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Bible Class LESSON TEXTS

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Joseph sold into slavery Genesis 37:12-36 **Joseph Ran Genesis 39:1-20.**

For the **wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom 6:23)

So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, **Is all well?** (2Ki 5:21)

Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy **the pleasures of sin for a season**; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. (Heb 11:25-26)

Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and **sin**, when it is finished, **bringeth forth death.** (Jas 1:15)

SERVICES

SUNDAY:	WEDNESDAY:
Bible Class 9:30am	Ladies' Bible Class
Worship 10:25 am	10:00 am
Worship 6:00 pm	Bible Classes 7:00 pm

Elders: Ernest Shelton	903/628-2201
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John David Thomas	Blake Tyndell
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Happenings in God's Family



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Sin Does Not Make Things Better

One of the great lies that sin tells us is that somehow, we will be better. The lie may concern different objects but usually takes the form of a comparative: "I will be richer." "I will be healthier." "I will have a better relationship." "I will be happier." The lie is that these things make us better. The word "better" is the comparative of the word "good." What makes us good?

Traditionally, the word "good" referred to moral excellence, and the word "well" referred to quantitative progress. Our culture, however, is in the process of stripping morality out of the word "good" and using it to describe things that the word "well" should be used for. So, we say, "I am doing good" instead of "I am doing well." This change in word usages shows that our culture wants morality to be pragmatic, not essential.

Jesus once said, "No one is good but One, that is, God" (Luke 18:19). Only God can make us better because only God is good. All efforts to make things better by practicing sin do not make one morally better. Sin may increase one's bank account or create a situation where one is "happy" (for a season). Sin may result in some comparatively pragmatic changes but committing sin does not make things better morally.

Let's put it another way. Having more money in the bank, or a greater education, or being better looking, or possessing a superlative of any quantitative measure, does not improve one's moral status. One may have all these and still be a horrible person! On the other hand, one may be poor, ugly, and uneducated yet be a very good person. Pragmatism does not make one morally superior! Only God does that through His Son, Jesus Christ (Romans 7:24-25).

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

OUR FAITH IN ACTION
Wednesday, Dec 8, 2021

Evening ----- 55

SUNDAY, Dec 12, 2021

AM Bible class----- 48
 AM Worship----- 82
 PM Worship----- 39
 Contribution ----- \$2,095.00
 Average to Date ----- \$2,837.04
 Budget ----- \$3,100.00

Servants, December 19

Announcements: Mike Raney

AM Prayers

PM Prayers

Blake Tyndell	Derrell Patterson
Jimmy Smith	Jamey Thomas

Lord's Table

Jody Thomas	Ben Dooley
Justin Arsenault	

PM Communion: Jody Thomas

Pick up cards: Maddux Tyndell

Servants, December 26

Announcements: Mike Raney

AM Prayers

PM Prayers

Johnny Thomas	Dave Conley
Derrell Patterson	Ernest Shelton, Jr.

Lord's Table

Jody Thomas	Ben Dooley
Justin Arsenault	

PM Communion: Jody Thomas

Pick up cards: Logan Wages

If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572

Please Pray for ...

Don Grider
 Mary Hankins
 Meg Shelton
 Winnie Tucker
 Marie McPherson
 James Love
 Clara Inman
 Marc Higgs
 Amanda Georgakis
 Charles Downs
 Stephanie Wages
 Norma Crawford
 Stephanie Lebsack
 Virginia Parrish
 Jimmie Thomas
 Eddie Wayne
 Parrish
 Weaver & Gerry
 Mills

Wyvon May
 Faith Salfen
 Gerald Watkins
 Robin Upson
 Blake Drinkard
 Keith & Helen
 Clark
 Henry Murray
 Tim White
 Kimberly (Shute)
 McDaniel
 Cayden Harris
 Linda Roberts
 Vince Hardage
 Mary Jo Orr
 Valerie Martin
 Peyton Clark
 Jon Schwiethale
 Art Schwiethale
 Dale Stephens

Birthdays!

Payton Clark	Dec 21
Derrell Patterson	Dec 24
Misti Thomas	Dec 28
Sylvia Williams	Dec 28

Anniversary!

M/M Ben Dooley	Dec 30
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Reminders

Our House to House, Heart to Heart mailout in January will have contact information including our building location and meeting times, phone number, etc. Please pray for souls to be reached and saved as a result of this effort.



Canned Chili

Having a Bad Day?

Well, are you having a bad day today, a pretty tough time? If you are, think about this. There is a story that was told of one little boy's rough day. While going to school he fell off the school bus and hit his head, and he needed two stitches. After returning to school he went to recess and ran into a classmate busting his lip and knocking two teeth out. Then that afternoon he broke his arm. As the principal was taking him to the hospital, he noticed the little boy clutching something in his hand. It was a quarter. The principal asked the boy about the quarter, the boy smiled and said, "I found this today, I've never found a quarter before. This is my lucky day!"

Every day has its problems, but faith can turn them into blessings. The Bible tells us faith is the victory that overcomes the world. First John 5:4 states, "For every-one who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith."

Mark T. Tonkery Camden Avenue church of Christ
 Parkersburg, WV

An Exciting Eternity

Do you ever wonder how you can live forever without being bored? One fellow said he didn't want to live forever because life on earth is so monotonous. His comments reminded me of a college professor's sneering statement to his class (a class I was in) that he couldn't think of anything more boring than to spend eternity "sitting on a golden staircase, playing a harp."

Well, his comments didn't shake my faith. I believed then, and I believe it more strongly now, that heaven will be a wonderfully exciting place, for I have concluded that the glory and joy of heaven will be found in our relationships, rather than in "golden streets and gates of pearl!" Job, the psalmist David, and John, the apostle, delighted in focusing on being in the presence of God. He will be the primary glory of heaven.

Though heaven will surely include many delightful activities not revealed to us in the Bible, the most wonderful element will be the joy of companionship. Just think, to be in the presence of God, the Son, the Holy Spirit, the perfected saints of God, the great Bible characters saved by grace—what an exciting prospect! So...let's enjoy heavenly blessings now by deepening our communion with God and our fellowship with believers. Here is one reason for that familiar passage: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together..." (Heb. 10:24-25).

Olden Cook via Nettleton church of Christ Jonesboro, AR
 Both articles via *Bulletin Digest.com*

posted on December 9, 2021

Please make plans to support De Kalb church of Christ in/with/during their Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders, January 9-12, 2022. February 25th, they will hold their 13th (minus one) annual Singing. Details are on the bulletin board.