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*A road
will be there
and a way...
the Holy Way.*

Isaiah 35:8

2016

PRESSING
TOWARD
THE
GOAL



Christ's last word to both individual Christians and Churches Acts 1:8: "Be a witness!"

Acts 1:8

Perhaps Acts 1:8 is the most important call for believers today as far as carrying out the Great Commission is concerned. Forty days after His resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ gathered His followers on Mount Olive. His final words were His directive to the disciples to carry the Gospel to everyone everywhere. The sense is that Jesus told them to "be witnesses" in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the world. In essence, He said, "Don't even think about witnessing until the Holy Spirit comes."

800 years before this event, the prophet Joel looked into the future and said that one day the Holy Spirit would make His residence on earth and would be available for everyone who trusted Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Before He was crucified, in the final hours, He was in the Upper Room giving final instructions to those whom He loved, His own chosen disciples who would carry on His work. Every believer should master John 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. His very words were "I am going to ask the Father to send you another Helper (the Holy Spirit); He will abide with you forever" (**John 14:16**). Clearly, the time was drawing near for the Holy Spirit to come.

Why should the disciples await the arrival of the Holy Spirit before beginning their task of witnessing? Simply, they needed "power" that they did not have. The needed "power" that would come from the Holy Spirit.

The word "power" means ability or capacity. Jesus promised when the Holy Spirit came His followers would have a new ability. The ability had more to do with being than doing. The believers would "be witnesses," not just "do witnessing."

God grant us Hope and Faith and Love

Hope for a world grown cynically cold,
Hungry for power and greedy for gold;

Faith to believe when, within and without,

There's a nameless fear in a world of doubt;

Love that is bigger than race and creed

To cover the world and fulfill each need.

God, grant these gifts to all troubled hearts

As the old year ends and the new year starts.

Helen Steiner Rice

A Prayer

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen.

Ancient Prayer

TIME FOR SELF-EXAMINATION

If not you, who?

If not now, when?

If not here, where?

The power came from without, not from within. The believers were not to manufacture their own ways of proclaiming the gospel but to look for supernatural ability from the Spirit to make them effective in gospel presentation. The power came when the Holy Spirit arrived, not before. Finally, the believers were to be witnesses to Christ, not to themselves. They were to make disciples not to themselves, but to the risen Lord (**Matthew 28:18-20**).

There was a time in a typical Baptist congregation that there was great emphasis on bringing others to Christ. During my tenure as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Liberty Baptist College (now Liberty University), I served as the Director for Evangelism for the Strawberry Baptist Association for several years. Initially, there seemed to be some resistance to suggestions for the churches to become evangelistic. However, it was not very long until the "burden for evangelism" came. To promote evangelism, the Evangelism Committee scheduled evangelism rallies challenging each church to be represented. The last rally I attended before leaving the pastorate at the Pleasant View Baptist Church and my position at Liberty was at the Bedford Baptist Church. Over 700 attended on a Sunday afternoon! Frank Crumpler, who quite effectively led the Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board (now the North American Mission Board), and I often exchanged ideas about building evangelistic churches. A number of the ideas that were developed in the Strawberry Baptist Association were carried over into the work that the Home Mission Board was promoting.

One of the saddest verses for me that is used in the prayer seminar is **Isaiah 59:16**: "And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor." God looked down in Isaiah's day and did not find intercessors. I wonder what His written assessment of what is happening in our churches today would be. Likely, the statement would be "And He saw there was no man, and wondered that there was no witness." Seldom is evangelism mentioned in most of our Baptist churches today. I speak of "Baptist" because I know "Baptists" like the back of my hand! Surely, the "power" is still available! Let's be Acts 1:8 believers! Let's be Acts 1:8 churches.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

Forgiveness

I went very unwillingly to a society [in a Moravian house church] in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the **Epistle of Romans**. While he was describing the change that God made in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

John Wesley

The way to Heaven is ascending; we must be content to travel uphill, though it be hard and tiresome, and contrary to the natural bias of our flesh.

Jonathan Edwards

I can kneel

I cannot be of those who roam
In foreign lands, so far from home
Giving out the Gospel Word
To people who have never heard.

