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“We Will Not!”

Michael W. McLemore

Daniel was a righteous man who gained the trust of both the Babylonian and Persian kings by not compromising his belief in the one true God, *Daniel 6:8-28*. His fellow-captives Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego likewise rejected Nebuchadnezzar’s command to bow to an idol despite his threat to cast them into the fiery furnace. Their steadfastness caused the despot to recognize Yahweh as the one true God, *Daniel 3:13-20*. The impact upon foreign kings was profound with generational consequences. The list is long of those who stood firm in belief and refused to waver in their commitment to the Lord, cf. *Genesis 39:1-9*.

Contrast the staunch faith of these devoted followers of God with the spineless approach of many today. Many think that the things people believe are based on circumstance and current situations. When those circumstances change, convictions are adjustable. Sadly, it isn’t at all

unusual to find Christians who readily go back and forth on matters that require firm resolve.

Godly convictions and the faithful who hold fast to them withstand the winds of opinions and lofty arguments of opponents, *1 Corinthians 10:1-6*. Unshakeable trust in God and His Word is what grounds the true believer. Now more than ever, God’s people must confidently stand firm against beliefs and thoughts that threaten the church refusing to give space to unbelief.

The Lord has called you and me in our generation to stand firm for His truth. As a generation, we must never allow our enjoyment of life or the desire to be accepted by our peers to morph into an excuse for careless handling of God’s truth. Our generation of peers needs Daniel’s resolve in the face of dizzying circumstances. It needs to hear the words of the Babylonian captives: “be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods,” *Daniel 3:18*. □



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Salvation By Grace

By Michael W. McLemore

Man can no more be saved without the gospel than he can be saved without God’s grace! Grace is essential as well as some of the effects of grace. Paul’s expression should be understood to express these very facts.

Paul said, “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works,” *Titus 2:11-14*.

Scriptures uses “Grace” in a number of ways. It can mean “that which God extends or gives to another,” or it might be “an idiomatic expression meaning something different than the sum of its individual word definitions – a figure of speech.” This is Paul’s use of “grace” in *Titus 2*.

Paul affirms that the gospel, the good news of God’s salvation, was available to all men, both Jew and Gentile, in the first century. It cannot mean that every person on the face of the earth had received God’s grace personally. The phrase “the grace of God” is used as an idiom. To further support this fact, notice what the text says the grace of God continues to do. Paul stated that the grace of God was “teaching us that,

denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age...” God’s grace teaches. This is consistent with the observation that “the grace of God” as used in *Titus 2.11* refers to the “gospel system” that was operative in the lives and hearts of God’s people at that time. The gospel, the product of God’s favor toward man, grace, was substituted for its effect (i.e. teaching).

God’s grace is absolutely essential to salvation. But so are some of the things that God’s grace produces, e.g. the gospel. Man can no more be saved without the gospel than he can be saved without God’s grace! Grace is essential as well as some of the effects of grace. Paul’s expression should be understood to express these very facts. Grace is essential, the gospel is essential, teaching is essential, learning is essential, application of what one learns is essential. The “grace of God” stands at the head of the line in a list of essential things so far as salvation is concerned, for salvation itself is “God’s gift,” not earned, but appropriated.

God’s grace does many essential things necessary for man’s salvation. Leave none out! □



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Carolynn Barr lost her brother-in-law, **Reginald "Reg" Ginn**, February 28th. This is her sister's husband in the Birmingham area. Reg is survived by his wife of 71 years, **Martha**; son, **David** and his wife, **Hilda**; son-in-law, **Tram Norris**; brother, **Nat Ginn** and his wife, **Martha**; 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was a faithful preacher of the gospel for more than 70 years. Reg was a devoted educator and loved working with children, serving as a teacher, principal, and superintendent in his 34-year career. Please remember this good family to the Lord in prayer.

Mike Coward has been very weak over the last few days. His doctor is making some adjustments to medications in hope that this will help him recover the strength he seemed to have immediately after his recent heart procedure. Please say Mike's name to the Lord. Also, pray for **Peggy** as she cares for him.

Glenda Cavender has been suffering for sometime now with a chronic infection. Please pray for her and for **Ken** as he cares patiently for her. The Cavender's are blessed to have a very caring and attentive family helping them daily. Pray for each of them.

