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Upcoming Events...

Business Meeting: today, June 11 at 4:00 p.m.

Father's Day: June 18

1 Corinthians Class: Every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

Barnabas Group Meeting: June 27

Following Jesus...

Being a Christian means being a Christ-follower. Here are some verses from the Bible that will help us understand the meaning...

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:29-30

June Birthdays

9 Debbie Pescador 12 Celina Perales

20 Mike Bruni 26 JoAnn Carlson

June Anniversaries

5 Kurt & Debbie Hoffman 9 Sue Tanner

11 Marcos & Celina Perales

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

Sunday.....10:45 a.m.

Sunday.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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How Do We Hear?

By James W. Boyd

We are warned in Scripture to take heed what we hear (Mark 4:24) and how we hear (Luke 8:18). We may not always be able to control everything that might fall on our ears, but much of it we can. And, whatever we do hear we can take care how we hear, that is, what effect it might have on us. We can use self-control and self-discipline regarding our reactions to such things. But do we hear any better than the next fellow?

What I am asking is whether we pay any attention to what we hear more than others even when we hear the Gospel truth of Jesus Christ? Do we respond any more favorably before God than those who reject His Word altogether?

Yes, most would say they hear better when it comes to hearing God's Word. We often criticize those in religious error for just not paying real attention to the revealed truth. This criticism is justly given. But when I hear the command to "assemble faithfully" being taught, and see brothers and sisters act as if such a command was never given, it does make one wonder how we hear.

"and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins." Hebrews 10:24-26

Temptation at the Cross

By Charlie Gamble

“Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: ‘They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lot’s.” Matt 27:35 (NKJV)

“And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.” Matt 27:37 (NKJV)

“And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, ‘You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross’.” Matt 27:39-40 (NKJV)

“Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, ‘He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him’.” Matt 27:41-42 (NKJV)

“He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” Matt 27:43 (NKJV)

“Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, ‘This Man is calling for Elijah!’ Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. The rest said, ‘Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him’.” Matt 27:47-49 (NKJV)

I am in awe of the restraint it took not to give in to these temptations. Imagine what might have happened if He had come down. The answer as to why He did not is found in Jesus prayer: *“Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”* Luke 22:42 (NKJV) Why not consider these words when we are tempted? Regardless of the, sometimes extreme, temptations we face, we have an example in Jesus whose situation was much worse. Let His will be done.

"Follow Me"

By Patrick Hogan

The last eleven verses of John 21 contain an enlightening conversation between Jesus and Peter. It is in this section of Scripture that Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves Him. After Peter's third response to the question, Jesus states: *"Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."* This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, *"Follow Me."*

Peter, somewhat surprised by the implications of Jesus' statement, asked what would happen to the disciple behind him (apparently John). Jesus' reply was very straightforward: *"If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."* Basically Jesus told Peter that his most important concern was to follow. John's fate might be very different from Peter's, but that should not really made any difference to Peter. His main focus should be to follow Jesus regardless of where it would lead and regardless of what happened to other followers.

When the passage was read Sunday morning in the worship assembly, this thought really hit home with me. Some followers of Jesus will have, what may appear to me, relatively easy and trouble-free lives. Others may find life to be filled with difficulties. (It is always easier for me to see my troubles that it is to know what others really face.) Regardless of what life may bring, instead of worrying about how easy someone else has it, my chief responsibility is to follow Jesus. Instead of complaining that someone "got away with" something, I should simply follow Jesus. Instead of lamenting that someone else is more blessed than I have been, I should concentrate on following Jesus. While accepting responsibility for my own relationship with Jesus may be harder than comparing my plight with that of others, it is the way to be blessed.