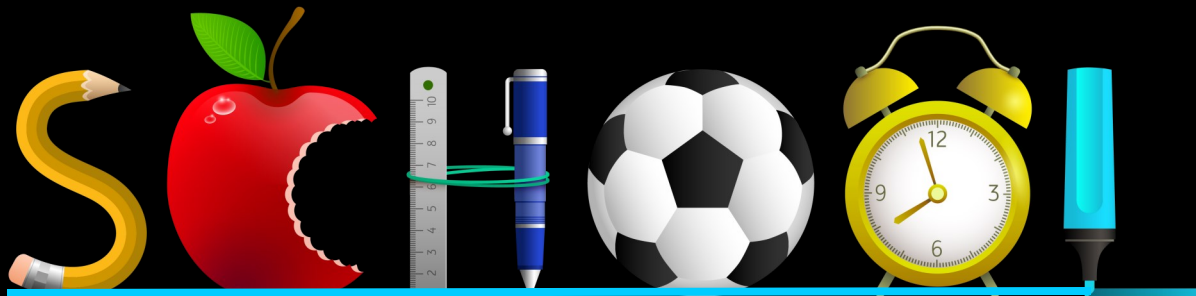




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Has Started...

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God,
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.*

2 Timothy 2:15



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Editorial:

Our Children

International Overseer
~John A. Wilkins, Jr.~



Psalm 127: 3 ***Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.***

Children are a precious gift from the Lord and a great responsibility is upon the shoulders of their parents to teach them and train them in the way they should go. I'm afraid that we can no longer depend on the truth being taught in our school systems of today. Even at a very young age, children in America are being taught there are alternate lifestyles in the makeup of the family. So many things are going forth that are a contradiction to the Word of God. In fact, they are no longer allowed to read the Word of God in school or pray to Him in public. We know with all the school shootings occurring in this country today, children are in danger, both physically and spiritually in school. They certainly need to be protected by prayer every day.

In the Old Testament, many scriptures can be found whereby children were to be told about the greatness of God and the miracles He had performed for those who lived before them. They were taught these things at an early age.

Today, there are so many things pulling at children.

Not only do they have their regular classroom studies, but many extracurricular activities are available in which they may become involved. Time seems so limited now that there is hardly time for family anymore. But how important it is for children to be taught about the Bible heroes, the New Testament teachings and how to get to heaven, which is our ultimate goal.

This great salvation plan must be passed on to the next generation until Jesus comes back. Paul wrote these great words to Timothy in II Timothy 1:5 ***When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.***

II Timothy 3:14-15 ***But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.***

Our prayer must be "God, Bless and keep our children." □



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The Finish Line

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Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. John 14: 1-4

Life is much like preparing for a race. A runner doesn't get out and run a marathon on the first day, but only after much preparation and practice. There is a special technique to breathing and other special tricks of the trade to be learned if one is to be successful in the race and for the Christian it is also like that. We aren't successful in the Christian race until we learn day by day to trust the Lord and depend on Him for guidance and strength. Once the finish line becomes visible to the runner, there is the second wind and the final boost of power to make it. This brings me to the swimmer who much like a runner has to prepare and practice until the challenge seems to be much easier in their mind.

For the Christian there is a lot of fog, a lot of cold dreary days, sleepless nights and lonely times of seeking God for those who do not care about their lives or the lives of others while time is

rolling on and the days are passing.

In 1952, Florence Chadwick stepped into the waters of the Pacific Ocean off Catalina Island, determined to swim to the shore of mainland California. She's already been the first woman to swim the English Channel both ways. The weather was foggy and chilly; she could hardly see the boats accompanying her. Still, she swam for fifteen hours. When she begged to be taken out of the water along the way, her mother, in a boat alongside, told her she was close and that she could make it. Finally, physically and emotionally exhausted, she stopped swimming and was pulled out. It wasn't until she was on the boat that she discovered the shore was less than half a mile away. At a news conference the next day she said, **"All I could see was the fog...I think if I could have seen the shore, I would have made it."**

Many have not made it because they haven't been able to see the shore due to the fog, darkness and other bad conditions around them. We must walk by faith and not by sight. God sent Jesus into the world that we might have life through Him, but this Jesus must be received and not ignored; He is the gift of God to us! When we are living in sin it is impossible to see the victory that is ours through Jesus Christ.

