



Life Lines

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My Lines

By Micah Williams

“Face the Other Way”

By David Thurman
Gospel Minutes

As I shoveled my snow this morning, I envied my neighbor. He too had to shovel his driveway and sidewalk, but his faces the south and gets sun all day. Right now, only a few hours after cleaning off his concrete, it is dry. Mine, still in the shade, is covered with the remnants of my shoveling this morning, and has patches of ice of varying thickness all over it. The solution: I need a drive that faces the other way.

I cannot turn my house around. But I can turn my life around and face the other way. All of us sin; all of us have to shovel away the sin that comes into our lives. But this process is so much easier if we face the right

way to begin with. Turn your life back toward God.

No matter how deep the snow, no matter how thick the ice, the warmth of God’s love will melt it. You may be caught up in deep sin; you may be struggling with the consequences of sin. But God will forgive you, will remove the sin, will melt the pain, if you will face Him and turn from your sin. That is why God tells us, **“Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Brethren, what shall we do?’ And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”** (Acts 2:37-39) Turn back to God, repenting of your sins. Let Him cleanse you in the waters of baptism. Shovel the sin out of your life, today.

READING THE BIBLE

It is one thing to read the Bible through
And another to read to learn and do.
Some read it as their “duty” once a
week,
But no instruction from the Bible seek.
One reads to “bring himself into repute”
By showing others how he can
“dispute.”
Some read because their neighbors do,
Others to time their reading it through.
Some read it for the wonders there,
Like, how David killed the lion
and the bear.
While others read it with uncommon
care,
Hoping to find a contradiction there.
One reads with father’s specks on head,
And finds the things as father said.
Some read to prove a pre-adopted creed,
Hence understand little of what is read.
For every passage in the Book they bend,
To make it suit their all-important end.
So many in these latter days,
Have read His words in different ways.
And few can tell which is best,
For every “party” contradicts the rest.
But read it prayerfully and you will see,
Although men dispute,
God’s word agrees.
For what the early prophet wrote,
Christ and His church must quote.
So trust no creed that trembles to recall,
What was penned by God must be
verified by all.

Author Unknown
Via Digest

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAllister

AMAZING GRACE A MATTER OF TRUST

(Rom. 6:3-6; Eph. 2:8-10; I John 1:5-7)

Are you saved? How do you know?

Can you be sure of your salvation?

Do you have to wait until judgment

day to know? On what merits will you be judged?

I used to worry about those questions. I was anxious about my salvation. Some days I was very sure I would go to heaven, but other days, I believed that I did not have a chance. I was 21 years old at the time, and I decided I would do whatever it took to go to heaven.

I taught Sunday school. I went visiting. I knocked doors. I took meals to the sick and elderly. I volunteered for whatever needed to be done at church. I worked and worked.

I thought God would weigh my works on a scale. I thought if I did enough good deeds, it would make up for any bad deeds that I had committed. I hoped if I met God with more good deeds than bad He would save me.

Then, I found something was terribly wrong. I read, "*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is a gift of God – not by works, so that one can boast.*" (Eph. 2:8-9NIV) It struck me that my trust was wrong. You see, I was trusting in my good works, but my works were not going to save me.

My works glorified God and brought me closer to Him. My works proved my faith. My works benefited others in the church and community. But my good works would never get me to heaven.

My works were not wrong. My trust was wrong. Only grace, God's unearned favor, could save me.

So where did I find the grace that saves me? My search for answers brought me to I John 1:7. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin."

Being constantly purified from sin is continued third column, same page

Remember Our Sick

Lawrence Boley – Home from Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, surgery Monday Jan. 17th, replace clogged vein in neck.

Thelma Hatcher - Second eye surgery rescheduled for February 14, 2005.

Keith Martin – St. Louis, MO, special little boy almost one, home from hospital, had a serious infection.

Debbie Meyer – has been back in hospital, no current update at this time.

Donald Walters – member of Gravel Hill, cancer no longer in remission.

Noah Williams – St. Louis, MO, almost two, weighs 16 lbs. More surgeries coming up.

Shut-ins: Needs your prayers and visits. All live in the Dover Area.

Evelyn Burton

Louise Killer

Mae Vanzandt

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Walter Arcynski, William and Susie Boley, Bernice Brown, John Clark, Barbara Dawson, Evelyn Driver, Lacey Gregory, Charles and Leota Hickey, Bob and Rose Lee, Jerry Martin, Joe Miller, Sandra Mooney, Shirley Pavatt, Teresa Phillips, Zachary Shelton, Henry and Edna Smith, Esther Sparks, Gordon Roughton, Juanita Townsend, Pauline Whorton, Harold and Mildred Turner.

