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Things You Must Know

Michael W. McLemore

In Romans 6-8 Paul addresses the crucial process of sanctification by faith in the life of the believer. He affirms liberating truths that unchain us from the sinful habits, appetites, and thought patterns of the old man. Listen to his powerful declaration of things you must know.

KNOW YOUR IDENTITY — Three times Paul uses the word “know” in chapter six to explain the Christian’s new position in Christ. To know one’s new identity, he must know where he was before and where he is now – dead to sin and raised with Christ. “Do you not KNOW that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?” *Romans 6:3*. “We KNOW that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin,” 6. “We KNOW that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him,” 9. Your old habits are left in the tomb. You walk with Christ.

KNOW YOUR LIMIT — Paul begins chapter seven, “Or do you now KNOW, brothers?” 1. He addresses man’s ageless struggle against “the flesh” and his guilt under “the Law.” Sin produced death; the Law says, “Guilty!” *verses 7-20*. No matter what happens after sin, and the pronouncement of guilt under the law, man has no power to escape sin within himself – “Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!” 24-25. Know your limits. Apart from Christ you would remain enslaved.

KNOW GOD’S POWER — Chapter eight is Paul’s grand masterpiece of assurance – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death, 1-2. Though once guilty, you now “walk in the Spirit” and prevail through surrender. You are an “heir with Christ,” and no power can separate you from the love of Christ. □

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Doing Good in the Dark

Gary Henry

Sometimes we have to go ahead and do the best we know to do, even though we can’t foresee how matters are going to turn out. Our faith never has a finer moment than when we find ourselves “in the dark” but we go ahead and do what is right anyway.

I am absolutely convinced that it “does good to do good.” The law of sowing and reaping can be counted on just as surely as the law of gravity (Galatians 6:7,8). But it may not be given to us to KNOW the good that is produced by our actions. For one thing, it may not take place until after we are dead and gone; but even if it happens in our lifetime, it may not come to our personal attention.

Faith says, “Go ahead and act in the direction of goodness and truth, even if it may not be clear to you how God will use those actions to accomplish His purposes. Just act in the confidence that He WILL use them.” Anything less than that is not faith in God but a reliance on human understanding and foresight.

“Conservatism” is sometimes a good word, but I’m afraid most of us are far too conservative when it comes to acts of goodness. Before we act, we want assurances, guarantees, and promises up front. We refuse to act until we can see all the way to the end of the road.

But in the real world, such information is rarely available to us. Much of the good that we do has to be done in the dark.

If Abraham had thought as we do, he would never have left his home in Ur (Hebrews 11:8-10). Without being told exactly where he was going and precisely how the Lord was going to use that journey to accomplish His purposes, Abraham would have stayed at home. Fortunately, however, he trusted God. The only assurance he needed was that leaving Ur was God’s will – he didn’t need to know what “good” it would do.

In Ecclesiastes we are given this good advice: “In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening do not withhold your hand; for you do not know which will prosper, either this or that, or whether both alike will be good” (11:6). God has given us no specific guarantees. He has simply said, “Do the best you can and leave the results to Me.”

So good deeds can’t wait for perfect operating conditions. And they can’t wait until we completely understand how a certain action is going to produce a certain result. When it comes to doing good, All we need to know is that a particular deed is the best that we can do right now, based on our most honest appraisal of God’s will.

So let’s leave the future in God’s hands and just patiently continue to do the best we know to do. That’s the meaning of faith. □



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Our **Betty Reavis** needs our prayers as she contends with the ravages of her illness. She is beloved by many and we are praying for her comfort. Remember **Bill**, their children and grandchildren to the Lord in these trying days.

Ron Harmon remains on our list of those for whom we are praying. We are thankful for his progress and look forward to more good days. Pray for **Ron & Phyllis**.

Ruth Mitchell is scheduled to meet with her Oncologist on August 24th to determine what is next. The pathology revealed that her cancer was localized and the surgeon was able to remove it. Keep Ruth and family in your prayers.

Debbie Harbin also remains on our prayer list. We are trusting that her doctor will be successful in relieving her discomfort completely.

Dot Summers has a daily interest in our petitions for her. Remember **Forest** as he cares for her.

