

For Our Information

Joyce Venable is on some new medications and dealing with some issues with her heart. Bill Venable has been dealing with coughing.

Vickie McNeas is still dealing with coughing also.

John LaValla is still using oxygen, and doing some better. He has a doctor visit the first part of this week.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day

Contact Us

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!

Growth of true New Testament Christianity is good for any society in general. It produces honesty in the workplace and wherever Christians are (**Ephesians 4:28**), greater productivity (**1Timothy 6:1-2; Philemon 10-19**), and less loss of manpower due to excesses and evil doing (**Titus 2:9-10**). It makes a free nation more secure and more free by reducing crime and making communities safer places in which to live (**Romans 13:1-10**). A careful observer of society once wrote, "When the state is most corrupt, then the laws are most multiplied" -- Tacitus. The purest freedom that humanity can enjoy is in being servants of Christ. The burden of court dockets grows lighter proportionately to the growth of true Christianity. Open and friendly discussion of Bible truth is encouraged more by the growth of true Christianity. How far better this world is when righteousness is the subject of conversation rather than things that are base, corrupt, and appealing to the appetites of sinful men! -- **Gilbert Alexander**

Seeking His Righteousness

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Living Life Without Regret

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Life is filled with many challenges. In any length of time decisions will be made that will bring about sadness and regret. The reality of life is not that there will be no regrets but that those regrets will be few. Adam and Eve lived with the regret of one decision that forever changed their lives and the destiny of mankind (**Genesis 3**). Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord and was a just man, perfect in his generations. He walked



I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

2Timothy 4:7



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with God and moved with godly fear, prepared the ark for the saving of his household (**Genesis 6-8; Hebrews 11:7**). Yet he got drunk one day and indirectly led to the curse upon his own son, Canaan (**Genesis 9:18-29**).

Abraham is the father of the faithful (**Romans 4:16**) but his life is marred by the regret of his lack of faith when he lied to Pharaoh (**Genesis 12**) and Abimelech (**Genesis 20**). Moses, the great leader of the people of Israel, accomplished so much in his life and remains the image of the Old Testament covenant that bears his name (**Joshua 8:31**). The greatest tragedy of Moses' life was not the killing of the Egyptian (**Exodus 2:11-15**). Sadly when in anger he fails to give the Lord glory at Kadesh (bringing water from the rock) the Lord tells Moses he would not bring the people of Israel into the land of Canaan (**Numbers 20:1-13**).

King Saul would live to regret his decision to offer an unlawful sacrifice (**1Samuel 13:1-5**) and for sparing King Agag (**1Samuel 15**). His kingdom was taken away from him and David ruled in his place. The giant killer David lived a life worthy of following as he shows courage before Goliath, mercy to King Saul and friendship to Jonathan. However he is also remembered for the decision he made that would haunt him the rest of his life and be inscribed on the pages of God's words until the end of time. Who does not know the story of David and Bathsheba (**2Samuel 11&12**)? His regrets were numerous as he caused the death of a noble man (Uriah), the death of the child born through the adultery with Bathsheba and the

Store In My Heart

Romans 16:16

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

Considering our last two verses have shown Jesus as foundation and ruler over the church, it should not surprise us to find this verse stating His ownership.

As Paul extends greetings in this letter we find a name which clearly shows the focus of the Church. The church is from Christ, built on Christ, and controlled by Christ. It is composed of those who have put on Christ and extend every effort to be obedient to Christ. The church and Christ are inseparable. Paul's greeting simply states that which should be obvious to all. What other name would give such deserved honor to the Founder and Head?

punishment from the Lord as Nathan explained in **2Samuel 12:10-15**). Later, Matthew would record the following words: "*Jesse fathered David the king. And David the king fathered Solomon of her who had been wife of Uriah*" (**Matthew 1:6**). Life with regrets.

The rich young ruler would regret his decision (**Matthew 19:16-22**), the Jews would regret their denial of the Messiah (**Acts 2:36-39**), Peter denied the Lord (**Luke 22:54-62**), Paul persecuted the church (**Acts 26**) and the list is legion of those who lived every day with regret. The only one who lived a complete life with no regrets was Jesus Christ (**1Peter 2:21-24**).

What is the value of the lesson? Because we are frail creatures of dust and disobey the Lord we will experience times in our lives when the event can never be changed and we will carry the burden of that knowledge our whole life. The victory is found in Jesus Christ who does not suggest there will not be failures in life but the ability to work through those failures. Through forgiveness we can know that our mistakes will not be eternal (**1John 1:5-9**). We must strive to live life with fewer regrets! With all the people of God that lived with regret the one decision they made that had eternal consequences was to be obedient to the Lord. Failure to follow that pattern will lead to a regret that has eternal consequences (**Matthew 7:21-23**).

(While we do not want to make mistakes, we often do. We need to learn from them so that we can grow stronger in our service to God. Eternal regrets rise from failure to learn and grow. Study Carefully. DLH)