For when ye were the servants of

sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:20-23

Now once we receive Christ things begin to look different and we see our walk with Him in a new way. We see them through spiritual eyes that see the walk we should be in with Him. We begin to think about Heaven and the splendor of a place prepared for us where NO Sin will be there and the beauty will be far greater than anything we have seen while on earth. I can only imagine! This is that gift God promised everyone that would believe and receive!

I have spent my whole life trying to get people to believe this message, what will it take to get them to believe?

This is a walk by faith and not by sight. ***(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*** 2 Corinthians 5:7

Sometimes we see those who experience death say He is here, He is holding my hand and when asked,

“Who is holding your hand?” they reply, Jesus. Don’t question that because He has promised to be with us all the way even to the very end. Your experience with the Lord is just that, your experience and no one else’s and He will visit with you from time to time in a very real and personal way. I was called to the hospital to visit a very sick man not long ago and he was waiting for open heart surgery. The surgeon had explained that if he did not have this surgery soon there would be no way to save him. He had told his wife and two daughters that no way were they going to operate on him. I offered prayer for him and his doctor and while we were praying he reported later that Jesus and Peter came into his room and visited with him. When the prayer was over, he said, “I will have the surgery now” and he went through it all and is back at work today. Praise God! He came by just in time and I feel His presence now as I write this. He is near to each of us right now and all we have to do is receive Him by faith.

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:7-9

It is so simple to receive this gift from God. Just believe on the Lord with all your heart and reach up to Him in faith, ask Him to forgive all your sins and He will come in right now. Oh, that some would do

that as you read this message! Please write us and tell us if and when you do. I feel like asking you to receive Christ today, right now. He will be your friend that sticks closer than a brother and will love you at all times no matter what you have done in the past. Here it is in perspective from the Bible.

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 1 Corinthians 9:24-25

Now in a natural race the runner must rid himself or herself of unnecessary weights and things that could be a drag or hindrance so it is necessary for the Christian to do the same. We have a tendency to have weights that should be removed.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Hebrews 12:1-3

This race of life is an individual run for each of us, no one can run for you or can they help you across the finish line. We must run this one for ourselves and power and prestige are worthless hindrances to our

individual race. It is done with humbleness of heart and sincere belief and trust in Jesus to lead us safely home through the fog, cold and darkness of life. He has a way called holiness and only one can walk in it for you and that is YOU!

We must press for the mark allowing nothing to hinder us. Our excuses will do us no good when we get to the Finish Line, we must cross it on our own.

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Philipians 3:7-14

Stephen saw Jesus standing up as the stones beat out his life. —————>

Many have testified to seeing Jesus come into their room and even hold their hands during the final moments of life. I believe many have seen the finish line rope as they have made it to the other side where there is peace, no suffering, joy and the presence of God forever and ever. We must live in a way that pleases God in order to see the FINISH LINE. It is not for one who gives up, because they don't see the shore. We are told it is just ahead and we can make it, but the test is—Will you make it for yourself? We used to hear a lot of perfection messages preached, but not many any more.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought

a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:3-8

Keep looking to Jesus to guide you toward the finish line! You won't be able to see it due to the curves in the road, the fog, the dark clouds and other things that obscure it, but it is still out there. We must run this run by faith in Jesus Christ and trust Him to get us safely to it and I feel that those who have made it would want you to know that if you keep on running it will come into view soon. It will be worth every mile of the trip when we too see it just ahead! Many of our friends and fellow ministers have given up, no longer able to fight the battles against sin, can't see the shore. This is no time to quit, but engage in the preaching that we got saved under. None of them saved me, it was JESUS! □



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GRASPING OUR OPPORTUNITIES

Neglect Can Be Fatal Time Alone Will Not Bring Victory

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." (Jeremiah 8:20)

This verse of scripture carries a note of sadness. For Jeremiah who penned these words it was a dark time indeed. Foreseeing the imminent conquest of Judah by the Babylonians, he laments the pathetic plight of his people. Using the words, *harvest* and *summer*, he makes reference to a hope which the passing of time brings. It is the expectation that the ending of summer will bring forth a harvest, and it is natural to hope that the harvest will be a good one.

