

"herald the good news" Romans 10:15

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HOW NOT TO FALL

There is no clearer statement in the Bible concerning the possibility of our being lost after we have obeyed the gospel than (Galatians 5:4) which says "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." God constantly reminds us through His Word to remain faithful and not to allow sin to reign in our bodies. Since we know we can fall it is essential that we learn the way to keep from falling. All Christians should live daily with the assurance of God's forgiveness. "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (I John 2:1). The following article by Brent Smith will be of great help in our study. (G.P.)

The apostle Paul wrote in (I Corinthians 9:27), "But I keep under my body, and bring it unto subjection." In doing so he served as an example of what the apostle Peter was talking about in (2 Peter 1:6), when he wrote that Christians are to add "temperance" or "self-control" to their faith in order not to fall.

We live in a world that is out of control and there is a great temptation for God's people to be lax in this area. Children are often not controlled early in life, are not disciplined or taught self-discipline and grow up needing someone or something else to control them. We live in a world where nothing I do is "my fault" and we are taught to make excuses for our behavior. But self-control begins with the realization that I am responsible for my choices and actions. We need to stop making excuses for ourselves and others and rise above a society full of compulsive spenders, drug addicts and sex addicts.

Self-control begins with realizing I am responsible for what I do and then I am empowered to know that I can say "no" to myself, to the devil and to anyone who tempts me to do something I shouldn't. Resist the devil and make him flee!

Self-control also means making myself do the things that I should, even when I don't feel like it. So as we add to our faith, let us take special note of those times when we are tempted by our emotions and desires to not be Christ-like, but we walk in Christ's steps anyway and do the right thing. Now we are growing in self-control!

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. I MUST BELIEVE

"But without faith, it is impossible to please Him" (Hebrews 11:6)

2. I MUST REPENT

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3)

3. I MUST CONFESS

"And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37)

4. I MUST BE BAPTIZED

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)

5. I MUST LIVE RIGHT

"We should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world" (Titus 2:12)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Worship at 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
Bible Class at 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class at 7:00 pm

ELDERS

Fred Barnett, Mark DeLong,
Rodney Newton, Ray Poston, Stephen Stilwell

DEACONS

Micah Busbey, Karl Dawson, Bob McIndoo,
Jeff Morris, Juan Nunez,
Mark Springer, Leland Steely, Tim Tapp

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TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY NEWMAN

Some folks you've known for quite a short space
 Others have made memories that you will never erase.
 I can't remember a time when Aunt Dorothy was not in my life
 She was there to see me as a baby and then made accommodations for my wife.
 She would often speak of my running around in a gown
 And laugh when she remembered the blond curly child who'd rather not climb a ladder but stay on the ground.
 Her big old house was a haven, a place to hang your hat,
 A place to eat a meal, or sit on the porch and discuss this or that.
 She was the perfect hostess, proper of course for her guest
 She loved to entertain as she put forth her best.
 But she was also known to be playful, quite an actor for fun-
 Maybe it was too much coffee, or perhaps a little too much sun.
 She was a mother of two but really many more
 Cause there were always others who came to her door.
 Grandkids, nieces, nephews, and neighbors alike,
 They would come walking, running, or riding their bike.
 In the summer it was a ball game in the yard or ice cream under the shade
 I must tell you it was the ideal spot where memories were made.
 Her journey followed a fairly short path from Herman Valley to Posey Ball Rd.,
 She knew how to do most anything and carried her part of the load.
 For many years she and Uncle Billy were partners, farming God's good soil
 It wasn't always an easy life but it was a fruitful toil.
 But life was not all about the farm, time for shopping was a must to do-
 Made no difference-antiques, clothes or some hand work she'd set her mind to.
 She was not one to just window shop, hands on was her way
 And most folks were quite weary at the end of her shopping day.
 Most will remember her days of volunteering, donated time she gave
 No telling how much money the hospital was able to save.
 But serving was her model to all who knew her well
 She always had time to prepare or even sit for a spell.
 Now to say that she was a "Puryear" would explain many a trait
 It seems that most of us from this clan have shared the same fate.
 She didn't mind speaking her peace, her will she freely made known
 But care for all of us she did and that she has freely shown.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY (5/20)

Opening Prayer:	Ray Poston
Closing Prayer:	Bud Simons
Devotional:	Everett Mays
Song Leader:	Jim Burke

SUNDAY (5/24/09)

AT THE TABLE

Fred Barnett	*Mark Springer
Terry Bonds	Russell Barker
Jim Hayes	*Bill Brantley
Barry Watwood	Jonathan Shockley

*Denotes those to serve communion Sunday night

AM Worship (5/24/09)

Announcements:	Fred Barnett
Opening Prayer:	Mark DeLong
Scripture Reading:	Jeff Morris
Closing Prayer:	Mike Coffman
Ushers:	Glenn Lewis Josh Fletcher

DOOR GREETERS

Rodney Newton
 Kayla Newton
 Lou Price

PM Worship (5/24/09)

Opening Prayer:	Stephen Stilwell
Scripture Reading:	Rodney Newton
Closing Prayer:	Greg Shepherd

FOR THE RECORD (5/10/09):

Sunday Morning Worship:	281
Sunday Morning Bible Study:	179
Sunday Evening Worship:	148
Wednesday Bible Study:	118
Contribution:	\$6372.36

An empty spot has now formed in our family, and the church is less of a force than before,
 She has departed this life and entered through another door.
 Her daughters have lost their queen, others a grandmother, sister, aunt, or friend,
 But we all know for sure that her death has not brought an end.
 Gary Puryear 5/9/09

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayer Request: Lula Haskins (Hosp.), Mike Coffman (having eye surgery this week), Debbie Newman, Kathy Riggs, Carolyn Clevenger, Breanna Duncan (Hosp.), Jim McIlwain, Marion Baker, Vera Sue Pleasant, John Kavanaugh, James and Gene Thomason, Joann Hayes, Wayne Moore, Peg Williams, Harold and Darold Teague, Dorothy Shiver, David Hayes, Caroline McShane, Karen Horton.

High School Graduates fellowship meal tonight: Bring a dish and stay for our fellowship to honor our graduates tonight after services.

Sympathy: To the family of Dorothy Newman. She was the oldest female member in the congregation at the time of her passing.

Thank You: I just wanted to say thank you for all the cards, prayers and your continued support. In Christian love, Carolyn Clevenger
Soon to come: 5th Sunday contribution-Building fund.