ON THE HOME FRONT

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Christians worshiping at Getwell are aware of their responsibilities and privileges. Living for the Lord demands that we read and understand the Bible (Heb. 11:1, 6). One cannot live for the Lord who refuses to call Him Lord in his life (Lk. 6:46). Yet to call on the Lord for our salvation necessitates obedience to the Lord. But one cannot call Jesus Lord either who is ignorant of His Will as it is given in His Word. The reading, study, and understanding of the Lord’s Will can be such a blessing through the faith it builds within a Christian (Rom. 10:17). How richly blessed we are at Getwell to have Bible classes and sermons that enlighten our minds, and by which we can please our God.

The Bible records many things in reference to one who acts contrary to right reasoning and is a fool. A fool is one who in his heart or affections refuses to acknowledge God as creator and ruler of the universe (Psa. 14:1). A fool is one who refuses and despises instruction from his father (Prov. 15:5). A fool is one, then, who does not fear or reverence the Lord (Prov. 1:7). He would rather trust in his own thinking and feelings than to have faith or trust in the Word of God (Prov. 28:26). His speech does not respect God and His Word as much as his own desires and teaching (Ezek. 13:3). And of course, this one is not ready to meet the Lord in the great Day of Judgment (Lk. 12:15-21).
Blessed Assurance?

Christians love to sing, “Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.” Doubt cannot and will not remain in the heart of one who has deep and abiding faith in God. One cannot be assured that he pleases God without acts of faith that come from hearing and acting upon God’s Word (Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17). When one places his confidence in God who is able to sustain us in the darkest of hours, he has “the peace of God, which passeth all understanding” and which shall keep our hearts and minds calm “through Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:7). This is indeed a “foretaste of glory divine!” But one cannot be an heir of salvation and purchase of God until they have reached the cleansing blood by having been baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:3-4). In baptism one is “born of water and the Spirit” and enters into the church of Christ, the kingdom of God (Jn. 3:3-5). It is by one Spirit’s teaching that we all enter by baptism into the one body, the church (I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:22; 4:4). What is involved in this “blessed assurance?”

1. THERE IS THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION! No one should look toward eternal salvation with their fingers crossed! No doubt should be allowed in the Christian’s heart about their eternal welfare. We can know the truth (Jn. 8:32), and we can know “that we have eternal life” in the world to come (I Jn. 2:25; 5:13).

2. WE CAN HAVE THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS! Forgiveness is a bookkeeping term meaning to remove or cancel a debt. In Christ, forgiveness is promised by God with the remission of sins and new life in Christ (Acts 2:38). After we become Christians, it is possible that we may fall back into sin. But continued assurance of forgiveness comes when we confess our sins to our Father and turn from those sins (I Jn. 1:7-9).

3. THERE IS ALSO ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PRESENCE AND POWER IN OUR LIVES! Paul said, “What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? (Rom. 8:31). God directs His children through His Word. He is by His providence “our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with swelling thereof” (Psa. 46:1-3). Christians have the sustaining promise, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Heb. 13:5). If you are not a Christian, why not obey today, and take this “Blessed Assurance” for yourself. Replace your doubt with faith! (Rom. 10:17).

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