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NEWSLETTER

Sunday, December 7, 2008

BIBLE STUDY. 10 a.m.
"Gospel of Luke"

MORNING WORSHIP. 11 a.m.
Speaker: Dan Austin

EVENING SERVICE. 6 p.m.
Speaker: Dan Austin

WEDNESDAY MEETING. 7 p.m.
"Compass: A Thematic Trek
Through The Word of God"

... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Col 3:16

Your word is very pure;
Therefore Your servant loves it.
I am small and despised,
Yet I do not forget Your precepts.
Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And Your law is truth.
Trouble and anguish have overtaken me,
Yet Your commandments are my delights.
The righteousness of Your testimonies is everlasting;
Give me understanding, and I shall live.
I cry out with my whole heart;
Hear me, O LORD!
I will keep Your statutes.
I cry out to You;
Save me, and I will keep Your testimonies.
I rise before the dawning of the morning,
And cry for help;
I hope in Your word.

Psalm 119:140-147

Rejoice the Lord is King
Your Lord and King adore
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice
Rejoice, again, I say rejoice

John Darwall

News & Notes

WELCOME VISITORS. If you are a visitor in our congregation today we welcome you and ask you to stay awhile after service so we can get to know you.

Please continue to keep the **Harris** family in your prayers as well as **Jason Henderson** who travels frequently for his job.

Our thanks to Aaron Gibson for a great lesson last week. We enjoyed meeting him and his family.

Others to keep on your prayer list: **Dema Franklin, Martha Holloway,** Doris Harmon, Benjamin Hoskins and Chuck Holloway.

Reminder: The Ladies' Bible Study is this Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Last Wednesday was Ernest Peeples last time with us for a while as he prepares for a tour in Kuwait.

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where the Bible is the source of faith, where Jesus is Lord, where Christianity is a way of life!

Crucified With Christ

David A. Cox

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

(Galatians 2:20)

This is a most interesting statement made by Paul. How is it that Paul could say that Christ now lives in him? It was because Paul had molded himself into the image of Christ. How did this happen?

Paul began this process when he went into Damascus and was told by Ananias to "Arise, and be baptized and wash away your sins" (**Acts 22:16**). Paul had lived in the flesh as a Jew and as a Jew could glory in who he was (**Philippians 3:7-14**). But at Paul's conversion, that changed. He no longer lived doing what he previously thought was right or what would give him a lofty reputation among the religious and political leaders. He crucified self to live for Christ.

Paul wrote to the Romans concerning the crucifying of the old man. "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life... Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin." (**Romans 6:3-4,6**). Notice Paul said he was buried and arose to walk a new life. Why? Because the old man had been crucified; he had put to death the affections and lusts of the flesh (**Galatians 5:24**).

Our new life will be focused on the things above, and not on things on the earth. We will have our minds set on Christ for he is now our life (**Colossians 3:1-4**). Yes, we continue to live in the flesh, but now that Christ is enthroned in our lives, our actions will be pleasing to Him. Our lives will be lives of faith. Trusting Him and looking to His word to find the direction for our lives (**Romans 10:17; Proverbs 3:5**).

What is the motive of the Christian's life? One motive may be heaven, the prepared home for the faithful, and that is a great motive. But another motive Paul mentions here is the sacrifice of Christ for us upon the cross, "He loved me and gave himself for me." As we walk in life thinking of how much Christ valued us by giving His own life for us, we should be motivated to live to please Him and to do the work He has left for us to do.

May God help us to be "crucified with Christ" and to mold our life into the image of His dear Son.

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*Instead of asking God to go where you want to go,
find out where God is going and ask to travel with Him.*