

Upcoming Events

Wednesday evening Bible study
RESUMES THIS WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Meet Up Open Bible Study:
For study subject and location: see church website

Memory Verse Class
This afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

Thanks to our Speaker Today

Austin Watts

Scriptures to Remember!

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; fear God and keep His commandments. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.” Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

February Birthdays

8 Zoie Perales

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

Preacher:
(Vacant)

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Seeing the Blessings instead of the Sorrows

By Joseph D. Chase

It really is up to us! We can see the myriad of problems that plague us in this world and worry about them. We can complain about them. We could curse them or many other actions. However, there is only one way that we, God's family, ought to respond to these troubles...

God has given us the opportunity to shine our lights before men and so glorify the God of heaven (Matthew 5:16). I can decide to work for the Lord and right the wrongs that I see and lift up the broken and hurting. I can become a part of God's solution for a lost and dying world... "Go out and make disciples...", visit the poor, the widowed, the orphan (James 1:27), or offer a simple cup of cool water in the name of our Lord Jesus. When we do the Lord's work it makes the world a better place. We bless and are blessed when we view problems as opportunities.

It won't be easy, but I assure you it will be worthwhile.

Who Will Be Saved?

By Rob Albright

There is a false doctrine being taught that says all mankind will be saved eternally. This is a doctrine that is not taught in the Bible.

There is no doubt that God wants everyone to be saved. He does not want anyone to be lost eternally but notice God does desire

everyone to make a change. He is *“longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”* (2 Peter 3:9).

God wants us to choose Him and His way of salvation, but we are told many will not make that choice (Matthew 7:13-14). So, the truth is many will be lost, and few will be saved. Why?

- Because God is not respected and His Word not followed. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- Because false doctrine has been believed. Acts 17:11
- Because many are not willing to make salvation a priority. Matthew 6:33

The idea that everyone will be saved gives a false sense of security in anything we want to believe. The good news is that we do have a choice. May the choice be to trust in God and His Word and follow His way to the best of our ability.

The Richest Poor People in the World

By Dan Jenkins

So, who is the richest man in the world? The names of some of them are readily recognized in America—Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates, Warren Buffett, Mark Zuckerberg, Michael Bloomberg, the Koch brothers, the Walton family and the Mars Family. We may not know all of them, but who has not heard of Amazon, Microsoft, Walmart, Mars candy bars or Tesla?

It is hard to imagine Jeff Bezos, the richest man in the world and the founder of Amazon, increasing his personal wealth of \$40,000,000,000 last year. Now compare that with the people you know. It is important for us to see heaven’s list of the “Wealthiest People in America.” When God looks down on this land, who does He see as having great wealth?

Think of the value God places on the heroes of faith throughout the Bible. Hebrews chapter eleven lists so many who served God and lived by faith. How much do you think God values them? Some of them were rich but most of them were often just like we are—common people who are seeking to serve God.

God honored the faith of those who *“... through faith subdued kingdoms...stopped the mouth of lions...quenched the violence of fire...became valiant in battle”* (Hebrews 11:33-34). However, He also honored the faith of those who served Him without any earthly wealth. *“Still others had trials of mocking and scourgings, yes of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented...They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth”* Hebrews 11:35-38. Contrast these words describing the “poverty” in which they lived with the “luxury” of the wealthiest in America.

How does God see this contrast? What are His values? Our Lord looks at those whom the world would see being worthless and says of them, *“Of whom the world was not worthy”* Hebrews 11:38). We must never forget that the world’s “wealthiest” are the “poorest” and the “poorest” are truly the “wealthiest.”

When our faith brought about the salvation of our soul, we obtained a value worth more than all that exists. *“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul”* Matthew 16:26. The poorest Christian is wealthier than the richest man on the Forbes list of the richest.

Our worth is not decided by the values used by the ungodly. I recall one poor Man who had no place to *“lay His head.”* What was He worth?