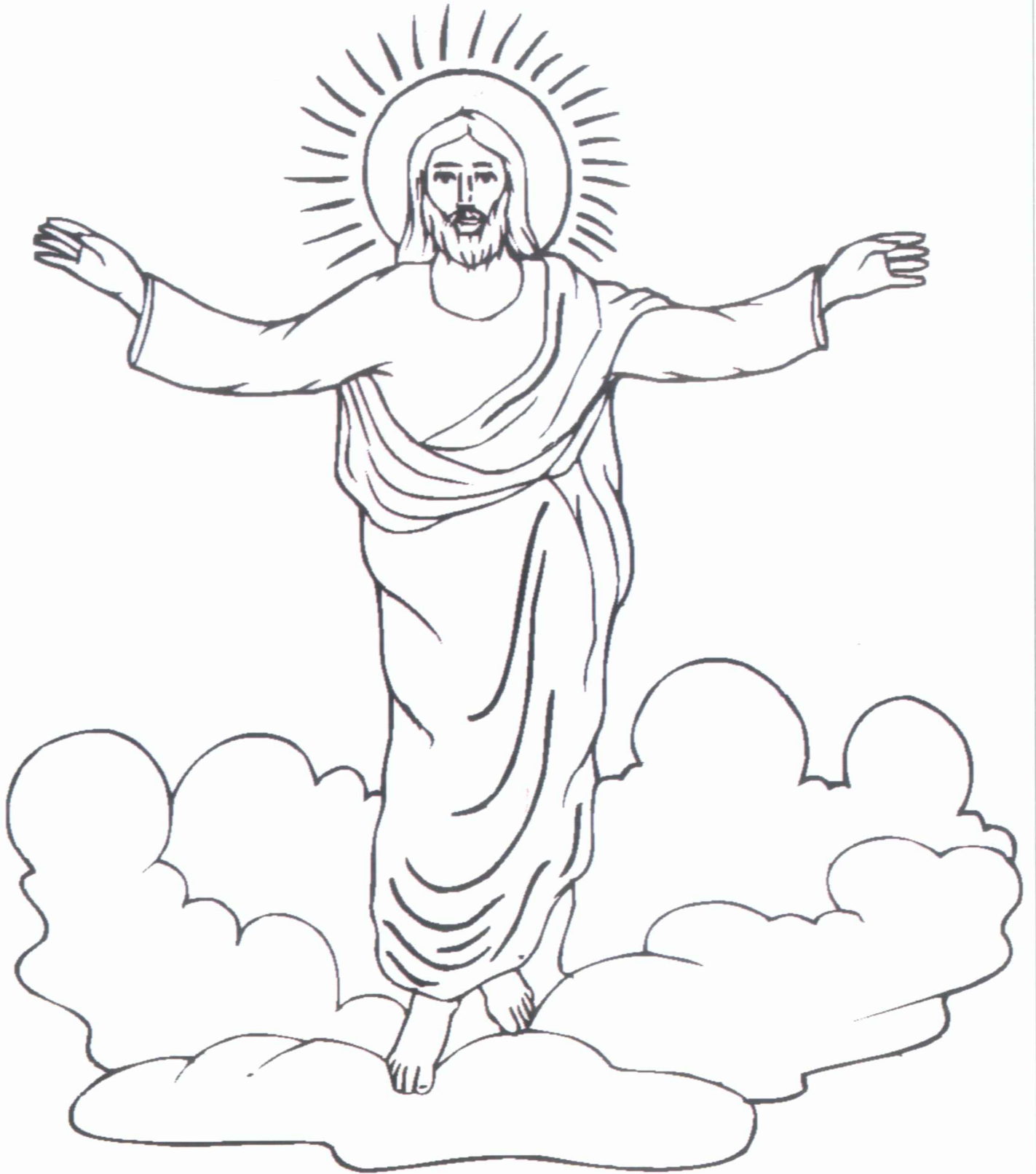
⁹ And having returned from the tomb, they reported all these things [taken together] to the eleven apostles and to all the rest.

¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who reported these things to the apostles.

¹¹ But these reports seemed to the men an idle tale (madness, feigned things, nonsense), and they did not believe the women.

¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; and stooping down and looking in, he saw the linen cloths alone by themselves, and he went away, wondering about *and* marveling at what had happened.

Kids' Corner
"Jesus Rose Again!"



Kids Corner

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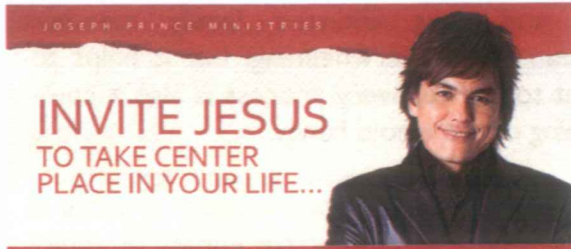
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Attend Church
 Baby
 Baptism
 Broken Chains
 Changed
 Confession
 Damascus
 Road
 Discipleship

Divine Nature
 Edification
 Faith
 Gift
 Heart
 Holiness
 Life Giver
 Light to the World
 Love One Another

Pray
 Receive Christ
 Regeneration
 Resist Satan
 Set Free
 Spirit Man
 Study
 Trust in God,
 White as Snow

Joseph Prince “If You Can Believe”



...Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Matthew 19:26

When a poor demon-possessed child was brought to Jesus, the father of the child, obviously desperate, said to Jesus, “...if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Jesus replied, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes” (Mark 9:22–23).

Now, many of us have been taught that Jesus was saying that as long as you have the necessary faith, all things are possible for you. In other words, if you can produce the faith, you can have your miracle. But is this what Jesus meant?

If you study the Greek structure of this verse, what Jesus was actually saying was that all things are possible for *Him* who always believes. Jesus is the only Man who *always* believes, who always has *perfect* faith. And because He is Lord, all things are possible for Him!

My friend, simply hook your limited faith to the perfect faith of the Son of God. Just believe that He Himself has all the faith for your miracle. Even when you are faithless, believe that He remains faithful (2 Timothy 2:13). When you rest in His faith that NEVER fails, you’ll see His faithfulness bring your miracle to pass!

“Let God’s Word Empower Your Work”

*...they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.
They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.
Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.*

Psalm 1:2-3

A student in my congregation was always failing her Math tests no matter how hard she studied or how many formulas she memorized. In her year-end examinations, she also failed her Math paper.

While feeling demoralized and defeated, she heard me preach on the importance of meditating on God’s Word. So she started to spend time in the Word, picking one verse to meditate on each week.

For her next Math test, she decided to “try something new.” She studied for the test as usual, but this time, she also *meditated* on a particular scripture before she slept. She did the same for another Math test two weeks later. Amazingly, for the first test, she scored an A and topped her class! For the second test, she scored an even better A!

Beloved, tap on the power of God’s Word to release success and see it prosper what you set your hands to do!

Health Check—Continued from Page 13

Today, family recovery is a reality for millions of Americans, and the hope, help, and healing of family recovery has become the most powerful way to break the intergenerational cycle of alcoholism and addiction in the family.

References

<http://healthfinder.gov/NHO/nho.aspx?year=2014#month-4>

<http://www.ncadd.org/index.php/for-friends-and-family/family-disease-and-recovery>

Additional resources

www.aa.org: An international fellowship of men and women who come together to share their experience, strength and hope with the purpose of staying sober and helping other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

www.adultchildren.org: Adult Children of Alcoholics is an anonymous Twelve Step for people who grew up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional home. We meet in a mutually respectful, safe environment and acknowledge our common experiences. We discover how childhood affected us in the past and influences us in the present.

www.nar-anon.org: Nar-Anon is a twelve-step program designed to help relatives and friends of addicts recover from the effects of living with an addicted relative or friend.

-Alisa Wetzig

This information is intended to supplement, not replace, your health care sources.