But I can kneel here by my bed
And pray for those who, in my stead
Have left behind their home and
friends

To do His work where'er He sends.

Author unknown

My Testimony

I remember the first time I met You.
I remember the things I told You.
I remember the first time that I knew
You loved me, Lord.
I remember the night that I prayed
By the side of my bed.
I remember the way, sweet way,
You loved me.
You gave me Your love that day.
You gave me all Your love forever.

As I walk down the path that
You gave me;
As I go following along,
Can the people behold the love on
My face and the glow?
Can others feel all Your love that
is real?
Lord, thank You for this day and
For Your loving way.
Then one day I will walk to the top
of that hill,
And that day forever I'll be with
You still.

**Doorkeeper Walt Sommers
Forest, Virginia**

Grace first, then peace

Paul greets the saints in both Rome and Galatia with the lovely salutation; "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (**Romans 1:7; Colossians 1:2**). In fact, this was his customary greeting in his epistles. One variation is in the pastoral epistles written to Timothy and Titus, he adds "mercy."

"Grace." "Peace." No two words could better embrace the blessings of Christianity. **Grace** (charis) was a common Greek expression, while **peace** (shalom) was the common Jewish greeting. **Grace** pictures God stooping down to sinful, lost humanity in loving and tender compassion. **Peace** summarizes all that results in the life of a person when he accepts God's grace as free gift.

The order of the words is significant: **grace** first and then **peace**. If God had never first reached out in love and mercy toward us, we would still be in our sins. But because He took the initiative and sent His Son to die for us, we now can have peace with God, peace with man, and the peace of God in our souls. **What a wonderful provision!**

As you step into 2016, our wish for all our Doorkeepers and readers is God's abounding grace and peace for you and your family.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS, WE HAVE PRAYED FAITHFULLY THAT IN HIS TIMING, GOD WOULD OPEN DOORS IN MONTANA, NEW MEXICO, NORTH DAKOTA, AND UTAH--the only four states that have never hosted a prayer seminar. WE HAVE RECENTLY SCHEDULED UTAH AND HAVE SEEN INTEREST IN THE OTHER STATES. CONTINUE TO PRAY THAT THIS DESIRE WOULD BE FULFILLED!

Reflector enters 62nd Year



The **Reflector** began as one 8½ x 14 inches sheet (front and back) to serve as a regular contact with the families of Liberty Avenue Baptist Church, Berea, Kentucky. The postage was one penny. I was a student at Berea College committed to high academic standards. Study time was long and demanding. As did every other student at Berea College, I worked on campus ten hours a week. The congregation had gone through an upheaval that caused a lot of wounded believers. To help in the healing process, I wanted to "pastor" the flock, but understood that I had limited time. In addition, I wanted to be in every home including the unsaved. **The Reflector** provided a vehicle to make the weekly contacts that I could not make personally.

As the years progressed, it became clear that all printed materials, including the Sunday bulletin, should not only provide information about activities, but each issue afforded a time for inspiration. The following is from the January 1992 issue: "The **Reflector** will help you in the discipline of daily Bible reading and daily praying. Many of the articles will be useful for both private and family devotions. We want to be helpers of your joy by encouraging and challenging you. If something

touches your heart devotionally, be sure to share it with others. Share the studies, the quotes, Notes from My Bible, Scriptures." We pray your lives will be enriched in this new year of publication.

For sixty-one years, I have had the readers on my mind. Myriad times I have asked the readers to pray for me as I compose the articles as well as chose nuggets from others to share with you. Many of you have said that you pray for Sue and me every day. I can tell you without equivocation that God has heard and answered those prayers. We are grateful. Thank you for receiving us into your homes.

WE COVET YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS ON OUR BEHALF, THAT THE LORD'S BLESSING WOULD REST UPON OUR LABORS HERE. LET'S KEEP ON WORKING, WAITING, AND WATCHING UNTIL HIS APPEARING.