Military: John Allen, Jeremy Carter, Greg Davis, Paul Holt, Randall Nixon, Chris Pearson, Tom Pickle, Terry Robinson and Adam Schrepfer.

Congratulations!

Evelyn Burton celebrated her 80th Birthday, Monday, January 17th at her home in Dover, AR. Rose and Bob Lee sponsored an open house for friends and relatives from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

“THE ODDS ARE WITH YOU IF YOU TRY”

“As long as you have a window, life is exciting.”

Persistence. “Keep trying” is the rule you must follow to become successful in anything.

Persistence means taking pains to overcome every obstacle, to do all that is necessary to reach your goal

Success. Success in anything is connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes but they don't quit. They hang on long after others have let go.

Never, never, never quit. If you keep trying the odds are with you.

Endurance is the crowning quality of success.

From the desk of Micah Williams

Amazing Grace continued from column one - - -

the act of God's saving grace. The blood of Jesus is the cleansing agent and the source of God's grace.

In I John 1:5, I read, "*God is light*"; so I needed to walk in Him. Reading Romans 6:3-6, I learned that this walk began when I was buried with Christ in baptism and raised to walk a new life.

I began a new life in Christ at baptism, and now I must continue to walk in that new life by walking in the light. Although grace motivates me to do good works, I no longer depend on my good works to save me. Now, I trust the blood of Jesus.

What freedom! As I walk in the light, I do not have to worry about my salvation. The grace of God has taken care of it for me by the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. So when I arise each new day, I can be filled with joy and peace as I trust Him to help me in my daily walk. (Romans 15:13) It's a matter of trust.

By: Sue Rhineheimer

“Christian Woman” Nov/Dec 04

A very good lesson on grace and works that I wanted to share with you. Most of us have, or had, problems understanding the two. We are saved by God's wonderful grace. We work because we love God.

Events

Devotional Scrapbooking Class

Started January 18th

Will Meet Every Tuesday,
6:30 – 8:30 PM,
Ending April 12th

Dover Church of Christ

Theme: "Fruits of
The Spirit"

Only Four Reservations open!

For more info see:
Karen Womack

Dover Church of Christ Teachers' Appreciation Banquet

January 29th
Saturday, 6:00 PM

at the
ATU C.C.S.C.
building on campus.

5th Sunday

Potluck and Children's Program

Dover Church of Christ
January 30th, 6:00 PM

Mark Your Calendars

Men's Monthly Business
Meeting

Monday, 7:00 PM
February 7th

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SWEETHEART BREAKFAST

Saturday, 9:00 AM
February 12th

Men Cooking
More Details to Follow!

A Reminder!

Ladies Day!!

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April 9th, 2005

Pray for Our Nation
and Our troops!

February Birthdays

03	Mildred Turner Jon David Vance
04	Andrew Land
08	Mary McAlister Dylan Williams
09	Juanita Whitted
11	Kristen Nordin
12	Shawn Bates Cari Cooper Emily Straight
16	Rachel Curtis
19	Carolyn Bennett Tyler Mullins
20	Kaci Statler
21	Julie Moss
22	Eugene Davis Keri Letson
23	Bernice Brown Pat McAlister Linda Vance Herron
24	Earl Kennedy
26	Suzanne Land
27	Caleb Chance John Clark

If we missed your birthday *please*
let us know so that it will not
happen again.

The Dover Church of Christ
is invited to celebrate!

Bernice Brown's
90th Birthday!!

February 20th,
From 2:00 to 4:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

THOSE TO SERVE

January 30, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

1st: Blake Walters
2nd: Brett Walters

Communion

Podium: Earl Whitted
Serve: Chris Loper
Dennis Whiteside
Donny Forehand
Earl Kennedy

Scripture Reading

Gary Williams

Sunday P.M. Prayers

James Chadwick
Lawrence Boley

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Special Children's
Program

Prepare Table for Communion

John and Carrie Clark

Communion to Shut-Ins

Allen Veasman
Blake Forehand

Greeters

Earl and Frances Kennedy

Wednesday Night Devotional

February 2, 2005

John Myers

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

7:00 P.M.

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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156

Deacons:

Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Charlene Clark
Patsy Wisbrock

Sunday Service: Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Class: Joan Vance
Kaeli Miller

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