The passing of time alone, however, would not bring a solution to Judah's dilemma. She had not availed herself of her opportunities for repentance. *Sins which are let go and never dealt with are not resolved with the passing of time.* In fact, the conditions which they create can be expected only to worsen. With these special people whom God had chosen it would be only a short time until they would be conquered by their enemies and literally removed from the land God had given them and led away captive into a strange land.

Judah had not been without opportunities which taken would have prevented this tragedy. God had sent His messengers to give them warning, but this backslidden people neither respected nor appreciated the prophets' warnings.

Similar situations have occurred over and over where God's overtures of mercy have been rejected by people who have become blinded by the gods of this world. Luke records a sad account of Jesus' weeping over Jerusalem.

"And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation." (Luke 19:41-44)

What a glorious opportunity Jerusalem was offered! There in her midst was the very Son of God. He who was and is the source of all life was visiting her, extending to this backslidden city (and nation) hope for renewal. These people who were living in death, insensitive to the voice of God had within their midst a Voice, of whom it was said, "Never man spake like

this man." Yes, this was indeed the greatest visitation this people had ever received; yet, they missed their opportunity for life—life eternal! Not only did they miss the blessedness they could have found in Christ, but their rejection of Him was the portent of terrible destruction and devastation for their beloved city.

We are told that in less than forty years this prophetic utterance of Jesus was fulfilled, when the Romans led by Titus besieged the city of Jerusalem. Jesus said, "Thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side." The Jewish historian, Josephus, relates that Titus ran up a wall in a very short time which surrounded the city, and cut off all hopes of escaping. Jesus said, "And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee." We read in history that the inhabitants of Jerusalem were slaughtered and that Titus commanded his soldiers to literally dig up the city, levelling it. All of this was because, as Christ said, *they knew not the time of their visitation.*

It is a delusion that time alone will adjust our ills. It is true that with human emotions of grief and sorrow, time has a way of healing heartaches. But in those areas of conflict where we are dealing with Satan, in this spiritual warfare, it is foolish to assume that time alone will resolve all problems and give us the victories we are needing.

Today we are in a battle—the fight is on! The outcome of this battle has eternal consequences for millions of souls. It may be properly termed a *life or death* battle. To be derelict in our responsibilities can be fatal, not for just a few but for multitudes of people. Our adversary is aware of this battle's importance and he is waging relentlessly a *no-holds-barred* campaign. To oppose Satan with less than total commitment in all-out warfare is futile.

Paul's instructions to the church at Ephesus seem timely. "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:11, 12) Inasmuch as this is a spiritual battle our strength for victory will not reside in the arm of flesh.

To the church at Corinth this same apostle wrote, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not

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carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds)." (2 Corinthians 10:3, 4) Now, the battle is the Lord's, and it is only by His Spirit that we war against our enemy with any assurance of victory.

It is highly important that we be sensitive and responsive to the moving and prompting of the Spirit. We may be tempted at times to take things into our own hands, but this is folly. When Moses was instructing Israel concerning the conquest of Canaan he said, "When the Lord thy God *shall deliver them* before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them." (Deuteronomy 7:2) Now it seems it was *God's business to deliver the enemy* into their hands, and at that point it became *Israel's business to smite and destroy them*. Both God and Israel had their respective parts to perform, both of which were necessary. This type of cooperative effort may be witnessed today in the salvation of a soul. In something which we term *conviction*, God delivers an individual's enemy up to him. At that point that person bears the responsibility of dealing with this enemy through an act we call *repentance*. At that time of conviction by God (and not until then), through repentance, coupled with faith, a devastating defeat can be administered to one's enemy. The victory one hereby obtains is a victory over the bondage of death, causing his emergence through the new birth as a new creature in Jesus Christ.

