

# The Dover Dove



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Grace and Peace to you! I thought I would do a quick (not in-depth) Bible study for this newsletter article. The verse that I have chosen is Acts 1:8. My translation is as follows:

“But you will receive power [when] the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will become my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.”

Contrast – the word “but” contrasts the disciples’ interest (the kingdom of Israel, v. 6) with Jesus’ interest (being his witnesses, v. 8). For a first century Jewish audience suffering under Roman occupancy and rule, what could be more important than the geo-political restoration of the kingdom of Israel? The question begs the answer, “nothing!” But the answer Jesus gave to this implied question is, “Being my witnesses!” Which brings us to a key point, the kingdom of Israel (v. 6) is different than the Kingdom of God (v. 3). One – the kingdom of Israel – is worldly and temporal versus the other – the Kingdom of God – which is spiritual and eternal. This also is a point of application to our own lives. We often put the worldly (fleshly) concerns of the self over and above the spiritual concerns of life. In particular with regards to this passage, the need (and command) to proclaim the good news.

Parallels – the passage quickly moves to two parallel concepts. “You will receive” parallels “you will become” and “power” parallels “witnesses.” One question I will ask of you is, “Can you receive without becoming?” The second question I will ask, “When you witness (become), will you have power (receive)?” We will further explore these questions below.

Time – the word “when” is supplied for sentence flow in English. This time element is in particular the Day of Pentecost and in general the rebirth of the believer. The agent of change is the Holy Spirit and the mode of change is “come upon you.” The thought of the Greek is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the new life of the believer. From other parts of Scripture, we learn that (1) all people who believe will receive the rebirth of the Holy Spirit; (2) the role of the Holy Spirit is to bear witness to Christ; and, (3) the Holy Spirit will give the believer power. Thus, I will submit to you that every Christian (believe and receive) is expected (commanded) to be a witness (will become). Furthermore, we are without excuse because we have the power (the Holy Spirit) to witness. Therefore, one way to “examine” ourselves in relation to our “faith” is to evaluate our “witness.”

Witness – the word “witness” (Greek, *martus*) is “one who has information or knowledge of something, and hence, one who can give information, bring to light, or confirm something” (Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament* (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000). In effect, we, as believers, have knowledge of the truth/gospel, and are willing to share/testify concerning that truth/gospel. Thus, how are you sharing the gospel?

Location – the remainder of the verse deals with the location of the witnessing activity (“in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth”). In effect, we are to witness everywhere! But, witnessing starts at home and spreads out. Our Jerusalem is Manakin to one degree and Goochland to another degree. How is our witness in our Jerusalem? While there are many ways to evaluate our witnessing endeavors, two ways to evaluate are our calendar and our pocketbooks. How much time to spend and how much monies do we spend in witnessing to our community? While the answers to these questions may be nuanced to a degree, the questions are fair and need to be evaluated. Because, we are not only witnesses of the gospel, we are also stewards of the gospel.

Blessings,

Pastor Kube

**Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry**  
**April 2015**

In the course of my regular daily routine of prayer, bible study and research, I ran across the following seventy-one words.

"My God, I have never thanked You for my thorns. I have thanked You a thousand times for my roses, but never once for my thorns. Teach me the glory of the cross I bear; teach me the value of my thorns. Show me that I have climbed closer to You along the path of pain. Show me that, through my tears, the colors of Your rainbow look much more brilliant." (*Author: Unknown*)

These words certainly do not reveal a new concept, but do serve as reminder of one as old as the bible. Most of our bible heroes had shortcomings that they were sure made them inadequate. Moses tried five times to excuse himself from answering God's call (Exodus 3:11, 13; 4:1, 10, 13), his *slowness of tongue* being only one that he felt disqualified him from speaking to Pharaoh on God's behalf. God used him anyway. Elijah had a face-off with Baal's 450 prophets. He calls fire down from the God of Israel that consumes the sacrifice, the wood, stones of the alter, dust and licked up the water in the trench. He kills all of Baal's prophets and called for rain to end a drought. We next see him overcome with fear, depression and lacking in faith as he runs from Ahab and Jezebel. (1 Kings 17 – 19) Moses was allowed to see the "promised land" from the top of Mount Nebo even though he was not allowed to enter. He died in Moab (Deuteronomy 34:1 – 8). Elijah, in spite of his frailties, was transfigured into heaven in a whirlwind (2 Kings 2:1 – 11).