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**AMERICA! AMERICA!
"GOD SHED HIS GRACE
ON THEE ..."
DANGER! DON'T BE
DECEIVED!**

Once we assuage our conscience
by calling some things
a "necessary evil,"
it begins to look more
necessary, and less and
less evil. **AND THEN
JUDGMENT! WE WILL
REAP WHAT WE SOW!**

Prayer

'Tis one thing to pray to the Lord,
Another to rest in His Word:
For trusting is more than a talking
in the air,
And faith is the life and the soul of
true prayer.
'Tis one thing to say we believe;
Another, from God to receive.

William R. Newell

**WE MAY TRAVEL THE
SEA OF LIFE WITHOUT
CHRIST, BUT WHAT
ABOUT THE LANDING?**

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NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 3011. Prayer is the talking part of a relationship.

Note 3012. Everyone knows that verbal communication is necessary for healthy relationships.

Note 3013. Prayer is a friend speaking to a Friend.

Note 3014. Prayer is a servant speaking to his/her master.

Note 3015. Prayer is the bride speaking to the Bridegroom.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

11/21--12/14/2015

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**Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:9
THANK YOU, DOORKEEPERS!**

2016: A DAILY CHOICE

"Seek you first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you." **Matthew 6:33**

PRAYER CALENDAR**JANUARY 2016**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1*Genesis 1-2 (Lesotho 1.9M)*

Mae Adams (NC)
 Marie Adams (VA)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2*Genesis 3-5 (Malaysia 30.1M)*

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 Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Bill & Karen Baker (OK)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
 Marilyn Barry (VA)
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

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 Tommy Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Johnny/Juanita Bernard (FL)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)
 Bob & Hilda Bondurant (NC)
 Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)

MONDAY, JANUARY 4*Genesis 6-9 (Mexico 120.2M)*

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 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Arretta Bruce (TN)

Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

George & Janet Buck (NJ)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5*Genesis 10-11 (Mozambique 25M)*

Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
 Mary Campbell (ID)
 Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)
 Joeretha Capers (FL)
 Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)
 Martha Cecil (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6*Genesis 12-14 (Namibia 2.2M)*

Gus/Janice Christofield (VA)
 Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
 Vernia Coleman (MD)
 Mary Columbus (VA)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)
 Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
 Foster/Georgia Covington (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
 Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)
 Dan Cravey (VA)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7*Genesis 15-17 (New Zealand*

4.4M) Robert & Charlotte
 Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
 Barbara Custalov (VA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
 Mary J. Dugans (LA)
 Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8*Genesis 18-20 (Nigeria 177.1M)*

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 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
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 Fellowship Baptist Ch (FL)
 William & Virginia Green
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)
 Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom
 (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
 James Fugate (CA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9*Genesis 21-24 (N.Ireland)*

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 Frank Geiger (HI)
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

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 Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)
 Velma Graven (KY)
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)
 Odether Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (UT)
 Charles Hale (VA)
 Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)

Jim Hengoed (CT)

MONDAY, JANUARY 11*Genesis 25-26 (Okinawa)*

Gina Henry (VA)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
 Jacqueline Henry (VA)
 Jack Henry (TN)
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)
 Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12*Genesis 27-31 (Pakistan 196.1M)*

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 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)
 Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)
 Ed Hurlow (IN)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13*Genesis 32-36 (Paraguay 6.7M)*

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 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
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 Mohan Katta (IL)
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 Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Sherry Klutz (WA)
 Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
 Irwin/Joyce Koopman (MI)
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Genesis 41-44 (Puerto Rico 3.6M)
 Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 Steven & Dawn Lambert (NC)
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)Phil
 & Edra Landers (OK)
 Charles/Cynthia Larson (MI)
 Bob Lawrence (MD)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

Genesis 45-47 (Romania 21.7M)
 Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)
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 Jerry Falwell Jr., President
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
 Edward Lucas (VT)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

Rachel Mann (NC)
 Manship Chapel (DE)
 Bruce & Vickie Tribbett
 Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 R. O. & June McHaney (VA)

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Genesis 48-50 (Russia 142.5M)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Ch (VA)
 Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors
 Terry/Sandra Metzger (VA)
 Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Gwen Miller (VA)
 Marjorie Miller (VA)
 Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
 Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Exodus 1-2 (Rwanda 12.3M)
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
 French & Laura Moore (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
 Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)
 Elaine Moser (MN)
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Exodus 3-6 (Scotland)
 Ann Palumbo (PA)
 Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA)
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Sandy Pederson (MN)
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 Ben Poplin (VA)
 Barbara F. Powell (NY)
 Barbara L. Powell (VA)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

