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Today's speaker

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“Foundation Lessons” Class

Wednesdays 3:30 p.m. at the church building
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Faithful and Steadfast:

Navigating Trials and Temptations

By Jeff Arnette

Maintaining the Proper Perspective

“For our momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,¹⁸ while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal”.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

In life, we often face trials and temptations that test our faith and character. It is during these moments that we must cling to our convictions and remain faithful to God's word. The profound wisdom found in Revelation 2:10, Jude 21, and 2 Peter 2:20, provides guidance on how to navigate through challenging times while remaining steadfast in our devotion to God.

September Birthdays

6 Melinda McCollum 11 Marie Burruss 15 Marcos Perales
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Revelation 2:10 – *“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”*

The book of Revelation offers encouragement to those enduring trials and persecution. This verse reminds us of the eternal reward that awaits those who remain faithful to God, even in the face of death. It serves as a powerful reminder that our temporary struggles pale in comparison to the glory that awaits us in eternity. We are called to persevere and hold fast to our faith, knowing that God is with us through every trial.

Jude 21 – *“Keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.”*

Jude's exhortation emphasizes the importance of actively maintaining our relationship with God. To “keep ourselves in the love of God” implies that we should consistently seek His presence, abide in His word, and cultivate a life of prayer. By doing so, we remain grounded in His love, eagerly awaiting the ultimate mercy and salvation that comes through Jesus Christ. In times of trial, let us hold on to God's promises and trust in His faithfulness.

Regular Meeting Times

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

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2 Peter 2:20 – *“For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.”*

This verse serves as a warning against falling back into the entanglements of sin after experiencing the transforming power of God’s grace. It reminds us of the importance of staying vigilant and not becoming complacent in our faith. If we allow ourselves to be swayed by worldly temptations and return to our former ways, the consequences can be devastating. Let us strive to maintain a pure and steadfast faith, continually seeking God’s guidance to avoid the snares of sin.

As believers, we will undoubtedly face trials, temptations, and moments of doubt along our journey of faith. However, by anchoring ourselves in the wisdom of God’s word, we can find strength and guidance to remain faithful and steadfast. It is my hope that we will be encouraged to persevere, stay focused on the eternal crown of life, eagerly awaiting the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, and faithfully using our gifts for God’s glory.

Remember Now

By Clifton Angel

**When I’m 20 years old,
And looking back on my teens,
Will I smile on my past,
Or be ashamed of what I’ve seen?**

**When I’m 30 years old,
Looking back on the last nine,
Did I give glory to God,
Or make it all mine?**

**Once I’ve reached 40,
And making my trek through life,
Have I left a trail of blessings,
Or caused a myriad of strife?**

**When I’m 50 years old,
Looking back on the years,
Will I grin of the godly joy,
Or frown on the painful tears?**

**When I’m 60 years old,
And time is fleeting by,
Would I enjoy another forty,
Or would I rather die?**

**When 80 is here at the drop of a hat,
But my mind is not at all,
Will my grandchildren know the great life I led,
Or will they look at my life in appall?**

**If God provides that I reach 90,
And my life withers like a clover,
Will I thank Him for my longevity of life,
Or would I rather just start over?**

**When I’m 100 years old,
And the young stand amazed at my age,
Will I even have my memory,
While God recalls all the mistakes I’ve made?**

**Will you take heed to these words,
My dear and precious friends,
And begin preparing now,
For what your life will be in the end?**

*“Remember now your Creator
In the days of your youth,”*

**Such powerful words from the Spirit,
Who, for our lives, has provided all Truth.**
