

"No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." **Luke 9:62**

Who Leads The Way?

Unknown

Store In My Heart 2Corinthians 5:15

and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Ask yourself a question, "For what do I live?"

There are many in this world who live for sports, whether watching others or being a participant. Others live for travel and adventure. I have heard some express the sentiment that they live for their children/grandchildren.

Paul tells us that Christ died so that we could live for Him. That means there should be no other things before Him in our life. Those who live for their children spend much of their time in things that keep them near. If we are living for Christ, should we not do the same? We need to focus on what really matters and living for Christ will make a difference in our life and is necessary if we hope to be with Him in eternity. Make Jesus your reason for living!

Whenever we desire to go somewhere (i.e. vacation, specific location, etc.); we look for someone to lead who has some experience, who is qualified, and someone that we can respect and follow to our desired destination. The leader thus takes charge and leads us toward our destination. As we begin our journey preparations are made and encouraged by our leader (i.e. director, etc.). As we begin our journey, we are encouraged and assisted by our director on day to day activities and places of rest and the best restaurants for nourishment, etc. While the ultimate destination is perhaps far away, we are encouraged to hold on for once we have arrived at the destination; everything will be wonderful there.

I remember back in the late 1980s our (Barbara, LeAnn, and I) vacation to Australia and New Zealand with perhaps two dozen other travelers. The trip was well planned and the journey was long, yet we were all together in one group and had a good and experienced guide (Weldon Warnock). Everything was arranged for the journey including stops in Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, and the Fuji Islands on the way back home.

The purpose in using the first two paragraphs of this article with introductory material is designed to illustrate how the Godhead planned for man to be restored to paradise after the Garden of Eden errors of Adam and Eve. You see; God created man and knows man better than man knows himself. God has stated His purpose in giving us the Holy Scriptures (the Bible). God has stated through Jeremiah the prophet that man cannot guide himself or lead himself without help; **Jeremiah 10:23**, *O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in*



man that walketh to direct his steps. Therefore, God has given us a Leader (**Matthew 11:28-30**), a Helper (**Hebrews 4:15-16**), the Head of the church of Christ (the Body of Christ (**Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18-19**) The Kingdom of God (**1Timothy 6:14-15**, *That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings , and Lord of lords;*) to lead and direct our course through this life and ultimately lead and protect us on our journey through this life and aid us in battle with the Devil and his evil ways.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil , as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you. **1Peter 5:8-10**

In our journey through life, let us become true Christians - through faith and obedience to Jesus' instructions, (**Hebrews 5:8-9**). After having become Christians, let us faithfully follow Jesus Christ as our leader (the source of authority for our lives). If we will allow Christ to lead us via the Written Word He will always lead us in the right direction, He will aid us in our battles with Satan and his agents, He will love us as we continue to serve faithfully in His church. The final victory will be accomplished whenever our life ends here on earth. For after this cometh the judgment when all that have ever lived will be judged and assigned to eternal life or eternal condemnation. Let us therefore follow our leader, Jesus Christ, throughout our life and our journey to Heaven will be assured (**Revelation 2:10; 2Timothy 4:6-8**).

(This article comes from one of the bulletin material archives on my computer. I did a little editing and formatting for clarity because I find the message an important one. We all need to remember who we are to follow. Study with diligence, Serve patiently. DLH)

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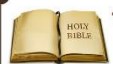
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10:20 AM • Sunday Worship Service
5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study

For Our Information

JoBeth Henderson has an immunotherapy infusion on Tuesday and a radiologist appointment Thursday for CT scans so they can plan the treatments.

Paula Laubach is continuing physical therapy for her knee.

Tommy Robinson is in a nursing home in Hot Springs.

Sunday @ 5 - **Jeremiah 3:6** Wednesday @ 7 - **Singing**

Gospel Meeting - Michael Green - September 27-October 1

Announcement flyers should be ready next week