

For Our Information

Joyce Venable still sick with a cough and other infections.

Vickie McNees is doing physical therapy on her hand.

Bill & Joyce Venable's daughter in law, Judy Robinson, will have cancer surgery.

Carolynn Richmond returns to Houston for a checkup next week.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day

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We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

Follow The Lord — James L. Yopp

Solomon advised, in **Proverbs 3:7**, "*Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil.*" Most of us believe we know more than what we do. A little self-examination does not hurt. It will make each of us to be humbled when we recognize how limited is our knowledge. The wise man recognizes that he cannot save himself; that he cannot devise a way of life free of problems and strife; that he must depend upon a higher being in order to become wise enough to see his needs. Solomon, the wisest of all mortal men, stated that one is wise when he learns to "*Fear the Lord and turn away from evil.*" It is sad that many in our age, as in ages past, let their own human wisdom guide them into evil, learning too late the price that must be paid for such foolishness. The wise man will seek the good, plan his future with righteousness in mind, and strive to live a life that sets an example to others. Want to be wise? Follow the Lord's word.

Seeking His Righteousness

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A Christian and God's Grace

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I suspect that most readers of this blog have heard the age-old question: "How many legs does a dog have?" The obvious answer is "four" – unless one calls the tail a leg – then the answer would be five – or would it? Hardly. Identifying the tail as a leg does not make it so!

It is common practice to identify as "Christians" any who "accept Christ as savior" with great emphasis on the forgiveness of sin with very little



Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord;

Acts 11:23



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attention to the avoidance of sin. Both the secular and religious media extol certain celebrities for their abilities to balance their “Christianity” with their worldly life-styles. It is not only about celebrities. We see it often in our day by day observation of people in general.

The idea of so many seems to be that since “no one is perfect” that our best efforts to avoid sin are futile. So, we need to just relax, bask in the warmth of God’s saving grace, and quit fretting about our sins. If one follows his fleshly lusts, uses bad language, publicly dresses (or undresses) in a shameful manner, rarely attends worship services, or misses the mark in other ways – so what? He is covered by God’s redeeming grace! This is not the concept of a Christian and the grace of God taught by the New Testament.

1John 1:7-10, John tells Christians how to maintain fellowship with God. It is by freely acknowledging and confessing our sins as we walk in the light. Then he says he is writing that we avoid sin (**2:1**) – but if, despite our efforts to avoid it, we do sin and have access to forgiveness through Christ. All of this is a part of the grace of God.

Grace not only forgives, it teaches:

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that

Store In My Heart

Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

As we go about doing the works God has given us we must make certain the light of God shines in such a way that He will be glorified. I must be in the background and He in the foreground.

Our works are to be good, but should not be done for our own gain. As Christians we need to understand that any works we might do reflect upon God. Our good deeds toward others help them to see God in us. Paul never wanted to boast in what he had accomplished other than to say Christ and the Father were glorified. We should live to show God to all. Why do you do your works?

he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works”. (Titus 2:11-14)

In **Acts 11:23**, Barnabas was able to see the grace of God at Antioch. How so? He saw a people who had believed and turned to the Lord (**v. 12**). He could see it in their behavior. It was more than their having access to forgiveness of sin – it was a life-changing grace.

The Hebrew writer warns that by going on sinning willfully, after receiving a knowledge of the truth, one “insults” the Spirit of grace. (**10:26-29 NASB**). As long as he continues in that state, he has nothing to look forward to but certain damnation. He cannot look forward to another sacrifice for his sins – the only sacrifice available to him is Jesus Christ. There will be no other. His only option to avoid eternal punishment is to be forgiven by returning to God’s perfect sacrifice for his sins. But, that sacrifice does not allow him to willfully continue in sin.

Some seem to have the idea that by trying, to the best of our abilities, to keep all the commands of God in order to go to heaven that we are somehow dishonoring God and His grace. In fact, the opposite is true. By not trying to do our best to obey all his commands, we are flying in the face of the teaching of the grace of God that brings salvation.

As Paul succinctly put it: *“Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid” (Romans 6:1-2).*

Don't use your "freedom" as a rationale for sinning.