

NSD Notes

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)
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Services

Bible Study 10 a.m.
Morning Service.....11 a.m.
Evening Service.....6 p.m.
Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

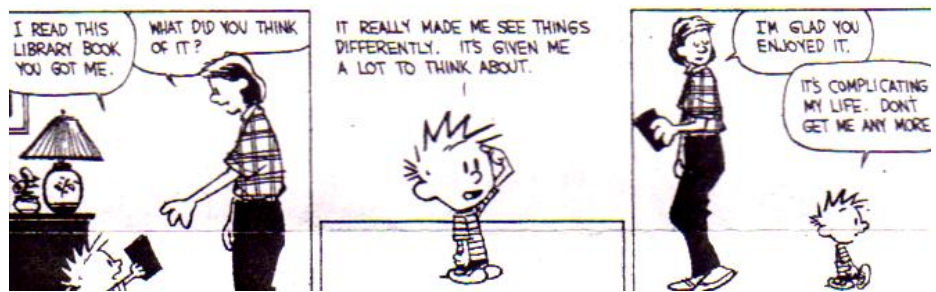
News @ NSD

- **Dema Franklin** – elbow surgery went well; will be in a cast for a few weeks.
- **Robyn Hamilton's** sister, Cathy is awaiting surgery for a broken pelvis and two broken legs.
- **Dema's** sister-in-law – bone cancer has spread to her liver.
- **Scott Shaw's** dad, Tommy – battling liver cancer.
- **Martha Holloway's** recurring back and heart ailment.
- **Jason Henderson** – needs encouragement; keep him in your prayers.
- **Ernest Peeples** – needs prayers of encouragement.
- **Janna Wells** – back problems.
- Marie Adams – knees are doing better with new medication.
- Jeanne Lynne – facing more surgeries.
- Aaron Gibson's brother-in-law, Chris, will have rehab for some time.

Sunday Morning Class
Psalms

Wednesday Night Class
Character Studies

TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE



I don't know about you, but I just love the revelation of truth that is brought forth in the cartoon above. Calvin is quite directed in his feelings about what he discovered in the reading of the book his mother had gotten for him. The teaching found therein caused him complications.

Or stated another way, An Inconvenient Truth.

The cartoon captures the mind set of so many with respect to their willingness to be challenged in their thinking. Instead of changing their thinking and embracing the evidence, they opt to simply ignore it and continue down the pathway that satisfies self, regardless of what the truth of the matter may be. It is like they are saying, "My mind is made up, don't confuse me with the facts."

Such an attitude is extremely detrimental to anyone in possession thereof. This is true in every aspect of life, but there is a greater weight when it pertains to those things of a spiritual nature. It is imperative for each one of us to be a critical thinker. Which by its very nature demands that one be a seeker after Truth; having a ravenous appetite for righteousness that will seek out for truth and will not stop until fully satisfied.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
Matthew 5:6

Jesus in one of His discourses with the scribes and Pharisees pointed out:

If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
John 8:31-32



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All are welcome to our worship
and study meetings!

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

Make a joyful shout to the LORD,
all you lands!
Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.
Know that the LORD, He is God;
It is He who has made us,
and not we ourselves;
We are His people
and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him,
and bless His name.
For the LORD is good;
His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations.

Psalm 100

Walk in the light and you shall know
That fellowship of love
His Spirit only can bestow
Who reigns in light above

Walk in the light and you shall share
Your path, though thorny, bright
For God in grace walks with you there
And God Himself is light

Bernard Barton

[Truth Will Set You Free]

However, rather than accept the evidence, the majority of those present that day, opted to argue with Christ. His teaching clearly made their life more complicated and they were unwilling to make the needed adjustments in attitude and action.

Not much has changed over the past two thousand years, as sadly most people are caught up with a like mind set. They don't want their life complicated, so they choose not even to look at the evidence. Paul as he wrote to Timothy challenged him:

Study to present yourself approved to God as a
workman who does not need to be ashamed,
handling accurately the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

John on his part encouraged the child of God to continue to be a critical thinker when he penned the following:

*Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the
spirits to see whether they are from God; because
many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

John 4:1

To a lot of people, ignorance is bliss. While that may be comforting for a time, it is not the answer, especially when it comes to matters of the soul. There are a number of passages that implores the child of God not be ignorant, but to come to understand what the will of God is. Just because one does not take the time to become aware of truth, does not mean they will not be held accountable.

Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.

John 17:17

Know the truth, it is not inconvenient.

The Bulwark, January 17, 2010

**Grace binds you with far stronger cords
than the cords of duty or obligation can bind you.**

**Grace is free, but when once you take it,
you are bound forever to the Giver and
bound to catch the spirit of the Giver.**

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