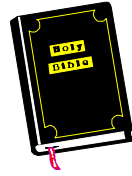


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“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

## WHY STUDY THE WORD OF GOD

- 1) The Word of God will not pass away, it will last forever: “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.” - Matthew 24:35 (also John 12:47,48)
- 2) The Word of God makes one wise to salvation: “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. “ - 2 Timothy 3:15 (also James 1:21, John 17:17)
- 3) The Word of God is necessary to prove or test all things: “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:21 (also Hebrews 4:12)
- 4) The Word of God makes one approved to God: “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15 (also John 12:42 and Hebrews 12:9)
- 5) The Word of God makes one grow spiritually: “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:” - 1 Peter 2:2 (also 2 Peter 3:18)
- 6) The Word of God is what we need to teach others: “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” - 2 Timothy 2:2 (also Hebrews 5:12)
- 7) The Word of God lets us detect error: “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” - 1 John 4:1 (also Matthew 7:15,16, Hebrews 4:12)

- From Gospel meeting sermon at Orangeburg church of Christ, South Carolina by **Mel Futrell**, Gospel preacher, Shades Mountain church of Christ, Birmingham, Al.

"Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.: - 2 Timothy 1:13

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AM: **TJ BOLEN—Your Eternal 401K**

PM: **TJ BOLEN—Suffering and a Compassionate God**

“And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not:  
for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him:  
the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” - John 12:47,48

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## **“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Anna Porter, Judy Walker, Margaret Herring, Miles Johnson, Richard Ramkinson, Wilson Burton.*

- Little **Zoey Sailors** has been having fever spikes along with a contagious virus.
- **Judy Walker** is awaiting results of an MRI for her severe back pain.
- **Gwen Pittman** also has severe back pain which prevents her driving. She will be visiting another doctor on the 16th.
- **Jan Kelleher** has been out with severe bronchitis, but is on the mend.

**“Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:17.18**

## **“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- Thanks to those who encouraged us by their presence at our recent **Gospel Meeting**. We had visitors from all the neighboring congregations, and non-members as well. The word was preached ably by **TJ Bolen**, and much good was accomplished, including the addition of a blessed soul to the body of Christ.
- **YOUNG ADULT** class Sundays, 10am in the upstairs classroom.
- Check bulletin board for those to whom it would be **especially** good to **send cards!**
- Get your **Bible questions answered** Saturdays at 3pm at the building.
- Sermons are available on CD and soon **DVD!** See **Jones Gamble** or **Ken Parks**.
- **Bible Bowl** Feb 22, 2014—Book is 2 Samuel.

**“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.” - Colossians 3:17**

## **“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15**

- We rejoice with the angels in heaven that **Dylan Leahy** was baptized into Christ to obey God and have his sins washed away. **Dylan** had attended each night of our Gospel Meeting, listened earnestly and was receptive to God’s word. Remember **Dylan** in your prayers and encourage him in his new life, as he encourages us.
- Also, **Faye Anderson, Jody’s** mother is responding well to medicine and heart valve replacement surgery has been postponed.
- And, **Steve Matthews’** daughter Natalie does **not** have a tumor on her adrenal gland as was feared earlier.

**“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;” - Romans 1:16**

### **KEEP YOUR HEART CLEAN IN 2013**

**“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,  
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;**

**but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” - Matthew 7:21**

## **THE VALUE OF ENDURANCE**

The conquest of nations, mountains, and other goals can be attributed to endurance regardless of external problems and difficulties. Jesus challenges us with these words found in **Matthew 10:22**, **“He that endures to the end shall be saved.”**

To turn back because of problems would be cowardly and vain. To persevere regardless of the difficulty is the mark of courage and victory. To overcome obstacles is the background of heroic victory for athletes and explorers. Often success is a marathon and not a sprint is a message we all need to learn. Some one has well said, “A person lost in his work probably found his future!”

Christ warns us to put our hand to the plow and never look back (**Luke 9:62**). When the men sailing with Columbus as he explored the new world wanted to turn back home, Columbus gave a restless urgency to “sail on and on and on.” Heaven is a far greater destination than America, and we dare not seek the comfort of temporary ease and lose the glory that awaits us on eternal shore

To overwhelm the toils and woes of this wicked world may be arduous and demanding but very much worth our diligent efforts. To surrender to Satan might be easy but never profitable. **“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (Proverbs 4:23).**

The great apostle Paul was in jeopardy every day because he faithfully walked with the Lord, but he knew if there were no difficulties there could be no triumphs! In **2 Timothy 4:7**, we thrill to his famous departing words, **“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”**

A wise statesman reminds us that the world is not interested in the storms you encountered but whether you brought in the ship. So many people spend their days talking about problems they encountered in life rather than how God blessed them with joy and peace and purpose day by day.

**“For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it” (Romans 8:24-25).** The abundant life Christ provides gives us meaning and depth in our sojourn here below and urges us to press on to a far better place (John 10:10). **The value of endurance will mean heaven for us!**

**- Johnny Ramsey, Gospel preacher, 1930—2006, Texas**

**“And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.” - Hebrews 11:15,16**