Now this may serve well as an example in our continuing battle with the enemy of God's Church. It is certain that God is very concerned and involved in this battle. We are laborers together with Him. As He from time to time manifests Himself in our midst, setting the stage for monumental victories, we must not be timid. As the Holy Ghost removes the cloak from our enemy, revealing not only his presence but also his devious workings, it is at that moment we are given an opportunity to rise and smite him and utterly destroy him from among us. It is God's business to give us our opportunities; it is our business to seize these opportunities and utilize them in our ongoing victories.

To be faint-hearted and spineless, hoping that time will take care of things, is to live in defeat. When God *delivers our enemy up before us*, He expects us to be fearless in *smiting* him. We do not want to get ahead of God in matters of this sort. In our zeal we may desire to attack before God makes it clear what to attack. This would do more harm than good. But neither do we want to be slothful. God cannot use cowards to destroy this enemy. Victory lies in *working with Him*.

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Ask the Lord what He would
like for you to give...

AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE

True Spiritual Freedom Liberating Power Is Required

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31, 32).

Their response to Christ's teaching had been positive. John wrote, "... they believed on him ..."; yet, it was only a shallow beginning. They were bound by their traditions and by their own self-righteousness to a degree that was still holding them in bondage. They were bound without realizing it. So, His suggestion that they would be made free drew from them an indignant response: "We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?" (v. 33). The view they had of themselves and that with which Christ beheld them were very different. We do not have to wonder which was correct.

Their assumption was based upon false premises, one being that freedom was their divinely given heritage, their being of the lineage of Abraham. The other was that obedience to the ordinances of the law assured their spiritual correctness. Neither of these could provide for them the freedom of which Jesus spoke. He was more than a law-giver; He was the Life-Giver. "In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). The very scriptures in which they trusted were pointing to the One who would set them free from the law of sin and of death; yet they took comfort in their knowledge of the scriptures, never seeing in them Him who stood before them with liberating power. In their searching of the scriptures, with the limited understanding such searching afforded, they thought they had eternal life, never perceiving that these scriptures were pointing to a Life-Giver who could indwell them.

It was to these same Jews at Jerusalem that Jesus earlier had said, "[Ye] Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life" (John 5:39, 40). They wanted to have things their way, and they felt themselves secure. After all, they were of the lineage of Abraham.

There is grave danger when anyone trusts in earthly connections for his spiritual well-being, be

it family or church. Such connections do not give life. It is also dangerous when a person trusts in his own works—the keeping of ordinances, however scriptural or correct these rules may be. The freedom which Christ came to bring results from a life-changing spiritual experience. To Nicodemus Jesus described it as a *new birth*.

God's design for His Church is that it pulsate with life and vigor, by the life with which it is endued by its Life-Giver. This will not be guaranteed by the initial start its members have made; they must pursue the more abundant life that is being offered. There are greater freedoms to be enjoyed, as truth abounds. Jesus did not come to deliver a body of truth as though He was a mere carrier. He is Truth—living Truth, not a mere character of history. He is alive and He is visiting His people today. His message remains, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Even as those Jewish believers were bound by "the tradition of the elders" (Mark 7:3) and by feelings of their own self-righteousness, the Church today can be similarly bound, all the while boasting of its freedom. True spiritual freedom is characterized by life—abundant life, and where this is missing it is in order to investigate, to discover any existing bondage.

Satan would delight in our boasting of our knowledge of the truth, with little accompanying evidence of life. The Church is not a static repository of truth, but an open channel through which Heaven's truth flows to quicken and energize its inhabitants. It is not to be compared to a sealed container within which everything needed for its survival and function has been encapsulated. To adopt that concept would find us saying to Him who is the personification of truth, as He visits to give greater illumination for greater freedom, "How sayest thou, ye shall be made free?"

