



Life Lines

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My Lines
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Not Ashamed of the Gospel

In Romans 1:16, Paul writes: **‘FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes . . .’** The word gospel means “good news” but only “good news” to those who hear it, believe it and obey it. We must be the Fellowship of the Unashamed!

Unashamed of the PERSON of the Gospel:

The Gospel exalts a person – Jesus Christ – as the Son of God. The Bible is a Jesus book from the beginning to the end! We are quick to say we would never be ashamed of Jesus, but how many times this week did we mention His name to others?

Unashamed of the POWER of the Gospel:

The world to which Jesus came was obsessed with power. Greeks boasted of philosophical power, Romans of military power, Jews of the prophetic power of the Messiah’s coming. Real power is

in Jesus. His blood has power to forgive *all* our sins.

Unashamed of the PRIORITY of the Gospel: The Gospel of Jesus is the first, the only and the complete Gospel. **“I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the Gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed.”** (Galatians 1:6-8) The Gospel of Christ has perpetual validity and relevance.

Unashamed of the PURPOSE of the Gospel: The purpose of the Gospel is to save the lost. **“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which is lost.”** (Luke 19:10) The Gospel is for our spiritual welfare – not social or political reform or financial prosperity. **“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to His grace which He lavished on us. . .”** (Ephesians 1:7-8)

Reflections By Randall Caselman
The Seeker, Fayetteville, AR

Understanding

Not more of light I ask, O God,
But eyes to see what it is.
Not sweeter songs, but ears to hear
The present melodies.
Not more of strength, but how to use
The power that I possess.
Not more of love, but skill to turn
A frown to a caress.
Not more joy of joy, but how to feel
Its kindly presence near.
To give to others all I have
Of courage and of cheer.
No other gifts, dear God, I ask,
But only sense to see
How best these precious gifts to use
Thou hast bestowed on me.

Author Unknown

The Only Religion that will do anything toward enriching your life is the religion which inspires you to do something toward enriching the lives of others.

Author Unknown

“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles to which he has overcome.”

Booker T. Washington

“Happiness is being too busy to worry during the day and too sleepy to worry at night.”

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAllister

One of the essentials of being a good Christian is having a great faith. This faith gets us through each day, through each problem and gives a good example to those who are around us. This faith gives us our hope. We didn't get to witness the miracles of Jesus, nor all of those performed by His apostles. Our faith and hope come from His written Word, from His creation and from all wonders we see here on this earth.

But as great as our faith and hope is, Paul tells us there is one greater. "And now abide faith, hope and love, these three; but the greatest of these things is love." (I Cor.13:13) All through this chapter Paul has told us about all the great things we could possess, or accomplish, but if we lack love, we are nothing. Our great faith and hope are nothing if we have no love.

Even Jesus said that the two greatest commandments are about love. First, we must love God with all our heart, soul and mind. Then secondly, we must love our neighbor as ourselves. (Matt. 22:37-39) When we come to the point that we can say we truly love God and man, like this, our faith and hope will also be conquered. Honestly loving God and man brings all these other things, faith and hope.

"And above all things have fervent love for another, for love will cover a multitude of sins." (I Peter 4:8) Peter tells us that God will be even more forgiving of our sins if we have love one for another.

Love brings so many good things into our lives. As Paul told us ". . . love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself; is not puffed up; . . . bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things . . . never fails." I Cor. 13:4,7,8a) He said that all other things fade away.

With all of this said about love, Jesus tells us, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." (John 14:15) This is the greatest of all commandments! When we reach this pinnacle of loving God with all our heart, soul and mind, we will love man also.

Remember Our Sick

Luella Bellomo - has reached the final stages of her cancer diagnoses. Prayers are needed for her and her family and friends as they face this difficult time.

Wanda Dickerson - John Clark's mother had stint surgery, April 29th, Little Rock Heart Hospital. Home, doing fine.

Thelma Hatcher - has another appointment June 6th, hoping this will be the final check-up.

Otis Hibbard - diagnosed with colon cancer.

Kathryn Hobbs - close friend of Leota Hickey, has not regained consciousness since surgery April 13th, in L.R., UAMS Carl Lawley Family: needs prayer.

Nolan Passmore - went for tests April 7th, still no update yet. Doctors conferring.

Earl Whitted - successful knee surgery April 12th. Home, recovering and going to therapy.

