ON THE HOME FRONT

“The heavens declare his righteousness and all the people see his glory.”
Psalm 97:6

“Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.”
Psalm 148:3

On July 20 we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the man walking on the moon. The Apollo 11 crew consisted of Neil Armstrong, Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin and Michael Collins.

While on the moon, Neil Armstrong speaks the famous quote “That’s one small step for (a) man, one giant leap for mankind.”

You may ask yourself why print an article about the moon landing in a church bulletin. The answer is the moon, stars, animals and plant life all speak and show and give glory to God’s might and power.

To be honest I am somewhat a science geek. I passed this trait on to my oldest son, Jacob who teaches high school science at Harding Academy. The science programs on the National Geographic Sci-Fi channels and the like, point to the existence of a divine being, God. After all God is the author of true science. Praise be to God!

So the next time you go out at night, look up at the heavens. Every star you see was put there by God and around the stars there are planets circling the star and moons circling the planets. We truly serve a mighty God.

We had three with Getwell connections graduate in the spring of 2019. Kirsten Ferrell, granddaughter of Connie Ferrell, graduated from Union University Nursing school and is working at Methodist Germantown in N.I.C.U. Two of Jack and Carolyn Smith’s graduated from Germantown High School. Colin Smith plans at this point are undecided and Payne will be attending Christian Brothers University. When you see Jack, Carolyn and Connie congratulate them on their grandchildren’s achievements.

Ron Wallace

Source: ‘Moon landing’ in The Commercial Appeal
Resisting the Adversary (Pt. 2)
Bradley Smith

Last week, we began a study of resisting the adversary, the devil (1 Pet. 5:8). We noted that we must be steadfast people, meaning to persevere in the midst of hardship and temptation. We also observed that we must be studied, meaning to be well-versed in the word of God “which liveth and abideth forever” (1 Pet. 1:23). This week we will note some other attributes which we must have in this battle with the adversary.

We Must Be Spiritually-Minded
We all must have our minds somewhere (Mat. 6:24). The choice is laid out before us, God or mammon (possessions)? Christians have the charge to set our minds “on things above, not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:1). Referring back to Matthew 6:24, think of those people who have chosen possessions over God. One that comes to mind is the one often called the rich young ruler (Mat. 19:16ff). What a sad picture is painted of this man! He had the opportunity to follow Jesus, yet, “he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions” (Mat. 19:22). Why is it so important for us to be focused on the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Mat. 6:33)? All the physical things of this life will be burned up one day (2 Pet. 3:10), and only the one who does the will of God will abide forever (John 2:17). When the children of Israel wanted a king so they could be like the nations around them (1 Sam. 8:20), they got exactly what they desired, a king that led them into idolatry. When we want to be like the world around us, we will find ourselves deep in the pit of despair and sin because we have conformed to the world (Rom. 12:1-2).

We Must Be Servants
In a similar line as the last point, we all must be servants of someone or something (Mat. 6:24). We must choose either to be slaves of sin or servants of righteousness (Rom. 6:16). When we examine the consequences of both paths (Mat. 25:46), we can see that it is much better to serve the Lord (Rev. 21:27). If we think logically, we know that those who serve God are blessed with all spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3), while those who do not serve the Lord receive none of them. The world has nothing eternal to offer us. Why would we choose to serve self, the world, or Satan above God?

We hope that this brief study has been beneficial to all. Let us always remember that to resist the adversary, we must be steadfast, studied, spiritually-minded, and servants.
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