The written Word is very valuable; it was given by inspiration of the Holy Ghost. We need it to ascertain the certainty of our empirical understanding. But so was the Word which the Jews possessed when Jesus spoke to them. It also was given by inspiration of the Holy Ghost. They were

locked in to their narrow and limited understanding of the Word, however, to where the Living Word was rebuffed when He came to them.

Many Christian organizations have committed this error. They have the written Word and they have scholarly ministers who know how to promote and defend doctrinal positions, but they are out of touch with the Living Word. The spontaneity of the Spirit's involvement in their work is missing. Real spiritual freedom is not found among them.

God never intended for this deadness, this spiritual bondage to exist in His Church. He has ordered freedom from all that restricts our ongoing march toward our goal. *His truth is marching on*, and it is vital that each one who wants to be a part of *a glorious church without spot or wrinkle* get in step and be established in present truth. Truth is alive, it is free, and its liberating power must be allowed to do its work. □

Please Accept Our Apology...

This is the first time ever that our "Banner of Truth" edition has fallen short of our quarterly range. Due to medical issues this could not be avoided. We want to thank you for your continued prayers on our behalf as we strive to do our best for the Lord, His Church, and yes, for our wonderful people in His field of labor. May God Bless each of you!



GOD IS
THERE FOR YOU
when you need
Him...

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nellie Lowe
Magna UT



Robert Raikes was the editor of The Gloucester Journal who became frustrated with the inefficient jail reform in and around Gloucester around 1780. He became convinced that “vice could be better prevented than cured.” The plight of the children in the slum section of the city especially frustrated him. In a discussion with Rev. Thomas Stock, they came up with the idea of a school to be taught on Sunday, the best available time. The first class was taught to a group of boys with the Bible as their curriculum. Raikes and Stock didn’t just announce a date and time for their school, they went out and brought the pupils in. If the children didn’t have sufficient clothes, Raikes bought it for them. “What is the price of a pair of shoes or a pair of trousers when the investment netted a life in return?”

Raikes later started a class in his own neighborhood and several others sprang up throughout Gloucester and, yes, girls were finally allowed to attend these Sunday Schools. When Raikes used his newspaper to give a report to the usefulness and effectiveness of the Sunday Schools, he testified to how the lives of the slum children were being transformed. Soon other church leaders took note and more Sunday Schools were started throughout the country.

In 1784 John Wesley visited Leeds, England and noted there were 26 Sunday Schools with over 2000 children taught by 45 teachers. Wesley described the Sunday Schools as “nurseries for Christians.”

Over the years Sunday Schools have grown in numbers and have suffered losses. Presently, there is a movement that many, many churches have ceased having Sunday School classes. I, for one, feel this is detrimental, not only to our churches but also to our nation.

Sunday Schools were originally begun to:

(1) Attempt to reach children both Christian and unsaved;

(2) To teach the Bible as its only curriculum;

(3) To reach children for Christ through the ministry of teaching rather than strictly edifying children of the faithful;

(4) And would be taught by laymen, rather than by ministers or preachers.

We need to get back to the idea of reaching souls for Christ. Our goal should be to see souls saved in our Sunday Schools. We, as teachers, need to be on our knees praying for the anointing that we might see souls saved in our classes. I have served as Sunday School Superintendent and the best news I could get was when a class did not come out of class when the bell rang because they were having an altar service. I would always get tears in my eyes as I uttered, “Hallelujah, Thank you Jesus.” We need to have a heart for souls and a goal to see them to grow up in the Lord.

Luke 14:23

“And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.”

Maybe when Robert Raikes went out and brought those children to Sunday School, he wasn’t looking to fill up a church building or building a congregation. But he was looking at changing the lives of those children, realizing that these changed lives would change a nation. Do we want to see a change in our communities, our neighborhoods, our homes? Those changes can be made by getting them into Sunday School.

