

Thank you...Chuck Scull
Speaker for Today

ATTENTION! MAKE FINAL PUSH!
Upcoming Events

October 26-29...Fall Gospel Meeting: Dion Hawkins

Two More New Christians!!
Baptized into Christ last Friday evening!

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October Birthdays

8 Esmeralda McCollum 16 Elizabeth Carrillo
27 Paulo Prado 28 Allan Brown

Regular Meeting Times

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

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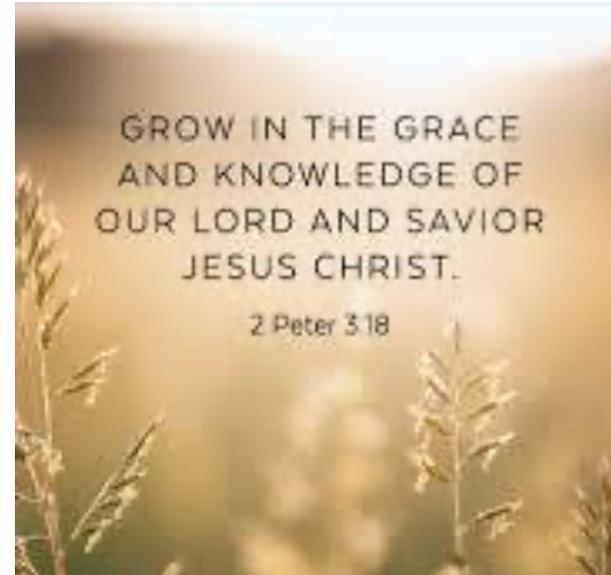
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*“Trust in the Lord with all
your heart and do not lean on
your own understanding.”*
Proverb 3:5

- *“Fight the good fight”*
- *“Keep the faith”*
- *“Finish the course”*



“I Learned Something Today”

By Bill Brandstatter

In a Bible study with a man recently, in looking at the Scripture, he told me he learned something he didn't know. This man is in his eighties, maybe close to ninety. It made me realize again that a person is never too old or too young to learn something from the Bible.

Beyond Disappointing

By Ron Thomas

The Bible is for all ages. Some might think there is no need to bring their baby to a “cradle roll” class because the baby won’t learn anything. If the baby can just say “God” something has been accomplished. Getting a child taught early about God, Christ, and the Bible is essential to the child growing to be a good Christian. Paul reminded Timothy, *“From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”* (2 Timothy 3:15) Paul learned something throughout his life. He stated, *“I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content.”* (Philippians 4:11) Life is indeed a learning process.

The Bible tells us the truth every time. In my years of preaching, I have read a lot of sections of scriptures many times. Each time I read the Bible, I learn or see something I didn’t the time before. The Bible is always right. It tells us what was, what is, and what is to come in our lives. It is up to us to study and rightly divide the Bible to learn from it (2 Timothy 2:15).

The Bible tells us the way to get to heaven. The Bible equips us for our life here and our journey to heaven (2 Timothy 3:17). Jesus said He was the way in John 14:6. God has provided a way, but man often looks within himself to try to come up with a different way to do something. Sometimes this thinking extends into the realm of religion. Man will worship his own way and think God will accept it. Such worship is vain according to Matthew 15:9. Man-made rules won’t get us to heaven. We must go God’s way. The Bible tells us how to be saved and how to get to heaven. Jesus said, *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”* (Matthew 7:21 NKJV).

As we read the Bible let us be learners. If we learn something we didn’t know before, let us put it into our lives and be better tomorrow than we were today. Have we learned something from the Bible we didn’t know before? Let us begin today to learn something new. It might cause us to grow and change.

In Hosea the Lord said His people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (4:6). The apostle Paul said faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the words of Christ (Romans 10:17). In 2 Peter, Peter said the saints are to grow in knowledge, that is, knowledge of God’s word. In 2 Corinthians, Paul wrote one does not walk by sight, but by faith (by God’s word). In each of these passages we learn those who love the Lord are people/saints who know the Lord’s will. They don’t find reasons to not read but instead make opportunities to read and learn.

No doubt, it is beyond disappointing for the Lord to see those who say they belong to Him fail in desiring to gain understanding of His will. Why would anyone operate in this way? Possible “reasons” ...

- 1) they don’t like to read,
- 2) so many activity involvements,
- 3) not really redeemed, but Christian in name only.

It’s not their lack of knowledge, but their lack of effort and even desire to gain knowledge.

When we are put in stressful situations, we sometimes fail the Lord and ourselves because we took no time to hear the Lord by reading His word, thus learning what can be and needs to be done. Will the Lord hear us when we call out? *“Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord”* (Proverbs 1:28-29, KJV).

There is a correlation between this failure to learn and the exhortations from the Lord when He said *many are called, but few are chosen AND why call me Lord when you do not hear me* (Luke 6:46).