Exodus 7-10 (Singapore 5.6M)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
 Marjorie Randall (TX)
 John Reed (NH)
 Dave Ricker (ME)
 Alice Riddick (NC)
 Joyce Riley (KY)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Exodus 11-12(SouthAfrica 48.4M)
 Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)
 Isabel Robotham (NY)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
 Fred Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
 Sandra Rumore (VA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Exodus 13-15 (Swaziland 1.4M)
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 Don/Marie Satterwhite (FL)
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 Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)
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 Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Leroy/Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
 Gene Steele (VA)
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 Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
 William Suttles (NC)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

Exodus 16-18 (Switzerland 8.1M)
 Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
 Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)
 Rose Tengstrand (VA)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

Exodus 1-2 (Tanzania 49.6M)
 W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
 Montez Thompson (WI)
 William & Katie Toney (NC)
 Virginia Trask (VA)
 Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Exodus 21-24 (Thailand 67.7M)
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)
 Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

Exodus 25-27 (Trinidad/Tob 1.2M)
 Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Exodus 28-31 (Uganda 35.9M)
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)
 Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Rodger Watts (WI)
 Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Exodus 32-34 (Ukraine 44.3M)
 Kay Wice (GA)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA))
 Jeff Williamson (FL)
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
 Eva Winebarger (VA)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

Ex 35-36 (United Kingdom 63.7M)
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)
 Fred & Susan Zeller (WV)

DAILY INTERCESSION

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 Kathie Connolly(VA)
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**Pray for safety and that
 the Word of the Lord will
 have free course.**

On the road

For the past thirty-five years, I have been "on the road" carrying out the work that the Father has assigned to me. In the annual reports, "days on the road" included days requiring overnights and days that did not require being away from home the former greatly outnumbering the latter. Although my wife, Sue, has accompanied me as often as her hospital schedule allowed her, she has "held down the fort" and "stayed by the stuff."

Doorkeepers have come along beside to provide the needed prayer and financial support needed to go. Above all, the power of God has been present with the Holy Spirit bringing the Word alive to strengthen believers in their understanding of the purpose and power of prayer. Several years ago, I wrote in the **Doorkeeper Report** that there had not been a single seminar when the unction of the Holy Spirit was not present and strongly felt. Having recently completed Seminar #1,673, I look back and can say that the phenomena has continued. Good is faithful and true! God is good!

In other nations, I have had traveling companions sometimes a team and sometimes one person (usually an interpreter). Not only have we been colleagues, we have been friends more like family! God is good! **For the past several years, the travel has diminished and will likely continue to diminish as the years go by. However, I would like to maintain the "Ready to Go, Ready to Stay" attitude.**

The Hope that Comforts Believers

The heading in my personal notes for December 1, 2013, is simply **SECOND COMING**. My thoughts were from **I Thessalonians**, the first book of the New Testament written by Paul. In every chapter, Paul speaks of the second coming of Jesus for which we wait in expectation.

1 Thessalonians 14:13-18 The Hope that Comforts Believers.

What happens to believers at the time of death? The word "death" means separation. The entity (spirit-soul) that lives inside the body has an **EXODUS** when he/she moves out of the body leaving the body behind to await the first resurrection. The **believer** departs to be with Christ at the time of death (**2 Corinthians 5:1,8**). Death is "gain" and is "far better" than living on earth (**Philippians 1:21, 23**). The **unbeliever** is said to be in Hades (**Luke 16:22-23**). There is no cessation of being in death. The **believer** enjoys eternal life (**Mark 10:30**). The **unbeliever** suffers eternal punishment (**Mark 9:4-8; Revelation 14:11**).

