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COMPASS

**Using God's Word to Chart The Course
Of A Congregation**

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April 29, 2018

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Ken Mears

Missionaries: (India)

Don Iverson
Jim Waldron

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM 6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class	
Tuesdays	11AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesdays	10 AM
Joyful Generation (Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

**You Are Invited To Attend Our
Annual
SPRING GOSPEL MEETING**

Gospel Theme: "Does Jesus Care"

May 6 ~ May 9

Sunday: Bible Class 9 a.m.

Worship 10 a.m.

6 p.m.

**Potluck fellowship meal immediately
following morning worship service**

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday @

6p.m.

Guest Speaker: Alan Judd



WHO CARES IF MY SOUL IS LOST?

Ken Mears

Who wants infant Doe? This story appeared in the news some years ago. The woman who had been hired to give birth to infant Doe did not want him. She wanted the money which she had been promised. The man who had contracted for infant Doe did not want him because it had been determined that infant Doe might suffer from some mental defect. The man said it was not his son. Can you think of anything worse than not being wanted or being loved?

Try to imagine what it would be like if no one loved you, or if no one cared what happened to you.

The greatest joy of life is knowing that someone loves you and cared enough for you to provide salvation for your soul. Yes, God loved you and me enough to give His son for the salvation of our souls (John 3:16).

David said, "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul" (Psalm 142:4). If my soul is finally lost would anyone care?

God will care if my soul is lost. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16). There is no way to exaggerate the interest and care that God has for our souls.

Christ will care if my soul is lost. "But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Romans 5:8-9). "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:17-19). Have you ever cared enough about anything to suffer a sacrificial death for it? Christ did. Who did he die for? You and me.

The Spirit will care if my soul is lost. "And the spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

The angels will care if my soul is lost. "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance" (Luke 15:7).

All good people will care if my soul is lost. The apostle Paul said concerning his fleshly brethren, "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, for my kinsman according to the flesh" (Romans 9:3).

Most of all, I will care if I'm lost. I do not want to travel the broad way which leads to destruction. I do not want to be with the devil and his angels and partake of the everlasting punishment which has been prepared for them.

It is sad to think that people are going to be lost. It is even worse to realize, that perhaps, no one cares. If we do not care for lost souls, then who will?

GOD'S DWELLING PLACE

Dwight Fuqua

While we are here “on earth,” we do well to remember that “God is in Heaven” (Ecclesiastes 5:2). Heaven is His “throne” and the earth is His “footstool” (Isaiah 66:1). He is “the Lord of heaven” (Daniel 5:23). Heaven is His “dwelling place” (1 Kings 8:30), His “holy dwelling place” (2 Chronicles 30:27). His throne is “in heaven” (Psalm 11:4). He “looks from heaven” (Psalm 33:13). He is the “Lofty One who inhabits eternity” (Isaiah 57:15).

To His child, God is not only “the Lord of heaven and earth” (Matthew 11:25), but also “Our Father in heaven” (Matthew 6:9). Though men reject Him and mock Him, we know that “He who sits in the heavens shall laugh” and “hold them in derision” (Psalm 2:4). One day His wrath will be “revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men” (Romans 1:18). One day the righteous will see that “pure river of water of life...the tree of life...the throne of God...the Lamb...” (Revelation 22:1ff). One day there shall be no more tears, death, sorrow, crying or pain (Revelation 22:4).

How beautiful heaven must be! I do not know the author of the following words, but I cherish them:

“Imagine stepping onto a shore and finding it heaven. Imagine taking hold of a hand and finding it’s God’s hand. Imagine breathing new air and finding it’s celestial. Imagine feeling invigorated and finding its immortality. Imagine passing from storms and tempests to an unknown calm. Imagine waking up and finding it’s home.”

The psalmist asked, “Who is like the Lord our God, who dwells on high... (Psalm 113:6). “But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him” (Habakkuk 2:20).

CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Dwight Fuqua

The first song I ever attempted to lead as a boy was “Onward Christian Soldiers.” At least, that was the song I intended to lead. A man in the congregation spoke up and objected to the song. I was paralyzed with fear. The regular song leader suggested another song. He started and lead the song, as I stood there too frightened and befuddled to sing a word.

What was the man’s objection? He said, “Don’t sing that song because Christians aren’t soldiers.” He was wrong on two counts: (1) his demeanor was wrong- he scared a twelve year old boy to death and (2) his theology was wrong – Christians are soldiers!

Paul exhorted Timothy, “You therefore must endure hardship as a **good soldier** of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in **warfare** entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who **enlisted** him as a **soldier**” (2 Timothy 2:3,4; emphasis mine DF). Was Paul not alluding to us being a soldier when he exhorted Christians to “Put on the whole armor of God” (Ephesians 6:11 ff) and to “Fight the good fight of faith” (1 Timothy 6:12)?

Like Timothy, every faithful wants to be “a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” We realize that the Lord has “enlisted” us as soldiers. The fact that we have volunteered for active duty does not change the fact that we are subject to every order given by our “Commander-in-Chief, the Lord Jesus Christ! It is appalling to see professed “soldiers of the cross” act like what our “Commander” says is “optional.” Faithful soldiers ask no questions and offer no excuses; they obey every command with commitment and zest. Origin said, “Now the true soldiers of Christ must always be prepared to do battle for the truth...” “Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before!”