Glenda & Ken Cavender also need our prayers for them. Ken has been attending services on the Lord's day. It's been great to see him. We miss Glenda.

Lori Eakes, a guest on our live stream, will not require further treatment following her surgery to remove the malignancy. That is welcomed news for her and her husband, **Sam**. Lori asked me to express her thanks for all of your concern and especially for your prayers. We are looking forward to meeting the Eakes in person.

Linda Beber, **Gwyn McLemore's** mom, is doing much better after her fall. Her doctor was able to remove the stitches on Wednesday. We continue to pray that her wound will heal without any issue. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Betty Reavis	Laura Phillips
Jean Woodard	Melvin Godette
Glenda Cavender	Steven Guice

WEATHERLY UPDATES

UPDATES: Many area congregations have been forced to retreat to "stream only" weekly assemblies because of outbreaks and/or exposures to COVID. We continue to pray that those brethren who have contracted the illness will recover without incident. We rejoice that the foresight of our eldership to err on the side of caution (though some may have viewed this as overly cautious) has allowed Weatherly to press on without any impact to our assembly. Thank you for your love, support and understanding as we do our best to worship and serve the best we can.

Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin at 9:00 — Mike is continuing his live stream Bible class series on **Lessons from Joshua**.

Sunday morning worship will begin at 10. Mike is continuing his "Start Anew" series. Today his lesson is entitled **New Person, New Clothes**. His text is **Ephesians 4:17-32**.

Sunday Evening "Virtual Devo" will begin on Zoom at 7 pm. We will email a link Sunday.

Wednesday Bible Study — Mike's textual study of 1 Peter continues. Class streams at 7 pm. No public assembly Wednesday. ☐

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



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8-19	Peggy Childress	8-23	Janice Schrimsher
8-24	Mike Coward	8-24	Lucas Hatcher
8-24	Marty Hunt	8-25	Ron Harmon
8-26	Kirk Hatcher	8-27	Bill McCord
8-28	Adelaide Hatcher		

God's Work, His Way

Michael W. McLemore

Years ago the slogan, "God's Work in God's Way," was printed on highway signs that approached Burnet, Texas, from every direction. The signs were placed carefully along each route to advertise where the Lord's church met in that city. What did the sign mean?

The matter ought to be academic to faithful Christians. The majority of people in the world, even religious people, the answers to these questions are not so clear. The greatest portions of so-called "god fearing" people believe the end justifies the means; pure motives and a sincere heart are all that the Lord requires." False!

The banner, "God Work in God's Way," is a call for doing only that for which there is Divine authority the way God sanctioned it done. Paul argued against doing "evil that good may come," *Romans 3:8*. Mankind is not at liberty to substitute a plan of his own device. Doing the Lord's work in His way is to submit to the word of God as the sole rule of faith and practice.

Jesus said, "We must work the works of him that sent me," *John 9:4*. Two points — First, "work," follow in the dispatch of God's work. Second, Jesus entered the world not to do His "own will," but the "will of the Father," *John 5:30; 6:38*. He came to do the "works of God." Aren't Christians under obligation to respond in kind to the will of God? ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:00 am
Sunday AM Assembly	10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly	5:00 pm
Wednesday Classes	7:00 pm

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David Jacks	Hill Roberts
Collis Terry	Bobby Wright

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, August 16

Welcome: **Mike McLemore**
Song Leader: **Jared Jimison**
Opening Prayer:
Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 4:17-32
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
New Person, New Clothes

Closing Prayer:

Sunday, August 23

Mike McLemore
Jared Jimison

Luke 15:11-32
Mike McLemore
You Can Still Come Home

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED

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

Evening Worship

CANCELLED

Wednesday, August 19

Songs Leader:
Invitation: **Streamed Bible Study**
Closing Prayer:

None

2020 Weatherly Lectures
April 30th—May 3rd

We regret to announce that our 2020 Lectures have been cancelled.

Wednesday, August 26

Streamed Bible Study

None

Quarterly Adult Classes
July — September 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Lessons from Joshua
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
1 Peter
Mike McLemore

Serving in August

Serving on the Lord's Table AM
**** Overseer**

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Lord's Supper PM

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Communion Prep
Building Lockup