Bill Reavis is doing really well. He still is on restricted activity for a couple more weeks, but he is anxious to come back to worship. Pray for Bill's well-being in the meantime. He is staying with his daughter in Owens Crossroads for a few more weeks.

The McLemore's daughter, **Emily**, was diagnosed with COVID early last week. So far her symptoms have been mild. Our hope is that

this will continue. Your prayers are appreciated.

Ciera Elledge remains on our prayer list. She is continuing her radiation treatments. Also remember Ciera's family, especially her grandparents, our own **Will & Sarah Starks**.

Mechi Hunt's sister, **Zoila Herring**, continues to have a daily interest in our ongoing prayers as she continues her treatments.

Pray for those who are in assisted living facilities and memory care — **Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, & Lane Roberts**. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Glenda Cavender **Melvin Godette**
Laura Phillips **Ron Harmon**
Charlotte Hagewood **Lane Roberts**
Bill Reavis

TODAY AT WEATHERLY

Sunday morning Bible Class begins at 9:30. **Mike** will be continuing our study of **1 Timothy** — **Holding Faith in a Good Conscience**. We are in chapter 3 today.

Sunday morning worship begins promptly at 10. **Mike** is beginning a series March entitled "**Just Like Your Son**." His lesson today is titled "**You are Sons**" from **Galatians 4:4-7**.

Remember our **ZOOM Devo** at 7 Sunday evening. Zoom in with us tonight!

Wednesday Mike's class continues on **1 Timothy**. We hope you will be with us for the Bible classes. We meet at 7 pm with streaming and in-person assembly. ☐

Fellowship

Michael W. McLemore

"Christian" fellowship requires mutual individual commitment. Beginning a relationship is easy; continuing in relationship is difficult. Paul acknowledged the "partnership" of the church at Philippi from the very first day, **Philippians 1:5**. He could've filled his letter with stories experiences they had overcome. He didn't. He knew that moments of trial and seasons of adversity require commitment, to God and to each other.

Working for decades in any local church is not easy. There are no enduring relationships without forgiveness. And that too requires commitment. The greater glory goes to Christ—not when we take our marbles and go home because something didn't work out the way we wanted it. The greater glory goes to the Lord when we pursue and persevere in relationships in spite of the shortcomings that we see in one another. It's not about you or about me. It's about growing in love together for the glory of God.

Consider four things that break down commitment and destroy fellowship: First, **entitlement** militates with fellowship; Second, **superiority** wrecks relationships. It says, "My opinion counts more!" Third, **agendas** divert focus from Christ's plan. Fourth, **unforgiveness** when injury occurs drives a wedge between God's people. Put them off! ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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Kirk Hatcher **David Jacks**
Hill Roberts **Collis Terry**
Bobby Wright

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, March 6

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Phil Furlough**
Lord's Table Lead: **Marty Hunt**

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Galatians 4:4-7
You Are Sons!

Closing Prayer: **Gene Preston**

Sunday, March 13

Will Starks
Mel Ambrose
WD Patrick
Will Starks

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Luke 20:9-18
Sacrificed Sons!

Kirk Hatcher

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED

Songs Leader: **Virtual Devotion on ZOOM**
Opening Prayer: **Virtual Devotion on ZOOM**
Closing Prayer: **Virtual Devotion on ZOOM**

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED

Wednesday, March 9

Songs Leader: **Bill Thompson**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Ron Harmon**

Wednesday, March 16

Collis Terry
Mike McLemore
Phil Furlough

2022 Lectures TBA

Quarterly Adult Classes

March — June 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Faith & A Good Conscience
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
First Timothy
Mike McLemore

Serving in March

Serving on the Lord's Table AM **** Marty Hunt (3-6), Will Starks (3-13), Ed Dill (3-20), Tommy Hill (3-27)**
**** Overseer**

Lord's Supper PM ******

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Collis Terry

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



3-6	Harold Smith	3-11	Evelyn Hall
3-11	Chase Leshko	3-12	Stevie Hagewood
3-13	Andrea Leshko	3-13	Collis Terry
3-14	Becky Hill	3-18	Susan Ivey
3-22	Thomas Hill	3-28	Adrienne West

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