



Life Lines

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MY LINES

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The Light of Christ

Scripture repeats the theme of the "Light of Christ, especially the Gospel of John."

The fear of the darkness ought to tell us about how our souls feel. When we do not have the light of Christ illuminating our hearts then we have problems . . . Feelings of depression, uneasiness and searching that dwells deep inside our hearts.

People search for all kinds of things to fill the darkness inside their hearts. Some become alcoholics, drug addicts, prostitutes, sexually immoral, liars, cheats, etc.

The light of Christ helps us. Let us look and see what the Bible says about the Light: Light possesses powers essential to true life. Hence "to be in the light" means simply "to live" – both life eternal and life temporal. The revealed will of God provides light to the heart, soul and mind of humanity, proving guidance in a dark world.

A contrast will characterize the old life and the new: ". . . *for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth) . . .*" (Ephesians 5:8-9) The truly Christian Life is a life of light. "For God who said, '*Light shall shine out of darkness,*' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." (II Corinthians 4:6)

Through the Word of God Light came into existence, "*In the beginning God*

created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said 'Let there be light' and there was light. (Genesis 1:1-3), and through the revelation of God in Jesus the Word brought light to humanity. (John 1) "*Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.'*" (John 8:12)

This is the Light of Christ and . . . **The light reveals men:** "*If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.*" (John 7:17)

Faith is the gift of God to those who seek Him in the sense that He lets those who seek Him find Him.

Desires direct what you think. Our desires are not wrong but our choices with them can be.

The way to know the truth is to want to know the truth. It's a desire to know it.

"*for the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" (Romans 6:23) All are sinners but some do not want to be.

Some do not want to come to the Light. "*This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear his deeds will be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.*" (John 3:19-21)

When you come to the Light, you will see who God is. When the Light is

turned on you, you see everything, but you also see yourself. Jesus sheds the light on the Father; you cannot walk into the presence of Christ without being completely revealed.

Sometimes we try to hide things from ourselves: (John 3:19) We shut our eyes to the consequences of certain actions and habits, consequences of which we are well aware. It's like a man deliberately shutting his eyes to the symptoms of an illness which he knows he has.

Sometimes we try to hide things from our fellow men: "*Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit.*" (Matthew 15:14)

Things have a way of coming out. The man with a secret is an unhappy man. The happy man is the man with nothing to hide. (Freedom is happy.)

Though some may believe that Jesus is the Son of God, they will not give Him full control of their lives; for fear that they will have to change their lifestyle.

"*. . . in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*" (II Corinthians 4:4)

Sometimes we try to hide things from God: (John 3:20.) Evil is uncomfortable in the light. It likes darkness.

Sinners are not willing to live by the truth; they value their pride more than their integrity.

Worst, a sinner hates the light and refuses to come to it for fear their deeds will be exposed. Fear, not only of exposure, but also shame and conviction.

To be continued next week.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“There are two days in every week which we should not worry about – two days that should be kept free from any fear and apprehension.

One of these days is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its aches and pains, its faults and blunders. Yesterday is passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said; we cannot rectify a single mistake. Yesterday has passed forever beyond recall. Let it go.

The other day we should not worry about is Tomorrow, with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow also is beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow’s sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mass of clouds – but it will rise. And until it does, we have no stake in Tomorrow, because it is yet unborn.

That leaves us but one day – Today! And a person can fight battles of just one day.

Yesterday and Tomorrow are futile worries. Let us, therefore resolve to journey no more than one day at a time.”

Robert J. Burdette

“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life . . . which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?” (Matthew 6:25a,27)

As humans it’s hard to let go. We want to be in control of what we did yesterday and what we will do tomorrow. We can’t seem to live for just today. But that’s exactly the way it is. We can’t change yesterday or the things we said or did. We may correct them. We can’t rule what tomorrow will bring either. We must make the best of today. It’s usually more than we can handle anyway.

What does the great Teacher say about this? *“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”* (Matthew 6:34)

Remember Our Sick

Myra Austin – Glen & Carolyn Austin’s daughter, diagnosed with cancer, surgery was Wednesday, July 20th, Dallas, TX. At this time it is believed it was successful, but a (wait-and-see).

Dennis Boyd – Donna Walters’ friend, spinal cord stroke.

Mike Creel – home bound for a week with Lyme disease.

Shirlie Chadwick – had knee surgery July 22nd, successful, home recovering.

Jason Coulter – friend of Cailen & Kim Hon, diagnosed with lung cancer, age 34.

Mary Nell Gasaway - Bonnie Vinson’s sister, still in Baptist Re-hab in L.R., might get to come home this week.

Thula LaRue – Donna Walters’ friend, stroke.

Brian Holloway – Pat Holloway’s grandson, moved to Shepherd’s Hospital, Atlanta GA. Hopeful recovery from spinal injuries. Under-going a special experimental procedure called, Pro-Cord.