The Legend of the Dogwood

It is legend that the dogwood was once the size of the oak and other forest trees. It was so strong and firm that it was chosen as the timber for Christ's cross. This greatly distressed the tree. Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed the tree's regret and told it, "Because of your sorrow for my suffering, never again shall the dogwood grow large enough to be used as a cross. It shall be slender, bent, and twisted. Its blooms shall form a cross - two long and two short petals. And the outer edge of each petal will be the nail prints. In the center of the bloom shall be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember..."



When others see you, are they reminded of Christ? Is there enough evidence in your daily living to show others that you are indeed a Christian?

Spring is a time for fresh beginnings and new directions for our lives. Now is the chance to make sure your outside appearance and actions reflect the One you serve.

Grief

Joseph Parker (1830-1902) was a beloved English preacher. When his wife died, he didn't have the customary wording inscribed on her gravestone. Instead of the word *died* followed by the date of her death, he chose the word *ascended*.

Parker found great comfort in being reminded that though his wife's body had been placed in the grave, the "real" Mrs. Parker had been transported to heaven and into the presence of her Savior. When Parker himself died, his friends made sure that his gravestone read:

ASCENDED NOVEMBER 28, 1902

When a believing loved one dies, or when we ourselves face the process of dying, there's great comfort in the fact that "to be absent from the body" is "to be present with the Lord." (2 Corinthians 5:8)

Death for us is not a dark journey into the unknown. It is not a lonely walk into a strange and friendless place. Rather, it is a glorious transition from the trials of earth into the joys of heaven, where we will be reunited with our loved ones in Christ who have gone before. Best of all, we will enjoy the presence of our Lord forever.

Yes, when a believer dies, the body is buried but not the soul. It has ascended! - Richard De Haan.

*Oh, how blessed is the promise
When our spirit is set free;
To be absent from the body
Means to live, O Lord, with Thee!*
-Bosch

For the Christian, death is the doorway to Glory.



**Joseph Parker (1830-1902), minister of the City Temple in London;
his *The People's Bible* (25 volumes) is his best known work.**

Grief

The Bible is a comfort for those that are hurting. If you are grieving for the loss of a loved one or experiencing any other grief, you are in need of encouragement and comfort.

Isaiah 41:10

'Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Isaiah 43:2

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.

Matthew 5:4

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.

Revelation 21:4

and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

2 Corinthians 7:10

For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

Matthew 11:28

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

Ages 6-11

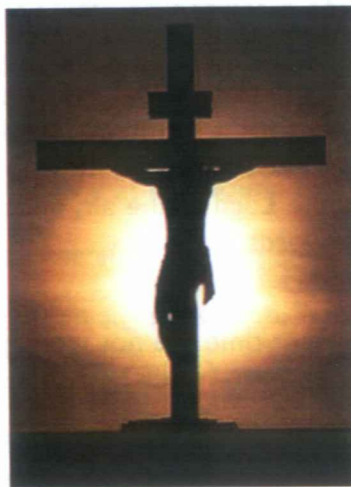
For the month of April, we will be talking about one of my favorite subjects, Christ's blood!!! How appropriate to learn about His sacred amazing blood during the celebration of His death and resurrection. Leviticus 17:11 states, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul". This Old Testament fact tells about the universal importance of the blood, but the story doesn't end here.

First of all, we will be going through the scientific biological properties of how the blood works. It is important for the kids to see this, because it will become obvious how our sins are "washed" by His blood. Did you know our heart forces blood through our whole body in less than a minute? Our blood purifies or "cleanses" our body! Can you see the correlation yet? In the same way our blood cleanses our earthly bodies, Christ's holy and sinless blood brings eternal life to our spirits, carries (cancels) out death and washes our sins away. It is continually cleansing and purifying us. I John 1:9 says that when we confess our sins to Him, our sins are forgiven, and we are "cleansed" from all unrighteousness. What sin do we have?