Both Moses and Elijah, in spite of their personal weaknesses (thorns), were used mightily by God. It is interesting to see them reappear in the New Testament with our Lord Jesus on the "mount of transfiguration" (Luke 9:28 – 31).

The Apostle Paul's ministry was not without great personal difficulty on his part. Paul says in (2 Corinthians 12:5 – 10) <sup>7</sup> *Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself!* <sup>8</sup> *Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me.* <sup>9</sup> *And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.* <sup>10</sup> *Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.*

We often find it easy to thank God for our many blessings yet we neglect thanking Him for our thorns. God has used our weaknesses, hardships, burdens, and the trials we face sometimes more than the "good" things to help us grow spiritually. Many of the residents of Lexington Court know that and face their thorns every day with thanksgiving and praise. They minister to each other the best they can and have truly become blessings to others as well as to us. Our Lord uses our brothers and sisters at Lexington to teach us how to be humble with strength in the midst of thistles and thorns.

We visit our dear brothers and sisters at Lexington Court on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month for WORSHIP and PRAISE at 2:00 pm. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at 10:30 am, we meet for BIBLE STUDY.

It is through our weaknesses and God's grace and power that we minister to others. Have you thanked Him for the thorns?

If God is calling, please join us at Lexington Court.

*'You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD. (Leviticus 19:32)*

In His Name,  
Bob

**KID'S STUFF**  
**By Donna Martin**  
**Youth & Children's Director**

Glory to God, praise Him for all the help and participation we received for the car wash. We raised just over \$400.00. The youth fund raiser will be used to send 7 youth and at least 2 adults to Virginia Beach where we will work with the Team Effort staff to repair homes and build faith. We hope to schedule another car wash in May. Also, start saving your items for a yard sale on June 6th .

The children will present our Easter skit on Easter Sunday, April 5th. The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday April 4th, and skit practice will immediately follow.

Our outing will be on April 18th or April 19th. Be on the 'Look out' for text or 'listen out' for a One-Call for details.

God Bless,  
 Donna

**SECRET CHURCH**

If you would like to participate in the Secret Church Simulcast, lead by David Platt., sign up on or before April 7th by calling the church office (804-784-5681).

**WMU**

The **WMU** will meet on April 14th at 10:30 am in the church Library. Bring a covered dish and join us for a missions program and luncheon.

Our April project will be to continue with the 'Undie Sunday' collection of underwear and socks for boys and men at HopeTree Family Service Ministries. This is open to the congregation. The donation basket is located in the church Parlor. HopeTree Family Service Ministries provides Christian residential and support services to at-risk children and youth, and to adults with developmental disabilities.

**DEACONS' MEETING**

The Dover **DEACONS** will attend the Pastor/Deacons Conference in lieu of their April meeting. This will be held at Second Baptist Church. Registration is at 5:45 pm. Those who would like to ride in the DBC van, please be in the parking lot by 5:15 pm.

**DEACON OF THE MONTH**

Chad Hammack

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

Robin Angle	Suzanne Mills
Chad Hammack	Juanita Deck
	*Gloria Bennett

**BELL RINGERS**

April 05	Katie Roberts
April 12	Genna Hammack
April 19	Dakota Higgs
April 26	Lindsay Roberts

**NURSERY WORKERS**

April 05	Joanie Collins
	Sara Rowe
April 12	Janice Gordon
	Jean Eyrolles
April 19	Audrey Smith
	Genevieve Wood
April 22	Pat Heffinger
	Tom Heffinger
April 26	Maye Higgs
	Gail Cockran



### *The Glory Of The Resurrection*

No resurrection no life beyond the grave.  
No hope of Heaven for none would be saved.  
There would be no forgiveness for our sin  
and no hope for mankind to begin again.

