

The Bulletin

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“TRUSTING IN THE LORD”

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I have volumes one and two of 101 HYMN STORIES. It is interesting to read the backgrounds of so many of the spiritual songs we sing in our worship to God. Many of the song writers suffered terrible tragedies and endured difficult, heart-wrenching experiences.

For example, Haratio G. Spafford (1828-1888) wrote It Is Well With My Soul after he lost his four daughters at sea. They, along with their mother, were on a European trip when their ship sank in twelve minutes. His wife cabled Spafford stating, "saved alone" - their four daughters had all drowned. On his way to comfort and be with his grieving wife, while passing through the area where his daughters had drowned, he penned the words of this amazing song.

Another hymn, 'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus, has a similar background. Its writer, Louisa M.R. Stead (1850-1917), lost her husband while he was attempting to save a drowning boy. She and her husband were having a picnic lunch on a sunny beach in Long Island, New York. While eating, they spotted the young boy drowning in the sea. Her husband charged into the water to save him-they both drowned right before the eyes of a terrified wife and daughter. In the days ahead, Mrs. Stead and her four-year old daughter faced a difficult life of poverty. It was after this terrible loss that she wrote the song, which begins with the following words: "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word; Just to rest upon His promise; just to know, 'Thus saith the Lord'."

Trusting God means faithfully obeying all His commandments. It means we have faith in Him that brings courage and confidence in our lives, while repelling fear. Trust means resting upon and relying upon His promises, with this assurance: "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

Let's observe some of our "darkest hours" when we need to be trusting in the Lord:

1. During times of WEAKNESS.

"Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10).

2. During TURBULENT times.

"You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You" (Psaam 26:3).

3. During times when we are AFRAID.

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

4. During times of LONELINESS and ANXIETY.

"Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you....Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (1 Peter 5:7; Philippians 4:6).

5. During times of TEMPTATION.

"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

6. During times when we are spiritually TIRED and WEARY.

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29).

Yes, we all face our battles. So the next time we sing this hymn, we need to ask ourselves this question: Do we "trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word; Just to rest upon His promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord"? When our answer is YES, then we can joyfully sing the rest of the song- "I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end."



Memory Verse Of The Week:

Psalm 20:7 (NKJB)

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the Lord our God."

"ARE THERE WITNESSES OF CHRIST TODAY?"

By Michael R. Baggett

"Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias" (Acts 1:21-23).

When Judas Iscariot hanged himself after betraying Jesus, it became necessary to appoint another apostle to replace him. It is important to note that the man who would take Judas' place had to be a witness of the resurrection of Christ, or resurrected Christ.

Today, we hear people talking about being witnesses for Christ and a few even call themselves apostles. I remember when I was coming up in a popular denominational church when members of that church went out into the community to evangelize it was often referred to as "witnessing." One might say, "We are going witnessing for Christ." There is a popular religious group that refer to themselves as witnesses, but what exactly have they witnessed? To go and tell someone about Jesus is not the same as the Biblical idea of being a witness.

Similar to the passage at the top of the page, we read what qualified Paul to be an apostle. Paul had to see the risen Jesus:

"...The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will, to see the Just One, and hear words from his mouth. For to all people you shall be his witness and tell what you have seen and heard. And now why do you wait? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:14-16).

"...I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;" (Act 26:16).

"And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God" (1 Corinthians 15:8-9).

Paul, or Saul as he was called then, was chosen, handpicked by Christ Jesus to be a witness of what he had seen. Saul had seen the resurrected Christ on the road to Damascus. Note, he was the last one to see the risen Christ to become an apostle.

After studying these scriptures, how can there be apostles and witnesses today? There cannot be apostles or witnesses in the Biblical sense today, so let's stop calling ourselves apostles and witnesses. We can tell the old, old story from the scriptures which these true witnesses left for us to study and to share with others.

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News and Notes: Sick and recovering: Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Chad Harris, Daniel Holloway, Debbie Keplinger, Sam Johnson, J F Dancer, Robbie, Sheila, and Sherry Doles, Sandi Poole, Nathan Cox, Sandra Oliver, Aaron Posey (Phil Campbell), Wade Butler, Wesley Trimble, Danny Cottrell, Jerry Trimble, and Kathryn Callahan's mother and Kathryn and baby (complications in her pregnancy).

Jon Smith got to go home from the hospital, and is still recovering.

Lanny Fowler— Paul Busby's friend who had a stroke.

Robbie Doles and her granddaughter Ashley both had the flu last week.

Karen Kennemur had her procedure last Thursday.

Conner Whitemore had wisdom teeth removed this past Friday.

Those Who Serve:

Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:

Opening Prayer: Blake Briggs
Preaching: Brian Meade
Sermon #1: "What's Your Reputation?"

Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:

Workbook: Fred Johnson
Author: Ephesians
Chris Reeves
Starting Page & Question: Page #65 Question #9

Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:

Announcements: Russell Briggs
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading: Tim Harris Jr.
Scripture Reading: Psalm 6:1-10
Song Leader: Dan Cottrell
Lord's Supper: Paul Johnson
Assisting: — —
Singing Service: Men of The Congregation Lead Singing
Invitation: Brian Meade
Closing Prayer: Sam Johnson

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.

October 26th:

Auditorium Bible Class: Russell Briggs
Workbook: The Miracles Of Jesus
Author: Mike Willis
Starting Page & Question: Lesson 2, Question #1
Invitation: Paul Busby
Song Leader: Dan Cottrell
Closing Prayer: Paul Johnson

“What’s Your Reputation?”

Lesson Text: **Proverbs 22:1.**

I. The Importance Of A Good Reputation.

- To Be Used Effectively By The Lord- **Acts 6:1-6.**
- To Become An Overseer Or Elder- **1 Timothy 3:7.**
- To Have God’s Blessings And Good Remembrance- **Proverbs 10:6-7.**
- To Have A Good Influence On Others- **Philippians 2:15; Matthew 5:13.**

II. Some Good And Bad Reputations In The Scriptures.

- **1 Kings 18:17-18** Ahab And Jezebel.
- **Ruth 2:8-13** Ruth.
- **Acts 9:11-15** Saul The Persecutor
- **Luke 19:7** Zacchaeus.
- **Acts 10:22** Cornelius.
- **1 Timothy 5:9-10; 11-13.** Widows.
- **Acts 9:36-39** Dorcas.
- **Acts 16:1-2** Timothy.
- **Titus 1:10-13** Cretans.
- **1 Thessalonians 1:8** Church at Thessalonica.
- **Revelation 3:1** Church in Sardis.

III. How Do We Get A Good Or Bad Reputation?

- **Acts 9:13-** Word Of Mouth And Word In The Community.
- By Our Character.
 - **Acts 10:1-2.**
 - **1 Timothy 4:12.**
 - **Philippians 2:19-21** Or **Titus 1:10-11.**
- By Our Words.
 - **Matthew 12:37.**
 - **Acts 9:1.**
 - **Titus 1:12** Or **Colossians 3:8-9.**
- By Our Actions.
 - **Proverbs 20:11.**
 - **Proverbs 25:8-10.**
 - **Luke 7:3-5.**
 - **1 Kings 21:25.**
 - **Acts 8:3** Or **Acts 9:20-22.**
- By Our Friends.
 - **1 Corinthians 15:33.**
 - **Proverbs 12:26** Or **Proverbs 27:17.**
- By Guarding Your Actions And Behavior- **Ecclesiastes 10:1.**