Isaiah 53:1-9 details what Christ's blood did for us. We will be spending some time in this passage, so they are able to see what He brought forth to us when He shed His blood. If His blood is powerful enough to wash sins away and save our souls, how can we not believe (understand) that it is powerful enough to erase pain, sickness, rejection, addiction, poverty, loneliness, depression, or any ailment that may try to attach itself to us. The shedding of Christ's blood was enough for all mankind for all eternity! Hallelujah!!

Finally, we will be doing more speed drills and skits this month to help solidify this teaching. We will also spend some time on the resurrection which signified that He overcame death, so we can now have liberty and eternal life with Him. Christ's blood carries in life, and carries out death! He is alive and so are we!

-Rachel Ferguson



Men's Sunday School

Join us for Men's Sunday School and let us dive into the Word of God together!

Sunday School Events—Continued

Ladies Sunday School

We are now in **Unit 2: What the Prophets Foretold**. This unit will be placing emphasis on Trust. We begin the month of April with *Lesson 6: Jesus Cleanses the Temple*. Lesson 6: will center around Isaiah 56:6-7; Jeremiah 7:9-11; Mark 11:15-19. *The Lesson Focus* says, "Jesus calls us to integrity and holiness." *In the Life Connection* we will discuss what clutter is and why it exists. *In the Bible Exploration* we will learn why the temple courts were not holy and what Jesus did about it. *In the Bible Interaction* we will discuss what hinders our integrity and holiness. *The Life Response* encourages us to live with integrity and holiness.

This lesson is reminding us of the cleansing that Jesus did of the temple because it was not being used for its intended purpose – a holy place and a house of prayer. There was a lot on unholy activity taking place at the temple. The people were supposed to be able to come to God in confession and repentance which was the purpose of the temple; however, it became compromised with the buying and selling of goods. As Christians, the purpose of our lives becomes His purpose. Paul said, when you follow Christ you must "put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

We are called to have integrity and holiness in worship and every other aspect of our lives.

Holy actions come from transformed hearts and minds, renewed by the Holy Spirit. Holiness and integrity are not just what we do or have only on the seventh day. The only way to have holiness and integrity is to live that way seven days a week and cleanse our lives of things that hinder us – gossiping, lying, cheating, lust, hatred, and jealousy. In Galatians 5:19-21, Paul gives us an even bigger list of hindrances. We must ask the Holy Spirit to show us the areas of our lives where we need holiness and integrity and what sins are showing through instead. Set aside some time daily to get alone with God and study the Word of God or even to memorize the scriptures. **"Each of God's houses is a place of prayer. Let's honor Him in His house with prayer and worship – not chaos."** **Troy D. Stuart**

-Yolanda Wilson



We look forward to seeing you on Sunday at 9:45am!

January

Mark 11:24 (KJV)

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

February

Psalm 101:2 (KJV)

I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto Me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

March

Psalm 100:1 (KJV)

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

April

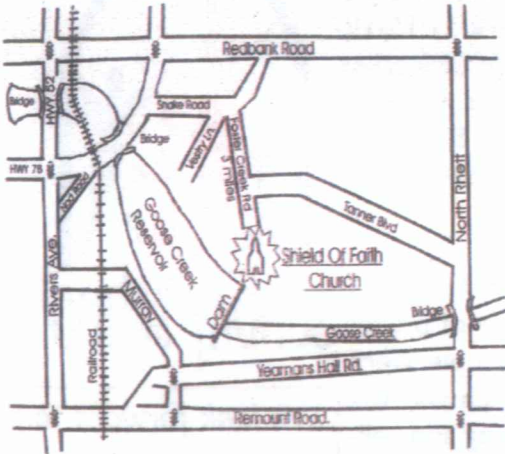
Psalm 100:2 (KJV)

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

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Next deadline to submit articles is:
Wednesday, April 16th

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Flowertown Festival	5 Flowertown Festival Bridge Run
6 Flowertown Festival	7	8 Praise Team Meeting 7-8pm	9	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday	14	15 Passover	16 Article	17	18 Good	19
20 Easter Sunday	21	22 Passover Ends	23	24	25	26
27	28 Holocaust Remembrance	29	30	1	2	3