

### Upcoming Events...

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

Business Meeting: November 12 at 4:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible Class: November 19 at 4:00 p.m.

Barnabas Group Meeting: November 28

### The Gospel...Let's Preach It!

*"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures..."* 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

### November Birthdays

6 Ashley Tanner

10 Daniel Brown

21 Garroll White

27 Lupita Guzman

### November Anniversaries

2 Shannon & Susan Hudson

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## Surrender

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Have we ever wondered what God might be able to do in our life if we totally surrendered to His will?

Friend, surrender doesn't happen naturally. It goes against the grain of everything our flesh is made of. It is the opposite of what our human nature tries to get us to do each day. So, how can we be that fully-surrendered man or woman that God is looking for? There is only one way: we must get into God's Word. That's where it all begins.

Surrender to the very first thing that God asks of us, and we can move ahead step-by-step after that. Listen to what God requires in Joshua 1:8, *"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."*

We can't meditate on the Word if we don't know the Word. We must first get into our Bible and study what God has to say.

## Getting Ready to Become a Christian

This is the story of a little girl about nine years old. We will call her Marcy. Her parents had taken her to Bible school and worship services since she was born. Marcy loved to hear stories about God and Jesus, and more than anything she wanted to obey Jesus. She had seen many people baptized. Now, she was wondering when she could be baptized.

### 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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One night her father was reading the Bible to her and she asked him when she could be baptized. Her father explained that in God's family there are little people and big people. Little people are those who are not old enough to know about sin, and are safe in God's love. The big people are the ones who are old enough to know and understand about right and wrong and have been baptized for forgiveness of sin. For now, this answered Marcy's question.

But the next day, Marcy began wondering if there was anything little people could do to show their love to Jesus. So she went right to her mother to ask about it. "Of course, Marcy, there are many things you can do. Let me remind you of the things you are doing.

- When you go to Bible class every Sunday and Wednesday night, you show Jesus that you would rather be there learning about Him than anywhere in the world. And your friends can see that you put Jesus first in your life.
- When we give your allowance to you, you always put some back to give to God on Sunday. God knows you love Him when you give your money.
- Remember when you first invited Timmy to go to Bible class? He knew you loved Jesus and that you were concerned about him loving Jesus, too. That is why he started going with you every Sunday.
- You always show respect and obedience to the policeman. When we obey the laws of the land, we are obeying Jesus.
- And, when little Janet was sick you took her flowers. Jesus knew you loved Him because you are concerned about others.
- And, when Mrs. Brown needed someone to run an errand, why do you think she asked you? She knew you are kind and helpful like Jesus wants you to be.
- Your school teacher tells us that you are quick to obey her, that you are kind, and always say please and thank you. She knows that you are getting ready to be a Christian.

- Marcy, when you play with your friends, you always take turns. This is the reason you have so many friends. They know you share the way Jesus taught us to. So, they enjoy playing with you."

Now, little Marcy was so pleased and happy. She was sure she could do many things to show Jesus she loved Him and desired to always obey Him. Until she was old enough to be baptized, she would just keep on getting ready. To become a Christian, we need to study and read the Bible (2 Timothy 2:15), believe that Jesus is the Son of God (Hebrews 11:6), repent of our sins (Acts 2:38), confess our faith in Jesus (Romans 10:9-10), be baptized for the remission of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).

### **Need Motivation to Evangelize?**

Acts 4:20 *"...for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."*

James 5:20 *"...let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins."*

Romans 1:16-17 *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."*

2 Timothy 1:8-9 *"Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity"*

2 Corinthians 5:10-11 *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences."*