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Worship.....5:00 p.m.

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The current issue of the Spiritual Sword "A Handy Guide To Preaching" continues the annual handy guide series. It is an issue well worth the time in reading as we hope you find every issue profitable for your spiritual growth in Christ. Also, if you know a young man who is contemplating becoming a preacher, give him a copy of this issue or better still give him a gift subscription today or a Spiritual Sword lectureship book which would be a welcome addition to his library as a preacher. These Spiritual Sword resources would be an aid to every Christian who wants to augment his faith and grow spiritually in God's Word.

Be sure and save the dates October 16-20, 2022, for the 47th annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship. This year's theme is entitled "Powerful Passages of the Pentateuch". You will come away with a greater appreciation of the Pentateuch. Brochures are going out this week. If do not receive one or require more lectureship information, contact the Getwell congregation, 901-743-0464 ext. 302.

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Ron Wallace

"If I had a nickel for every..."

By Michael Wyatt

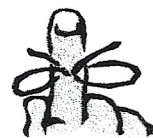
You know that phrase, don't you? Although today it would be more like a dollar instead of a nickel. Granted a nickel doesn't buy much these days, so I can understand the increase in money. In my day a nickel could buy several things. I remember when a returned coke bottle would be worth a nickel. We would scour the neighborhood and fields to find the bottles that people would throw out, a few of those and we had some money. I also remember when I was so young that my older sisters convinced me that I should trade them my dimes for their nickels because the nickel was bigger — and I did!

How many times have you said, "*If I had a ——— for every...*" and how did you finish that phrase? Would you be rich, happy, famous, or just what? I wonder what you would have been had you received a nickel for every time you did a particular thing? Let's play that game for just a minute from a spiritual prospective.

If you had a, let's say, dollar, for every time you **PRAYED**, would you be a millionaire? I am thankful to have had parents that taught me to pray morning, noon and night, and at every meal. I have been doing that all of my life (and I turn 68 this July). What if we followed Paul's words in I Thess. 5:17 to pray without ceasing? What would you have or be? Well, I did not receive a nickel or a dollar for all my prayers, and I am not a millionaire, but I know that I am rich, rich in spiritual blessings. You see, to have that relationship with my Heavenly Father through His Son Jesus Christ, is worth more to me than all the money in the world. I really mean that. At any moment, day or night, I can go straight to the throne room of God, and as I strive to live faithful to Him, I know that my prayers are heard. As I strive to conclude all my prayers with, "thy will be done," I also know that my prayers are always answered. The answers have come like this: yes, no, maybe, wait, or He gives me something altogether different than what I asked. That's ok, I leave it up to Him, for my Heavenly Father knows what I need even before I ask (Matt. 6:8).

So, play the game for just a minute. If you had a dollar for every time you prayed, what would you have? I promise you, if you are a child of God, you will be RICH indeed!

RON'S REMINDERS



If Christ Be Not Raised . . .

If Christ did not rise from the dead, He is not divine (Romans 1:4). If He is not divine, His death did not take away the Old Covenant any more than the death of a mere man would have (Hebrews 10:9-10; Colossians 2:14; Ephesians 2:13-16). But because He is divine, He took away the Old (2 Corinthians 3:6-18; Romans 7:1-7; Galatians 4:21-31) and ratified the New (Hebrews 8:6-13; 9:11-17).

It was the sixth hour (high noon), and darkness prevailed until the ninth hour (three o'clock in the afternoon). The earth quaked; the veil of the temple was rent; the soldiers near the cross cried, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54). The tombs of the dead split. Amid the darkness of Calvary, the sinless Son of God, dying for the sinful soul of man, bowed His stately head and said, "It is finished" — and died! (John 19:30).

There the grandest drama ever enacted was completed. It began in Eden with the fallen pair and ended in the horrors and tragedies of Calvary. There the remedial system was finished, the scheme of human redemption affected, and the Law, having been fulfilled, ended.

The United States was once under the Articles of Confederation, but now it is under the Constitution. The Supreme Court of the United States is not to decide whether a law is authorized by the Articles of Confederation; instead the Court is to determine whether it is authorized by the Constitution.

Before the cross of Christ, God's people were under the authority of the Old Covenant, but today they are under the authority of the New Covenant. In this dispensation, they are not to go to the Old Covenant in an attempt to learn what to do to be saved and how to worship God acceptably; they are to go to the New Covenant to learn those things.

If Christ did not rise from the dead, God could not have given "Him to be head over all things to the church." Please consider the following:

"Which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all" (Ephesians 1:20-23).

If Jesus did not rise from the dead, neither shall we. He says, "I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death" (Revelation 1:18). He has the key that will unlock every grave. — Anonymous