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Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgression... Isa. 58:1



For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? 1 Cor. 14:8

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The Pastor's Paragraph

Well, Spring has sprung, and here we are in April — the month of Easter. Spring may very well get the most votes for the favorite season of the year. Grass is growing, flowers are popping out, and people are enjoying getting out in the warm sunshine. Come out and visit with us this month at the Faith Baptist Church. You can do some growing as well — (Spiritually speaking).

— Pastor Cole

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Five Keys for Happiness

- 1. Give God the first hour of each day (Mark 1:35). Pray in the morning.
- 2. Give God the first day of the week (I Cor. 16:2). Serve in your church to carry out the Lord's mandates.
- 3. Give God the first portion of your income (Prov. 3:9). Keep books on what you give to be sure you do not think you are giving more than you actually are.
- 4. Give God the first consideration in every decision (Matt. 6:33). This includes your choice of house, close friends, work, church, school, etc.
- 5. Give God's Son first place in your heart always (II Cor. 8:5). Live in His presence as though He were the unseen Guest in your house He is, you know!

-Ord L. Morrow

"As Christ Forgave You" by Dr. Paul Chappell

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." Colossians 3:12-14

Many people struggle with the matter of forgiveness. They know that the Word of God commands us to forgive those who have hurt us, but that does not take away the pain of the offense. The more painful what we have experienced is, the harder it is for us to let go of our hurt and let the one who wounded us off the hook. It is part of human nature to want to get even. We remember those who have injured us in the past, and all too often continue to hold it over their heads. God commands us to forgive others, not because they deserve it, but because He forgave us. Forgiveness is so important to Jesus that He asked the Father to forgive those who crucified Him. "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots (Luke 23:34). The pattern forgiveness by Jesus proves that it is possible to forgive those who do us wrong. If He was willing to forgive those who were crucifying Him, and is willing to forgive us for the sins that took Him to the cross, on what basis do we imagine a right not to forgive? When we do not forgive others, it damages relationship with them. But it damages our relationship with God as well, because we are clinging to bitterness rather than forgiving. Holding onto the hurts and offenses of the past robs us of right relationships with God and others.

TRICKY TRIVIA

This Month's Question:

Whose casket was carried for forty years through the wilderness?

Answer to last month's question.

In last month's "Tricky Trivia" question we asked:

How many books of the Bible were written by the Apostle Paul?

Answer: 13
Romans, First and
Second Corinthians,
Galatians, Ephesians,
Philippians,
Colossians, First and
Second Thessalonians,
First and Second
Timothy, Titus,
Philemon

Hear Pastor Cole on WLBG Radio: 860 AM, 104.1 FM or WLBG.COM

Sunday Morning: 8:30-9 AM

Monday-Friday: 8:15AM "Sixty Second Sermons"

Special Services

Sunday, April 5 at 6 p.m.

Presentation by the Tabernacle Children's Home in Greenville - The kids will be singing; and you can learn about the ministry.

Easter Sunday — April 12

7 a.m. - Outdoor Sunrise Service - Dress Warmly

8 a.m. - Breakfast

10 a.m. - Sunday school

11 a.m. - Preaching service

6 p.m. - Special Easter Service, Ms. Jackie Powell, Jewish Authority, will demonstrate the Jewish Passover as the Hebrew's observe the Passover today.

Someone has said of Moses that ...

He was the child of a slave and the son of a king;

He was born in a hut and lived in a palace; He inherited poverty and enjoyed wealth; He led armies and was the keeper of flocks; He was a mighty solider and the meekest of men.

Sentence Sermons

- •Doing nothing is about the most tiresome work in the world, because you cannot stop and rest.
- •If you cannot do great things, you can at least do small things in a great way.
- •Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- •God never uses anyone greatly, until he tests them deeply.
- •I cannot do everything, but I can do something. I must not fail to do the something I can do.
- •If God be for us, who can be against us?
- •Without the "Bread of Life", you are toast.

A Firm Foundation

Some people say what we believe about Genesis is just a side issue; it doesn't really matter. But did you know all our major Christian doctrines are either directly or indirectly founded in Genesis?

Why is marriage one man and one woman? Well, Genesis tells us God ordained marriage that way. Why are we male and female? Genesis tells us God created us that way. Why are we sinners? Well, Genesis gives us the origin of sin.

Why do we die? Because death is the penalty for sin, as Genesis tells us. Why did Jesus need to come and die? Well, Genesis chapter 3 explains the reason!

What we believe about Genesis is really important! It's our foundation! We need to believe all of God's Word.

We live in a day of swirling moral chaos. At a breathtaking pace, what was once considered wrong is now celebrated - and people who still say it's wrong are mocked or worse. So how can we know what's right and wrong in such a challenging time?

Well, many people just go along with the culture. Whatever's popular today is what they'll believe. But that's an ever-changing foundation, and who knows where it's headed?

So how do you determine what's true? Well, ultimately there are only two authorities and you have to choose which one you trust. One is man. You see, if you only listen to experts or certain religious leaders, you're trusting in man, you're allowing them to be your authority. But they make mistakes and don't know everything.

The other foundation is God's word. God knows everything and He never makes a mistake. His word is reliable and always true - a foundation for our thinking. Now this doesn't mean we can't listen to experts. We can but we must compare everything they say to God's word. They aren't the ultimate authority, God is.

As Christians, we're not tossed back and forth by changing ideas. We've a firm foundation for our thinking - God's Word - because His Word is true in all areas, and we can start our thinking on a foundation that never changes.

—Ken Ham, Answers in Genesis

A Course In Time Management

One day an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students and - to drive home a point - used an illustration the students will never forget. As he stood in front of the group of high powered overachievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz."

He pulled out a gallon, wide mouth mason jar and set it on the table in front of him. Then, he produced about a dozen rocks the size of eggs and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?"

By this time the class was onto him. "Probably not," one of them answered. "Good!" he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar, and it went into all of the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?" "No!" the class shouted.

Once again he said, "Good!" He grabbed a pitcher of water and poured until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always cram some more things in it!"

"No!" the speaker replied, "That's not the point." The truth this illustration teaches us is this: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all. What are you filling your life with? Is it gravel or sand? What are the "big rocks" in your life? Two of the biggest should be God and family. Remember to put these big rocks in your jar first, or you'll never get them in at all.

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