

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All! By Edd Sterchi

Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All! Many decades ago, on a Sunday morning, I was in a 15 passenger van with a member of the local congregation picking up kids to bring them to Bible study. I remember it as if it were yesterday. The van was packed to the gills with children, and my job was crowd control. It must have been a full moon the night before and/or the kids must have had extra sugar in their cereal that morning, for they were rowdy and getting out of hand. As a fairly young and somewhat inexperienced Christian, I was doing the best I could, but was losing the battle. Luther, who was driving the van and was a song leader as well as a deacon, turned to his vast repertoire of songs and said to me with a big smile on his face, “Remember Edd, heaven will surely be worth it all.”

I have taken the lesson learned that day with me all of my Christian life. There have been many times when things weren't going my way and I would harken back to that day and those words: “Heaven will surely be worth it all.”

When you have to deal with that difficult person again, remember: “Heaven will surely be worth it all.” When you have that task to do that brings dread, remember: “Heaven will surely be worth it all.” When that temptation comes that is difficult to deal with, remember: “Heaven will surely be worth it all.” When

hard times hit and hope seems far away, remember: “Heaven will surely be worth it all.” When you want to give up, give in, or give out, don't! Just remember: “Heaven will surely be worth it all.”

Take a few moments and read 1 Peter 1:3-9 very carefully. Continued on next page ...

SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
When Shovels Break
8:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thru the Bible in 52
Weeks - 2 Peter
9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Study of the Book of Acts
7:00 PM



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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Living for Christ is an Uphill Climb

By Mike Riley

There's no question that living for Christ is an uphill climb — a climb marked by triumph over our weaknesses by God's grace (2 Corinthians 5:8-15). Like the apostle Paul, we will never achieve a level of spirituality where we can say, "I have arrived, and this is where I'll stay" (cf. Philippians 3:12-14).

Our quest is to daily conform to the image of Jesus (Gal. 2:20; cf. 2 Corinthians 5:15). Our prayer should be, "Lord, help us to be better Christians tomorrow than we were today."

We must follow Paul's admonition to:

"Not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God" (Romans 6:12-13).

Sin that was a part of our lives before we became a child of God, is no longer practiced (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; cf. 1 John 3:7-9). We have been "created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Ephesians 2:10), putting on the "new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:24 KJV).

We live a life that is "right" before God, simply because God knows what's best for us (cf. Deuteronomy 6:24-25; Deuteronomy 10:12-13); cf. Romans 10:1-3).

We never want to self-righteously proclaim ourselves better than others; but we do proclaim ourselves "better" than we once were. As one old southern preacher so aptly stated:

"We ain't what we oughta be, and we ain't what we're gonna be; but, thank the Lord, we ain't what we used to be."

As Christians, let us always be aware of Who we belong to (1 Peter 2:1-10), daring to dream of what we can be in the Lord (2 Peter 1:1-4, "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."), as we become "even more diligent to make your calling and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10), always "pressing toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

That uphill climb we mentioned at the beginning of this article, is indeed a challenging one, but the outcome will be worth every difficult step taken when we see that "inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away" (1 Peter 1:4).

1 Peter 1:3 - 9

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."

Let it soak in deeply. Let it give you the strength to keep you going no matter what happens. Trials? Troubles? Tribulations? Turmoil? Hang in there, Christian – and even smile! You can make it through it, and remember: Heaven will surely be worth it all!

"Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless" (2 Per 2:13-14)

Announcements

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Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Maxine Powell)

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Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2021 is in foyer
- July - Potts
- August - Montgomery
- September - Thrash

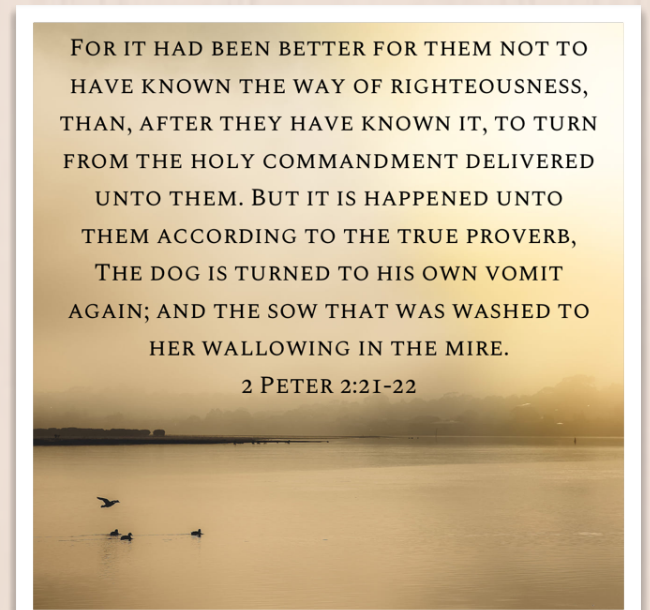
July Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Tristan Rowell - 6th
- Chuck Rowell - 11th
- Ryan & Kylie Joiner - 26th

Every Sunday Morning

@ 8:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



FOR IT HAD BEEN BETTER FOR THEM NOT TO HAVE KNOWN THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, THAN, AFTER THEY HAVE KNOWN IT, TO TURN FROM THE HOLY COMMANDMENT DELIVERED UNTO THEM. BUT IT IS HAPPENED UNTO THEM ACCORDING TO THE TRUE PROVERB, THE DOG IS TURNED TO HIS OWN VOMIT AGAIN; AND THE SOW THAT WAS WASHED TO HER WALLOWING IN THE MIRE.
2 PETER 2:21-22

Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Don Potts
 Scripture Reading - 2 Peter 2:1 - 9
 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
 Head of Lord's Table - Scott Williams
 Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts
 Scripture Reading - Mark 15:33 - 39
 Closing Prayer - Rick Carlberg



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