Matthew 28:19-20

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Our job is to teach the Gospel of Salvation and how to live it.

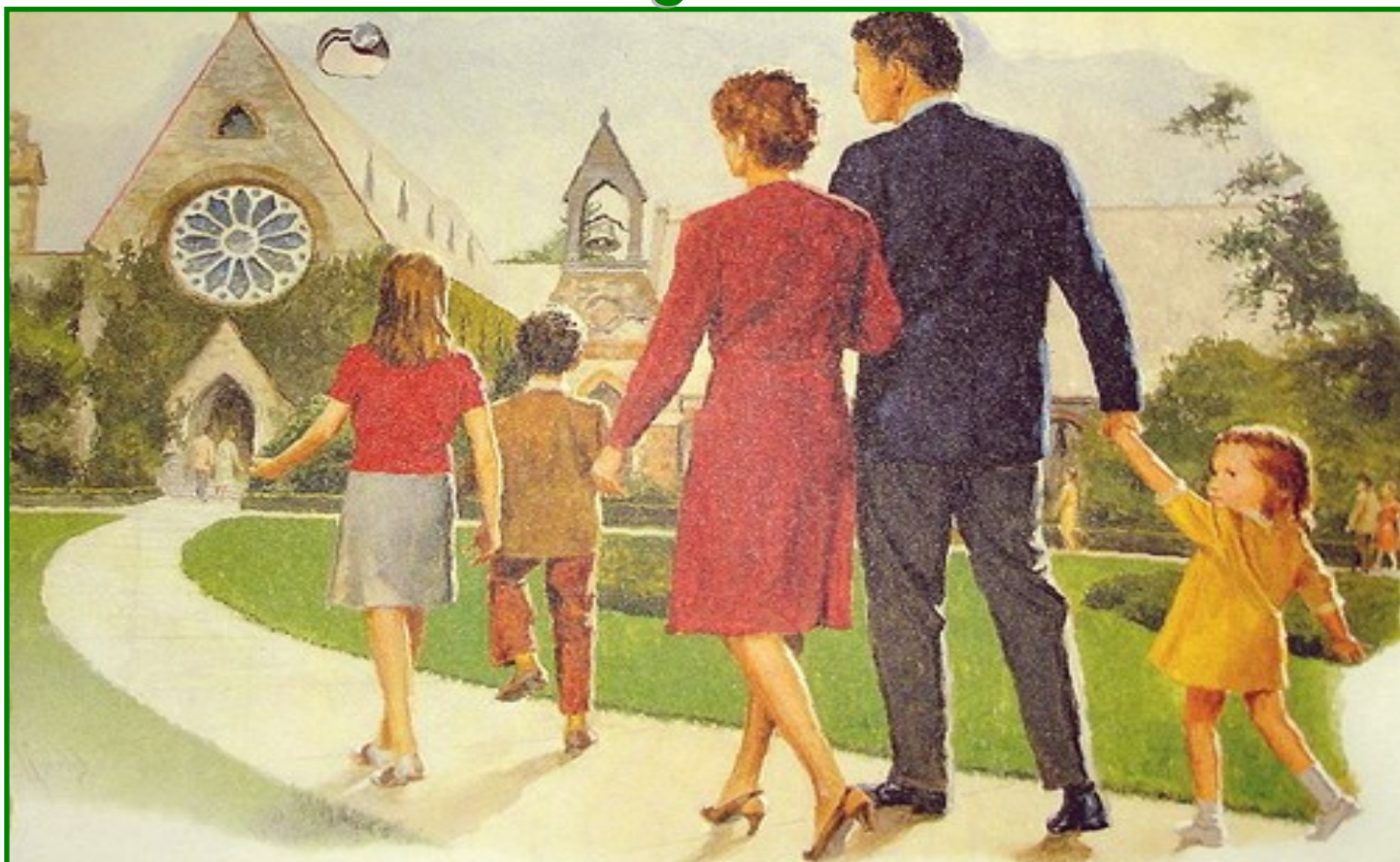
Growing up, my mother was our Sunday School Superintendent, and she would often start our Sunday School time with this little song;

