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Beginning Our 65th Year Dec. 4, 2022

Goals For 2023
Theme
 "Courageous Christians in 2023!"
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40:
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40: Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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Brad Burkhart
 will be preaching today.

We are on week # 45 of our daily Bible reading.

Prayer List
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward,
 Macon Ward, Debby Spears
 (Roseann's sis) Sharon
 Thompson, Kay Thompson
 Gene Ward & Beth McFarland
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

THIS MONTH:
Christ Giving Us Courage
Acts 28:15, Heb. 9:14

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
I Cor.11:23-29

Scripture Reading
 AM: John 9:1-7
 PM: Mark 8:34-36

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month 0
 Invites last month: 12
 Visitors YTD: 12

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Our Theme for 2023...
"Courageous Christians!"
 1 Cor. 16:13
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I Was Blind and Now I See

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

VISITORS
 Please fill out a visitor's card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.



Text: John 9:1-39

I. Blinded by Suffering 9:1-7

II. Blind to the Works of God 9:8-9

III. Blinded by the Truth 9:10-17

IV. Blinded by Fear 9:18-23

V. Blinded by Pride 9:24-34

VI. Blind Towrd Mercy 9:40

VII. Seeing Salvation 9:35-39

NOTES: _____

Brad Burkhart

The Value of a Soul

Text: Mark 8:36, 12:20-31

I. What Jesus says about the soul- Mark 8:36

II. Compare that value to the body- Psalm 139:14

III. Do we see value the way God sees value? Mark 8:36?

IV. Mark 8:36 + Mark 12:20-31

- A. Do you think of other souls as that valuable?

V. Why do we not value souls like Jesus wants?

VI. Fear of loss

A. Physical relationships

1. Matthew 16:21-23
2. Matthew 3:20-34

B. Comfort

1. Matthew 8:20
2. John 2:1-11
3. Mark 1:35-39

C. Self

1. Matthew 16:24

NOTES: _____

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“Write: ‘Blessed Are the dead

WHO die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.” (Rev. 14:13 NKJV)

The apostle John, peering through the portals of revelation, penned these words in a chapter that tells of the victory of the faithful in Christ over the influence of Satan and his followers. The faithful in Christ are described as virgins, undefiled, followers of the Lamb “wherever he goes.” Their mouths are described as free of guile and they are found “without fault” before the throne of God (Rev. 14:5). Those who follow after Satan, by contrast, are doomed to the same fate as their mentor. The wrath of God will be poured out “full strength” on Satan and “he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb (Rev. 14:10). Further, his followers will be tormented “forever and ever” and “will have no rest day or night.” (Rev. 14:11).

I have visited three funeral homes and attended three funerals within the past month. All of those who died were family members of either friends or associates of mine. I felt great empathy for the survivors as they greeted the mourners. Speaking from experience, it is as difficult to know how to receive the condolences of others as it is to offer them. We sometimes just do not know what to say or how to say it. We pay our respects, knowing that someday we will be in their place, dealing with the death of our loved one.

Revelation 14:13 is a powerful verse. I cannot help but call it to mind with every visit to the funeral home and with every trip to the cemetery. Let’s think about this verse very carefully, for it teaches important lessons about life and death.

First, John was commanded to “write.” This command had been given earlier by the Lord in chapter 1, verses 11 and 19 as John is commissioned to record the vision he is about to receive from the Lord and send his record to the seven churches of Asia. Additional commands to “write” may be found in chapters two and three as each church is evaluated by the Lord and the evaluation is recorded by John. In chapter 14 it is the Spirit of God, speaking from heaven who commands John to “write.” Evidently that which he is to write must have special significance, mandating this special command.

Second, John was commanded to write “blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.” Notice that this statement is not referring to all the dead, only those who “die in the Lord.” These are those who stand in contrast to those who followed Satan in verses 9-11(their fate was eternal torment with fire and brimstone (vss 10,11)). Who are these who “die in the Lord?” Obviously, John is writing of those who are “in Christ” (2 Tim. 2:10), the saved, those spoken of who have “died in Christ” (1 Thess. 4:16). There is great blessing promised to those who die in the Lord!

Third, the Spirit affirms that in death, those “in the Lord” will rest. Life on this earth is but for a short period of time (Ps. 90:10; James 4:14). But it is a time for labor. Jesus pointed this out in John 9:4 as he described his own mission of doing the work of Him who sent him while time and opportunity was available. Life is full of tiring days, but for the Christian, one who dies “in the Lord” a time of rest awaits. This should provide comfort to each of us as we contemplate our own deaths.

Fourth, the Spirit affirms that though dead, “their works follow them.” This fact demands our most serious consideration. Your life **will** leave an example before others. It may be one worthy of emulation or one worthy of avoidance. Nonetheless, there will be those surviving you who will have your influence indelibly impressed upon them. Consider then Peter’s rhetorical question in 2 Peter 3:11, “...*what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,...?*” Have you considered the fact that your works will follow you?

The next time you visit the funeral home, attend a funeral or visit the cemetery, think about Rev. 14:13. May it be said of you some day, ‘**Blessed is _____ who died in the Lord.**’

Steve Nale 10/28/01