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

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June 10, 2018

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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

JOIN US FOR
VBS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

GOD'S TEMPLE
June 10th - 15th

CROSSVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

VBS THEME: GOD'S TEMPLE

Classes will begin at 6PM each night.

MONDAY: Solomon Builds the Temple

TUESDAY: The Jews Rebuild the Temple

WEDNESDAY: Jesus in the Temple

THURSDAY: God's Temple Today-His People

FRIDAY: Pizza & awards



SEVEN WAYS TO BE HAPPY

John Gurtler

Often people make their own lives miserable and other people help them to find misery. Abraham Lincoln once said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HAPPINESS:

Trust in God: The person who puts faith in God has a source of strength and delight that a non-believer cannot understand (see Proverbs 3:5; 16:20). If we fuss and stew about everything, it shows a lack of trust. Jesus told Martha that she was "troubled about many things."

Relish the Scriptures: See Psalm 1:1-2. Psalm 119:104 says, "How sweet are they words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth." The Scriptures always shoot straight. Tax laws change, the weather changes, politics are ever changing, but God's Word never changes. (See 2 Timothy 3:16-17.) The sacred pages give hope, comfort, and gladness to the lovers of the truth.

Live Righteously: "Many sorrows shall be to the wicked, but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about, be glad in the Lord and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart..." (Psa. 32:10-11). Titus 2:12 shows that clean living contributes to deep-rooted joy and contentment. People may mock you and deride you, but you possess something they do not have.

Worship God with Regularity: In Acts 20:6-7, the brethren traveled so they could worship with other Christians. In Acts 2, it describes the disciples as having all things in common among them: "great joy" and "praising God." David said, "I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord..." (Psa. 122:1). (See also Psalm 95:1; 96:9-11.) Worship is for the glory of God and the happiness of man.

Keep a Clean Conscience: (Acts 24:16; 1 Timothy 1:19; 2 Timothy 1:3) There can be no happiness when one violates his conscience. See Genesis 42:21: Joseph's brothers' consciences made them miserable.

Learn Contentment: The grass is not always greener on the other side. Some people continually fret and complain about the cost of living, their job, wife, husband, weather, politics, etc. Christians grumble. Philippians 4:11 states that a contented person is a happy individual. Without contentment, joy is only superficial.

Stay Busy and Constructive: Idleness breeds displeasure, restlessness, despondency, mischief. Happiness comes to him who works persistently, consistently, and diligently. See Romans 12:11. Effort expended and accomplishment materialized brings inward fulfillment. Beneficial work keeps the mind from thoughts that are negative and destructive. First Corinthians 15: 58 says, "...abounding in the work of the Lord."

How did Paul find joy? Paul found joy in seeing and hearing about other Christians doing good. Read Philippians chapters 1-3 and count the times you read the word "rejoice" or "joy."



"Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:" (Psalm 146:5).

Are All "Believers" Children Of God?

Garland M. Robinson

No, all believers are not children of God. In fact, there are scores of people who "believe" in Jesus but are not saved. To properly understand this question, as with any Bible question, we must "*rightly divide the word of truth*" (2 Timothy 2:15).

In the Bible, the word "believe" is used in two different ways. It is used of those who believe in the sense that they have a mental acceptance of God and Jesus his Son. And, it is also used in the sense of those who not only believe, but act or work upon the basis of their belief.

It is clear there are many today, just as there were in the Lord's time, who "believe on him" but do not obey his commandments. We read in John 12:42-43, "*Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.*" James even describes demons who believe but obviously do not obey. "*Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble*" (James 2:19). No one would think the demons in hell will be saved!

The Bible often uses the word "believe" as a figure of speech called a synecdoche, where "a part is put for the whole." That is, one thing is stated but obviously includes much more. For example, 1 Corinthians 1:21 says, "*...it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*" This is not just an acknowledgement of Jesus, but a full obedience to his commands. It is belief or faith that saves because it is an active or living faith. James records, "*But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? ... For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also*" (2:20,26).

Children of God are only those believers who OBEY his commands. Jesus said, "*And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say*" (Luke 6:46; cf. Matthew 7:21-23). Jesus commanded faith in Him (John 8:24), repentance of sins (Luke 13:3,5), confession of faith in Him (Matthew 10:32-33) and water baptism (Mark 16:16) in order to be children of God. Those who have left out even one of these commandments are not true believers and, therefore, not children of God! (<http://www.seektheoldpaths.com/qqa.htm>).

A GROWING CHURCH

Author Unknown

An elder called on a member of the church for a social visit. The conversation turned to the work of the church. They talked of the progress that had been made and how the Lord had blessed their efforts through the past years. Yet both agreed that other things were needed.

"It seems to me," said the member, "That the church is always needing something. Every time we meet, there is a plea for more giving and more workers."

"You are right, my brother," replied the elder. "The church is always needing something. I had a little boy who needed something. One week it was shoes, another clothes, then lunch money, bus fare, spending money. I thought he asked too much. He hasn't asked for anything for years now. He quit needing anything from me. You see, he died one night. And there are times when I would give anything to hear him ask for something just once more. I realized after it was too late, how much happiness I found, even in his begging. Perhaps you have never missed the church. It has always been there when you needed it, and you have taken it for granted. Frankly I confess I did not know how little I did for my son until it was too late."

So it is with the church. As long as the church stands, it will have needs. When it quits needing something, it will be dead. A dead church cannot offer a living hope to a dying world. The church that has no needs fills none."