Come to Sunday School
Come to Sunday School
Every Sunday morning
Come to Sunday School

Bring someone along
Bring someone along
Every Sunday morning
Bring someone along

Maybe we need to make this our anthem again. □

Come To Sunday School



Victory Leaders

By Emily Colón, International VLB Secretary



There are times where the world is like a ball of string. Imagine that each strand is a person and each person touches numerous strands in the ball. When you think like this it brings about the story of the two weavers.

The first weaver was a young woman who wove with a furious speed haphazardly weaving without looking. She would talk to her friends and would often become distracted. The second weaver was an elderly woman who was slow and patient. By the time they had both finished their work the young weaver looked upon her work with sadness saying, "I finished first and thought I did a good work but once I return from my fun I see that there are holes and mistakes in my tapestry." She then looked to the elderly woman who said, "A weaver who weaves quickly is no better than a shepherd who only shaves one side of his sheep because it would take too long to turn them around. You are still young my child. Sit with me and learn from me."



This story of the two weavers is like us in our ministries. Will we be fast and furious skipping through a service because we want to get to lunch early? Or will we be patient taking our time, teaching others, accepting questions and explaining words?

Proverbs 27:17 says: Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

Proverbs 22:6 says: Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

The strings knitted together to form the tapestry, the body of Christ they become unbreakable. When as a ball of thread we touch each other and do not have God to knit and hold us together we cannot as individual strings be the church for a slight tug could snap the delicate strands. A single thread though the color bright and vibrant, has a hard time seeing its place in the grand design that God has for it and we need to band together to minister to those around us, help them realize just how essential they are to the final plan. Sit them down and teach them the value of their souls. We need to knit together and form God's church taking the bible rightly divided. Love being our standard and Truth being our banner. If one string falters in its duty the tapestry will become tattered and broken. Don't be the loose string! Tighten your hold on God and his plans for your life!

Jeremiah 29:11 says: For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Psalms 60:4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

Food for thought: Imagine how valuable one soul is when both Satan and God are fighting for it.





Bishop David “Tony” Colon
12/19/1940-08/4/2019
Alamogordo, New Mexico

Written By Jannece Colon



Bishop David Colon has officially retired and changed his address to his heavenly home. As in 2 Timothy 4:7-8 states, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” Bro. Colon fought a good fight till the end and he finished his course. He never lost faith and thank the Lord, he has received his crown of righteousness.

David “Tony” Colon was born on December 19, 1940 in Brooklyn, New York to Alexander and Virginia Colon. He married Ramona Tapia, a New Mexico girl, on April 20, 1959 in Tularosa, New Mexico. They had four children: David, Virginia, Lisa, and Richard. Bro. Colon retired from the United States Army and National Guard and after moving to Alamogordo in 1980 established his own business. Soon after moving to Alamogordo, he became a servant in God’s Army and served in many positions in his local church and in his region throughout the years. Bro. Colon was blessed beyond measure to be a servant of the Lord and hold the office of Bishop of The Church of God. He never let someone come into his presence without talking about the Lord.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Ramona Colon of Alamogordo, New Mexico; 1 daughter Lisa and her husband David Shields of Las Cruces, New Mexico and their 2 daughters; 1 son Bishop Richard Colon and his wife Jannece Colon, their children Ricky, Emily, Kimberly, and Pascual; 2 Grandsons that they raised as their own after the death of their mother, Jacob Patterson and wife Kathy and their 2 children and James Patterson and his daughter.

He was preceded in death by his mother, an Old-time Pentecostal Minister; his father; 6 siblings; his daughter Virginia Colon Patterson (Member of The Church of God) in 2000; his son David Colon (Member of The Church of God) in 2016; and his granddaughter Heather Shields.

His son, Bishop Richard Colon officiated the services at our local church in Alamogordo, NM.



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