The rapture. We know that not all believers will die, but all will be changed (**1 Corinthians 15:51**). We know that there will be more than

In Loving Memory

"absent from the body, present with the Lord"

(2 Corinthians 5:8)

Doorkeeper

Marvel Mills (Mrs. Earl)

1/2/1929--12/7/2015

Lynchburg, Virginia

Friend

Betty Compton (Mrs. Robert)

3/7/1937--12/13/2015

Lynchburg, Virginia

one resurrection. At the rapture, only believers will be raised (**1 Corinthians 15:23; 1 Thessalonians 4:16**). The wicked dead will be raised at the end of the Millennial, the thousand-year reign of Christ (**Revelation 20:5**).

The order of events. "I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren (**1 Thessalonians 4:14**). The basis of the believer's hope is the resurrection of Christ. His resurrection is the pledge and proof of ours. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, so we believe that those who have fallen asleep in Jesus will be raised and will participate in His coming. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive" (**1 Corinthians 15:22**). Those who died in Christ are with Christ. When Jesus returns, He will bring those who have died in faith with Him.

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TIME TO GIVE PRAYER SUPPORT

Franklin Graham is going to the capital city in all 50 states to call our nation to prayer, to challenge Christians to take a stand for God's truth and righteousness, and to invite others to faith in Jesus Christ. Visit DecisionAmericaTour.com for the schedule and details.



November 21-22, 2015
Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Roberto Waisman, assisted by his wife Joana, conducted the very first seminar provided by JGHM: BRAZILIAN BRANCH. Seventy people attended the two-day event at the New Life Baptist Church. We believe that God is going to use this new work to strengthen His followers and churches in Brazil.

We are asking each Doorkeeper to put Roberto and Joana Waisman on your prayer list. The work that must come before all other work is prayer work. God has His special anointment on this couple with the gift of teaching. Soon Marcia Vincent will return from China to join them.

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A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office can not buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking!
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty, and in private thinking;
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,
Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land and waiting Justice sleeps.**

Josiah Gilbert Holland

Realities for 2016

The less we have in our scale,
 The more He puts in His;
 Because His hand the balance holds
 Level and true it is.
 His strength for all our weakness,
 His courage for all our fear,
 His love to fill the lonely heart,
 His voice for silence drear;
 His light when darkness deeper
 grows,
 His hope for our despair,
 His grace for loss and emptiness,
 For burden and for care;
 His full supply for all our need,
 His comfort for all our grief,
 His patience for our puzzlements,
 His faith for unbelief,
 Because His hand the balance holds,
 Level and true it is,
 Till we shall stand complete in Him
 With all the glory His.

Annie Johnson Flint

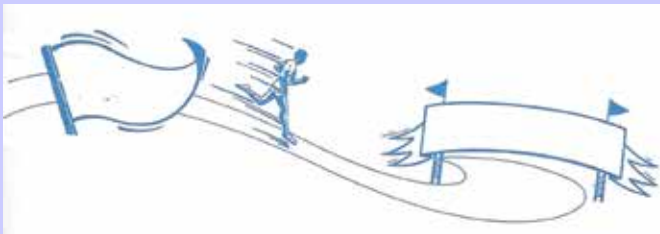
Morbid Introspection

The Word of God is a mirror the Holy Spirit uses to let us see ourselves as God sees us. Often that is not a pretty picture. Actually, many of those active in the Keswick Movement, a deeper life movement had the same conclusion that Dwight Moody had: "the closer we get to God, the more we see our sins that offend Him."

Having lived 80 years and labored in ministry sixty-three years, I have a word of advice. When you see yourself and are contrite, broken in your spirit, DON'T WASTE TIME IN MORBID INTROSPECTION. This is introspection that is unhealthy and produces self-centeredness on the part of the Christian who is seeking a deeper-life experience and the "abundant life." Certainly, such a goal is worthy and admirable. Ask for the "closer walk with Him." From the Scriptures, see what is expected.

The tangles of life

In a recent message our pastor, Dr. Tyler Scarlett, said: "The devil is yet to tie a knot that God can't untie." This is true. Is the one you trust the One who is ABLE? You can depend on Him. Heaven and earth may pass away, but Jesus never fails! The Savior can solve every problem, the tangles of life can undo. There's nothing too hard for Jesus, There's nothing He cannot do.



2016: VERSES FOR THE YEAR

"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended, but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and looking forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:12-14