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

Evelyn Burton

Louise Killer

Mae Vanzandt

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Doris Karnes Bachand, Susie Boley, Amber Bolin, Donna Brewer, Bernice Brown, Michelle Crutcher, Jeff Davis, Bennie Drewry, Bob and Rose Lee, Lisa Link, Jerry Martin, Wayne Melton, Debbie Meyer, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Teresa Phillips, Wilma Shirley, Esther Sparks, Harold and Mildred Turner.

Expectant Mothers: Melissa Jackson, Kemah Johnson and Kristen Loper Nordin.

Special Children: (Birth Defects) - Zachary Shelton, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Military: John Allen, Greg Davis, Paul Holt, Randall Nixon, Cole Wetzal and Rudy Will.

Cole Wetzal and Darus Brown came home temporarily for a two week leave then must go back to the front.

Prayers and Sympathy:

For the families of Bill Lafoon, Clint Meadows and A D Virden, who passed away this past week.

"When All Is Said . . ."

Someone has observed wisely that "When all is said and done, there is usually more said than done." And from experience we know it to be a fact!

Our wishes and good intentions often far exceed our actual accomplishments. The apostle James warns us that faith is dead when pious talk is substituted for practical assistance, and we frequently see evidence that such warning is deserved.

On the other hand, positive words themselves may be of great value. It was said of Job. "Your words have kept men on their feet." We may not always have the answers to problems presented to us; but every Christian has both the right and the responsibility to speak a word of encouragement in the name of Jesus.

Whatever the circumstances, NO Christian has the right or reason to spread gloom and pessimism! There is no room in God's Kingdom for the cynic, the fearful and the doubter. The spirit of despair is not one of the gifts of the Spirit.

It may well be that our wishes and good intentions will ALWAYS exceed our achievements; nevertheless, the people of God are commissioned to speak but ONE LANGUAGE . . . the language of faith and victory!

From : Guest Editorial

By: Ruel D. Catlett

"In Search of the Lord's Way"

Now 24/7

The SEARCH Program can now be accessed at anytime on its website:

www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon's weekly lessons can be accessed at any time now, or heard in this area on KATV, Channel 4 on Sunday, 8:00 AM.

Events

ANNUAL FISH FRY

**Conflict with Date
Will Reschedule**

For more info call:
331-3824
Or
331-4811

WEDDING

SHOWER

May 22, 2:00 PM

Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

FOR

Kayla Evans
and
Nathan Killer

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, May 15th
Dover Church of Christ,
Following morning services
We will honor our
graduate,
Deidre Wilbanks

Ladies Night

Thursday,
May 19th, 7:00 PM

Hostess: Cara Williams
Diaper Pounding for Melissa
Jackson

Meals On Wheels

Dover Church
of Christ

May 16 thru May 20

Monday thru Friday

Lawn Care

Friday, May 20

Alan Boatright
and
Marion Helton

MAY Birthdays

- 2 Amelia Besterfeldt
- 5 Brett Cains
Walt Davis
- 6 Randall Walters
- 7 Jessica Straight
Victoria Thomas
Carlee Williams
- 8 Shirley Pavatt
- 13 Kelli Hottinger
Tim Mitchell
- 15 Alan Boatright
Alicia Brown
- 19 Grasien Meyer
- 20 Shelly Culwell
- 25 Diane W. Walters
- 31 Paul Helton
Don Johnson

OOPS! We failed to note a
very special person's Birthday!
Little **Amelia Besterfeldt's**
birthday was Monday, May 2.

If we missed your birthday,
please let us know so it won't
happen again.

Need:

Cereal for Community Drive, items
for Benevolence Food Barrel
and canned drinks for Camp Caudle
Campers

Singles Breakfast

Every Saturday,
9:00 AM
Dewayne's,
Dover, AR

THOSE TO SERVE

May 15, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Rex McDaniel
William Boley

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman
Serve: James Chadwick
Jim Killer
Lawrence Boley
Marion Helton

Scripture Reading

Doug Wilson

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Sid Womack
Robert Bird

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Communion to Shut-Ins

Paul Williams
Paul Helton

Greeters

Marion and Joyce Helton

Wednesday Night Devotional

May 18, 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.

Minister: Micah Williams

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Elders:

William Boley 858-7131
Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156

Deacons:

Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Carin Chance
Sonia Williams

Sunday Service: Bonnie Vinson

Wednesday Class: Marilyn Veasman

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