Jesus bore our sins and took our stripes  
through Him we may have eternal life.  
The resurrection was part of God's plan  
to settle the sin debt for sinful man.

Had not our Lord hung on the cross  
we all would remain hopelessly lost.  
Mankind owed a debt we could not pay  
the shedding of blood was the only way.

The blood of animals, the spotless lambs  
did not suffice to redeem fallen man.  
It pleased God for Jesus to give His life  
so Jesus became our perfect sacrifice.

Just as winter always gives way to spring,  
nature is revived and birds begin to sing.  
Death gave way to life on resurrection day  
and God raised Jesus to show us the way.

If God can cause nature to bring new birth  
after a hard cold winter covers the earth.  
Then God can give a fresh start to fallen man  
by a new birth and a chance to start again.

~ Lenora McWhorter ~

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Children's Skit EASTER SERVICE & Communion Service			6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	GOOD FRIDAY	11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt For Kids
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting			
9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Council Meeting (bring bag lunch)	5:45 PM PASTOR / DEACONS' Conference (5:15 PM - church van transportation)	10:30 AM WMU Meeting	6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice & Team Kids	16	17	18
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						9:00 - 11:30 AM Youth Car Wash
9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Qty Bus Meeting/Luncheon	20	21	22	23	24	25
19	20	21	6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice & Team Kids	7:00 PM Secret Church		
2:30 PM Nursing Home						
9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 pm Dover Appreciation Day Luncheon (HCDS)	27	28	29	30		
26	27	28	6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice & Team Kids			



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2015 Daily Bible Reading Plan



- [ ] April 1
- Leviticus 4
- Psalms 1-2
- Proverbs 19
- Colossians 2
- [ ] April 2
- Leviticus 5
- Psalms 3-4
- Proverbs 20
- Colossians 3
- [ ] April 3
- Leviticus 6
- Psalms 5-6
- Proverbs 21
- Colossians 4
- [ ] April 4
- Leviticus 7
- Psalms 7-8
- Proverbs 22
- 1 Thessalonians 1
- [ ] April 5
- Leviticus 8
- Psalms 9
- Proverbs 23
- 1 Thessalonians 2
- [ ] April 6
- Leviticus 9
- Psalms 10
- Proverbs 24
- 1 Thessalonians 3
- [ ] April 7
- Leviticus 10
- Psalms 11-12
- Proverbs 25
- 1 Thessalonians 4
- [ ] April 8
- Leviticus 11-12
- Psalms 13-14
- Proverbs 26
- 1 Thessalonians 5
- [ ] April 9
- Leviticus 13
- Psalms 15-16
- Proverbs 27
- 2 Thessalonians 1
- [ ] April 10
- Leviticus 14
- Psalms 17
- Proverbs 28
- 2 Thessalonians 2
- [ ] April 11
- Leviticus 15
- Psalms 18
- Proverbs 29
- 2 Thessalonians 3
- [ ] April 12
- Leviticus 16
- Psalms 19
- Proverbs 30
- 1 Timothy 1
- [ ] April 13
- Leviticus 17
- Psalms 20-21
- Proverbs 31
- 1 Timothy 2
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- Leviticus 18
- Psalms 22
- Ecclesiastes 1
- 1 Timothy 3
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- Psalms 35
- Ecclesiastes 11
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- Leviticus 29
- Numbers 2
- Psalms 36
- Ecclesiastes 12
- Philemon
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- Leviticus 30
- Numbers 3
- Psalms 37
- Song of Solomon 1
- Hebrews 1
- [ ] April 27
- Leviticus 31
- Numbers 4
- Psalms 38
- Song of Solomon 2
- Hebrews 2
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- Leviticus 32
- Numbers 5
- Psalms 39
- Song of Solomon 3
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- Leviticus 33
- Numbers 6
- Psalms 40-41
- Song of Solomon 4
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- Song of Solomon 5
- Hebrews 5

Suggested daily prayer from 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Hebrews 4:12 ... Dear LORD, Help us to understand. Help us to understand that all Scripture is "GOD-breathed" and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that YOUR people may be complete, equipped for every good work. For YOUR word is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. LORD, help us to understand.