

CONTINUING IN FAITH AS WE BEGAN

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith... Colossians 2:6,7

Have we received Christ Jesus, the Lord? Then let us continue in Him just as we began in Him - relying entirely upon His grace for our acceptance with God and access to His mercy. Just as, at the first, we looked for all things in Him, so let us still seek no other treasury of Divine blessing other than the Son of God. Let us look for no "higher life" than to be found in Him, not having our own righteousness but His righteousness received by faith alone. Let us look for no second work of grace as a supplement to that the grace we have already been given in Christ. As He first captivated our hearts, let us continue to be captivated by Him consumed with a desire to know Him and finding no greater joy than to learn of Him.

This is the good life. All else is a lingering death! All else is a casting aside of wonderful things for worthless things. All else is to live like a slave rather than as a son! *Joe Terrell (1955-2024)*

EARTHLY VS. HEAVENLY MINDEDNESS

Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind - Romans 12:2

The word "world" means the nature, the opinions, the goals, and the attitudes of natural men and women. The believer lives in the world, works and associates with worldly people; therefore, he faces constant pressure and temptation to be and do what the world is and does.

The world seeks the praise and favour of men; the believer seeks the praise and favour of God. The worldling thinks only of himself; and the believer considers others. The world cares only for the body, its desires and needs; and the believer is concerned for his soul. The world believes and is concerned only with what is seen (which is temporal); the believer believes and rests only in that which is unseen (which is eternal). The world cries, "What shall we eat, drink, and wear;" the believer cries, "Feed me with food convenient for me; lest I be full and deny Thee, and say who is the Lord? or lest I be poor and steal and take the name of the Lord in vain" (Prov. 30:9). But above all, "That I may win Christ and be found in Him, clothed in His righteousness and washed in His blood." The spiritual walk and attitude can only be accomplished by "a renewing of your mind," accomplished by the regenerating work of God in mind and soul (Titus 3:5). *H T Mahan*

OWNING OUR SINFULNESS

One of the most difficult things for anyone to do is to completely own their sinfulness and behaviour without blaming someone or something else. It takes the power of God Almighty to bring a sinner to the place where he/she says, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest." Psalm 51:4 This is a work of God. O that Almighty God would be pleased to bring us to this place.

John Chapman

Psalm 130:7,8

Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

* "Israel" signifies the people of God, his elect multi-ethnic multitude, those who believe his gospel and trust his Christ.

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Sunday 8th December 2024
11:00 am (GMT) Service

Lamentations 3:22-26

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Acts 13:38,39

Reading Psalm 130

244 to 172

R Burnham

1 Our Jesus is the God of hope;
He works it by his power;
It holds the weak believer up,
In the distressing hour.

2 The darkest cloud hope pierces through,
And waits upon the Lord,
Expects to prove that all is true
Throughout the sacred word.

3 True hope looks out for blessings great;
And, though they're long delayed,
Yet hope's determined still to wait,
Until they are conveyed.

4 Hope long will wait, and wait again,
And ne'er can give it up,
Till the blest Lamb, who once was slain,
Appears the God of hope.

Prayer

Reading Lamentations 3:1-26

Prayer

262 to 807

A M Toplady

1 Thou Fountain of bliss, thy smile I entreat;
O'erwhelmed with distress I mourn at thy feet;
The joy of salvation, when shall it be mine?
The high consolation of friendship divine!

2 Awakened to see the depth of my fall,
For mercy on thee I earnestly call;
'Tis thine the lost sinner to save and renew;
Faith's mighty Beginner and Finisher too.

3 Thy Spirit alone repentance implants,
And gives me to groan at feeling my wants;
'Midst all my dejection, dear Lord, I can trace
Some marks of election, some tokens of grace.

4 Thou wilt not despise a sinner distressed;
All-kind and all-wise, thy season is best.
To thy sovereign pleasure resigned I would be,
And tarry at leisure, and hope still in thee.

Sermon

818 to 227

J Hart

1 The King of heaven a feast has made,
And to his much-loved friends,
The faint, the famished, and the sad,
This invitation sends:

2 "Beggars, approach my royal board,
Furnished with all that's good;
Come, sit at table with your Lord,
And eat celestial food.

3 "My body and my blood receive,
It comes entirely free;
I ask no price for all I give,
But O remember Me!"

7 May each, with strength from heaven
endued,
Say, "My Beloved's mine.
I eat his flesh, and drink his blood
In signs of bread and wine."

Communion

All who can sincerely say that their trust for acceptance with God is in Christ alone, his broken body and his shed blood, are welcome to share the bread and wine with us