Emmy May – 6 month old daughter of Scott and Lorianne May, heart valve surgery Friday, July 29th, Children’s Hospital, L.R.

Faye and Tom Williams – (Roxanna Shoptaw’s sister), son (Ryan) is home from the hospital with a serious, rare infection, doing better. Will be on round-the-clock antibiotics four to six weeks with more tests first of August.

Shut-ins: Needs your prayers and visits.
Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**

Louise Killer

Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

Thelma Hatcher

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Ruby Boley, Susie Boley, Donna Brewer, Bernice Brown, Jamie Churchill, Jeff Davis, Wanda Dickerson, Bennie Drewry, Ronda Fields, Kevin Gibson, Laura Lammar, Carl Lawley Family, Bob and Rose Lee, Bill McAlister, Jerry Martin, Debbie Meyer, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Nolan Passmore, Teresa Phillips, Tanya Smith, Esther Sparks, Harold and Mildred Turner, and Betty Walters.

“Little White Cake Lie”

Have you ever told a white lie? You are going to love this – especially all the ladies who bake for church events.

Alice was to bake a cake for the church ladies’ group bake sale, but she forgot to do it until the last minute.

She baked an angel food cake and when she took it from the oven, the center had dropped flat.

She said, “Oh dear, there’s no time to bake another cake.”

So, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake. She found it in the bathroom – a roll of toilet paper. She plunked it in and covered it with icing.

The finished product looked beautiful, so she rushed it to the church.

Before she left the house, Alice had given her daughter some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the minute it opened, and to buy that cake and bring it home.

When the daughter arrived at the sale, the attractive cake had already been sold.

Alice was beside herself.

The next day, Alice was invited to a friend’s home where two tables of bridge were to be played that afternoon.

After the game, a fancy lunch was served, and to top it off, the cake in question was presented for dessert.

Alice saw the cake, she started to get out of her chair to rush into the kitchen to tell her hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, one of the other ladies said, “What a beautiful cake!”

Alice sat back down in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent church member) say, “Thank you, I baked it myself.”

*Submitted by: Iris Bates
Springdale, AR*

Special Prayers - continued:

Kaitlyn Schwartz – the 3 month old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Schwartz (formerly of Dover) is in a Minnesota Children’s Hospital, had a tumor removed from spine, awaiting biopsy results to regulate chemo treatments. Also Granddaughter of Sonja Brent, Russellville, AR.

Events

“In Search of the Lord’s Way”

Now 24/7

The Search Program can be accessed at any time on its website:

www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon’s weekly lessons can be seen and heard any time in this area on KATV, Channel 4 on Sundays at 8:00 AM.

YOUTH NIGHT

Dover Church of Christ
August 7th, after Sunday evening services
Hostess: Tabatha Turner

MEALS ON WHEELS

Dover Church of Christ
August 8th thru 12th
Monday thru Friday

Mark Your Calendars

Lawn Care

Friday, August 12th

John Myers
Troy Curtis

FOOD BARREL

Items are needed for our Food Barrel.

Our inventory is very low.

Ladies Night

Dover Church of Christ
Thursday
August 18, 7:00PM

Hostess:
Marilyn Veasman

CONGRATULATIONS

The Dover Church of Christ Ladies Softball Team received the Division II Women’s Sportsmanship Award of the Russellville Church Softball League for 2005.
Way – to – Go!
We are proud of you!!!

AUGUST Birthdays

01	Jacob Boley Connor Chance
02	Ana Marie Lawley John Meyers
03	Frances Kennedy
05	Pauline Dale Kimberly Hon
06	Josh Pennington
13	Blake Forehand
14	Russell Boley Carolyn Clark
15	Lacey Hon
19	Drew Walters Creek Jackson
20	Makyah Bushea
21	Lois Boley Donny Forehand Merrell Shoptaw
25	Corey Hottinger Jana McGuire
27	Shirlie Chadwick
28	Steve Pennington
29	Troy Curtis
31	Dennis Whiteside Matthew Roberts

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

Singles’ Breakfast
Every Saturday
9:00 AM
Dewayne’s
Dover, AR

THOSE TO SERVE

August 7, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Brett Walters
Blake Walters

Communion

Podium: Alan Boatright
Serve: James Chadwick
Jim Killer
John Myers
Lawrence Boley

Scripture Reading

Marion Helton

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Robert Lee
Dennis Whiteside

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Alan and Sandra Boatright

Communion to Shut-Ins

Jim Killer
Earl Whitted

Greeters

Jim and JoAnn Killer

Wednesday Night Devotional

August 10, 2005
Earl Whitted

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
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Deacons:

Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Charlene Clark
Cara Williams

Sunday Service: Leigh Anne Forehand

Wednesday Class: Pat McAlister

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