

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE		July 20	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Bible Class	65	Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Attendance AM	84	Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Lyle Cole
Attendance PM	36	Lead Lord’s Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Wednesday PM	42	Server 1	Chris Poole	Jerry Thomas
PRAYER REQUESTS		Server 2	Ryan McGahee	Frank Brock
Prayer for Health: Jarin & Karia Sutherlin; Dana Grigsby; Krubo Joploh; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Mary Rutland; David Johnson; Mike Mamula and family; Nathan Hoover; Mary Sanders; Linda Ferguson Traveling: Deborah Crane; William Bogan; Norris Cole, II, Richard Melson, Jr.; Ashley and Alexandria Thomas; Richard and Valerie Melson Prayers: Repentance: Baptism: Sympathy: William Bogan, Narre Poole, Ruby Holt Member Birthdays: July — 2– Richard Melson, Jr.; 6- Penny Cook; 8 - Rachel Blanks; 9 - Ruby Nickell; 20 - Glenna Adair; 27 - Otis Adair Anniversaries: July — 18– Michael and Brenda Mamula; 23– Chad and Jennifer Arnett; 30— Norris and Diane Cole Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class July 24 @ 6:00 PM Chapters 9&10 in “Bible A’s for Ladies”		Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Patrick Cook
		Sermon	Sabin Johnson	Sabin Johnson
		Prayer for Responses	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
		Closing Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
		Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
		Greeter	Samuel Jones	Samuel Jones
		Usher	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
		Usher		

A.S.A.P. = Always Say A Prayer

“Pray without ceasing”
1 Thessalonians 5:17

TO OUR VISITORS

Our goal in the church of Christ is to be the New Testament church, which you can read about in the Bible. We invite you to observe our worship assemblies, the doctrine that is taught and the structure of the church organization. Make a close comparison with your “*church*” and the church of the Bible -- **The Church of Christ**. We also invite you to join us as we strive to be the church of the Bible and restore New Testament Christianity.

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THOSE GOLDEN INGREDIENTS

Winfred Clark

What a great study it is of those “golden ingredients” that will make a great church. This study will be based on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. This book has a great deal to say about the church; in fact, the church is at the very heart and core of the epistle.

There is no doubt that Paul wanted the church at Ephesus to be a great one. He would encourage them to be such a church. He would not only encourage this but would also offer instructions. What are some of those things that would insure their being a great church?

A DISPOSITION THAT WOULD LEAD TO UNITY

This is clearly seen in Ephesians 4:1-6. There is spelled out, a disposition of mind that is necessary, if unity is to be had. He will speak of “lowliness.” This has to do with the mind. It has to do with humility. It has to do with the estimate a man may place on himself. If such a person is not humble, there is no way for real unity to exist. The only kind of unity you would have under those circumstances, would be that kind where people would bow to that person's estimate of himself or herself and just go along for the sake of peace. That would not be real unity. There must be lowliness of mind.

There must also be the control of self. That is inherent in the word “meekness.” A person may have great strength, but that strength must be under control. It must be properly channeled.

There must also be “longsuffering.” This calls for patience on the part of people as they deal with one another. It takes time for people to grow. It takes time for people to become more mature.

DEVELOPMENT THAT LEADS TO MATURITY

It becomes very obvious that Paul would stress this point in Ephesians 4. Notice the phrases, “perfecting,” “edifying,” “no more children.” All of these lend themselves to the need for spiritual maturity. Yes, if a church is going to be great, there must be spiritual development that will lead to maturity.

When maturity is achieved, there are some very good things that are in place. For one thing, a man's value system will be different. He will come to see the real worth of things that have to do with the soul. He will be able to see the need for the study of the Bible. He will be able to see the need for prayer. He will be able to see the need to add those graces that a Christian must exhibit. This is all necessary, if a church is going to be a great church.

DESIRES THAT LEAD TO PURITY

This becomes evident as we will study the rest of the Ephesian letter.

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5:00 P.M.

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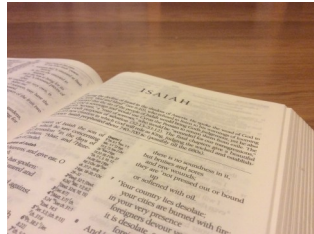
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BEING THE NEW CREATION IN 2025 - 2 COR. 5:17

Words of Wisdom For Youth ... 1 Timothy 4:12

The Thing That Avails—Gal. 5:6



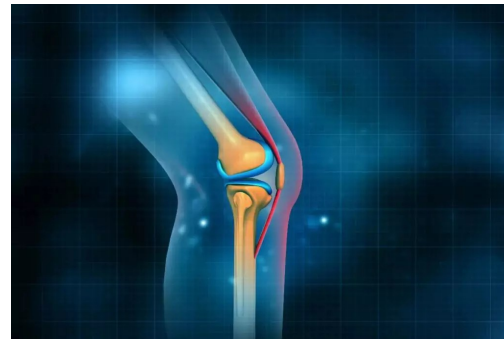
The word "avail" means to be of us, of value, of service. There are things that are of no use or value to us in our religious life. For these things we should not strive. Only for those things that are helpful should we strive.

