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SUNDAY

Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Worship	
Worship	5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	
Ladies Bible Class (Sept May)	10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY	
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Gary Colley

The trust and confidence of the members of the Getwell church of Christ is always to be praised. The members enjoy the life of Christians, the worship of the Lord's people, and the hope that we possess in Christ. Hope is defined as expectation with desire. Because of the Lord's promises we have the expectation of going to be with the Lord (Jn. 14:1-6; I Jn. 2:25), and with that the firm desire to hear Him say, "Well done" (Matt. 25:21-23).

We must always remember our mission. Satan will work in some to turn us away from that mission, but we are warned against these, and must not allow departures to take place. These may look like sheep, but in work they are wolves (Acts 20:28-32).

Following is our mission according to the Scriptures:

- 1. To Teach (Eph. 3:10; Matt. 28:18-20).
- 2. To worship (Matt. 4:10; I Cor. 11:18-22; Heb. 2:12).
- 3. To care for the poor (I Tim. 5:16; Jas. 1:27).
- 4. To be examples (Matt. 5:14; Phil. 2:15).
- 5. To seek the lost (Lk. 19:10; Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23).
- 6. To take and send the Gospel to all the world (Mk. 16:15-16; Phil. 4).
- 7. To build up the saints (Heb. 10:23-25; I Tim. 4:16; Eph. 4:16).
- 8. To always support the Truth (I Tim. 3:14-15).

Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

Gary Colley

The Bible Is Only for Presumptuous Church Officials?

There are many today, as there have been in the past, who would remove our Bible from our possession. Some may approve of our having a copy but forbid us to study, think, and reason from the Scriptures. Everv individual is urged by the Scriptures to receive the Word "with all readiness of mind" and "search the Scriptures daily," whether those things taught are so (Acts 17:11). God says, "Come now, and let us reason together (Isa. 1:18). Paul "reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with them that met him" (Acts 17:17). At Ephesus for the space of "reasoning three months, he was and persuading as to the things concerning the kingdom of God" (Acts 19:8). When Paul preached to Felix and Drusilla" concerning the faith in Christ Jesus," it caused these heathens to reason "of righteousness, and self-control, and the judgment to come" (Acts 24:25). It is certain that our preaching like Paul's should cause people to reason, study, and obey the Truth. But, notice a statement from and

address by the Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church to Pope Pius III, which is preserved in the National library of Paris, Folio No. 1068, Vol. 2, PP 650 and 651. It reads: "Of all the advice that we can offer your Holiness we must open your eyes well and use all possible force in the matter, namely, to permit the reading of the Gospel as little as possible in all the countries under your jurisdiction. Let the very little part of the Gospel suffice which is usually read in Mass, and let no one be permitted to read more. So long as people will be content with the small amount, your interest will prosper; but as soon as the people want to read more your interest will fail. The bible is the book, which more than any other, has raised against us the tumults, and tempests by which we have almost perished. In fact, if one compares the teaching of the Bible with what takes place in our churches, he will soon find discord, and will realize that our teachings are often different from the Bible, and oftener still, contrary to it." Hold fast to your Bible, friends! Let no man, nor group of men, take it from you!

RON'S REMINDERS

This week's article will continue with the recommendation of four books for your reading and edification. Let us look again at brother Holland's autobiography The Life of Tom Holland. My favorite chapter in the book is the concluding chapter entitled "Dwelling on the Mountain of Gladness" in which brother Holland quotes Psalm 28:7: "The Lord is my strength and my shield, my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped, therefore my heart greatly rejoices and with my song I will praise Him." The sub-heading of this chapter, entitled "My Mountain of Gladness Is a Mountain of Hope," is particularly uplifting and inspiring. Be sure to read brother Holland's confidence in his going to Heaven, where he references I John 5:9-13 and Hebrews 2:9-14; 5:8-9. Everv Christian should have this confidence in his own salvation.

At the beginning of the biography entitled *My Heart Standeth In Awe Of Thy Word*, the poem entitled "To My Bob," penned by Irene Taylor, is very touching. The final chapter is entitled "Some Favorite Sermons" and contains eight sermons which are well worth the reading, studying, and application. My Personal favorite is "The Christian's Treasure Chest," which lists the following:

The Gold of Gratitude The Silver of Service The Diamond of Dedication The Pearl of Purity The Gem of Goodness The Precious Coin of Consistency The Opal of Opportunity The Jasper of Being Just The Ruby of Righteousness The Jewel of Jesus

This book begins well and ends well. Get a copy for your own growth and enjoyment.

The next book we will look at is *The Truth About Moral Issues* authored by Don Blackwell and published by WVBS Publishing. The book covers the following topics:

Tattoos Gambling Drinking Dancing Lying Modesty Pornography Marriage and Divorce What Must I Do To Be Saved?

This book gives a very direct and scriptural treatment for each of these subjects. To be frank with you, I have rarely seen the subject of tattoos examined by the light of God's Word. As a youth minister for approximately 30 years, I would highly recommend this book for a youth study or class and to parents for reading and reference.

The next book we will be looking at is *Making the Most of Life* written by one of my favorite authors, the late, prolific Leroy Brownlow. This is an older book published by Quality Publications and is still in print. It is written in Bible study format suitable for class study or for daily personal Bible study. The subjects are arranged in alphabetical order with 26 chapters. The book begins with Aiims and concludes with Zeal. At the end of each chapter are review questions. I have no idea how many books brother Brownlow wrote in his lifetime, but this one is a definite standout that will help you remain steadfast and grow in Christ. Let me encourage you to get a copy today.