The thing that avails is:

1. Not a rite or an outward ceremony: "In Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision." Though venerated because of its age. Though introduced by the greatest of men. Though it has been sanctioned by the saints.
2. Faith. Faith in God. Faith in Christ-in his person, in his divine personality, in his wonderful words.
 - A) Without faith we cannot approach God (Heb. 11:6), we cannot be saved (Mark 16:16), we rest under condemnation (John 3:18.)
 - B) With faith in Christ we are justified (Rom. 5:1), we are purified (Acts 15: 9), we have access to God (Rom. 5:2), we can move mountains. (Matt. 17:20.)
3. An active faith: A "faith that worketh."
 - A) Without activity, faith is barren, it is dead, it does not exceed the faith of a demon. (James 2:14 -20.)
 - B) With activity, under guidance of God's word, we are justified, faith is perfected, faith is a living thing. (James 2: 21-26.)
4. Faith working in the spirit of love: "Faith that worketh through (by) love."
 - A) Without love, faith is a non-entity; it amounts to nothing. This is a divine declaration. (1 Cor. 13:2,13.)
 - B) With love-love for God and love for man-as the motive, faith avails, i.e., it is of real value in the world of humanity, in attaining life's supreme goal.

- Frank L. Cox, 1957

Your knee bone is connected to your tongue

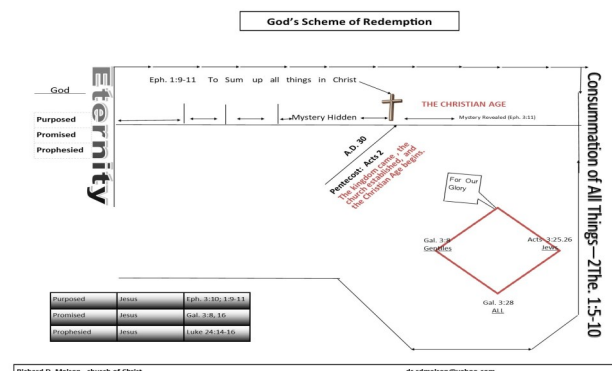


Did you know that your knee is connected to your tongue? Well, it “should” be! And in the very best way possible! In one of the most central texts in all of Scripture, Paul depicts the sacrifice that Jesus made in coming to this earth, emptying Himself and humbling Himself for our sake (Phil. 2:3-8). What should be our response? “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (2:9-11).

Go to your Bible and underline the word “should.” Every knee and every tongue “should.” Then, go to Romans 14:11 and underline “shall.” Right now, God gives you the option. But, if your knee and tongue haven’t yielded to God by the day of judgment, your first time will be too late.

What a great joy when the knee and the tongue do what they “should” toward God!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Minute Mediations

Again and again we encounter the soul-searching question, "Where will you spend eternity?" There is another question which is a prelude to the matter of eternity. It is this: "Where and how will you spend the Lord's day?" Nothing short of being providentially hindered should keep us from the worship on the Lord's day. Remember the example set by the early church. All Christians of that day, in the words of Luke, were steadfast "in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in the breaking of bread and in prayer." Only such faithful ones can say with Jude, "To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever."

The elements of acceptable prayer include praise, petition, and thanksgiving. Oftentimes, however, our petition is in behalf of such worldly gain as would blot out all thought of praise and thanksgiving. Not so the prayer poem of Grace Glenn which has been set to music by J. H. Fillmore: *“Savior, grant me rest and peace, let my troubled dreamings cease; with the chiming mid-night bell, teach my heart that all is well. I would seek Thy service, Lord, leaning on Thy promise—word; let my hourly labors tell, I am Thine and all is well.”* May our prayers be such as this, in keeping with Paul's admonition to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5: 17.)

GOSSIP

The longer I live, the more I feel the importance of adhering to the following rules, which I have laid down for myself in relation to such matters:

1. To hear as little as possible which is to the prejudice of others.

2. To believe nothing of the kind until I am absolutely forced to.
 3. Never to drink in the spirit of one who circulates an ill report.
 4. Always to moderate, so far as I can, the unkindness which is expressed toward others.
 5. Always to believe that, if the other side were heard, very different accounts would be given of the matter.
- (An Old Scotch Writer.)

- L. D. Harless, July 1957

Date	Subject	Speaker
6/4	Romans 1	Bob Vincent
6/11	Romans 2	<i>Richard Melson</i>
6/18	Romans 3	Tim Hatfield
6/25	Romans 4	<i>Richard Melson</i>
7/2	Romans 5	Mark Phillips
7/9	Romans 6	Phil Grear
7/16	Romans 7	Sabin Johnson
7/23	Romans 8	Kevin Berry
7/30	Romans 9	Sabin Johnson
8/6	Romans 10	<i>Richard Melson</i>
8/13	Romans 11	<i>Richard Melson</i>
8/20	Romans 12-13	Patrick Powers
8/27	Romans 14-15	<i>Richard Melson</i>
9/3	Romans 16	<i>Richard Melson</i>

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- Check out Tullstar Archives at <http://media.Tullstar.org> for lessons from faithful brethren.

GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN'S SALVATION

“Sirs, What must I do to be saved?” Acts 16:30

- ◆ The Gospel Must Be Heard – John 6:44-45; Romans 10:17; John 8:32
- ◆ The Gospel Must Be Believed—John 8:24; Mark 16:16
- ◆ Sins Must Be Repented of – Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38
- ◆ Christ Must Be Confessed—Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37
- ◆ There Must Be Baptism (Immersion) for Remission (forgiveness) of Sins—Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
- ◆ Christian Growth and Faithfulness—1 Peter 2:2; Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 3:18