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November 13, 2016

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CERTAIN DOOM

What does the future hold? The answer is not as complex as one might think. If we believe the Bible, and I do, there are only two possibilities. Ultimately, we will either be lost or saved. What lies before us is heaven or hell. Some would therefore argue that the future is bright, not bleak. The general assumption is that most people will be saved. However, the Bible does not paint such a rosy picture.

Notice the following: *If we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again "The Lord will judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the*

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SCHEDULE

November 20, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joe Crone

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Tim Loughry
Todd Hague

PM: Paul Jacoby
Brad Forshey

PRAYER

AM: Brad Pierce
Close—John Dollison

PM: Earl Schramm
Close: Darrell Hague
11/23—Les Mills

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Tyson Brewer

PM: Kurt Harrison

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Tim Wells

Wed. 11/23—Sing

STATISTICS—November 6

Sunday Bible Class.....	99
Morning Worship.....	187
Evening Worship.....	90
Wednesday Classes.....	78
Contribution.....	4,470

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PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK — Applesauce

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: The Big Picture
Reading: Rev. 5:1-5

PM: The Danger of Ignorance
Reading: Acts 17:29-31

PROGRAMS

WJAW FM 100.9—Sunday 8:30 a.m.
WJAW AM 630—Sunday 9:00 a.m.
WMOA AM 1490—Sunday 11:00 a.m.
SEARCH—WTAP—Sunday 7:30 a.m.

SICK

Memorial: **Marilyn Kirkbride**

PRAYER LIST

Phillip Spradlin (Les Mills' cousin)
Robin Stacy (Marge's daughter-in-law)
Chase Theobald (Etta Ritchie's great grandson)

Added to prayer list:

Brenda Brimm (Lisa Mills' sister)
Lois Brackenridge (Dorothy Wilkinson's nephew's wife)
Joan Van Fossen (friend of Dorothy Wilkinson)

PANTRY

Pantry item of the week: Applesauce
Twenty four families received food from our pantry last month.

TEACHERS

Material for the winter quarter is available in the library.

RETURN TO INNOCENCE

Though the morality of the world around us seems to be steadily declining, there is still, and will always be, an innate longing within people to erase the guilt of wrongs committed, and to return to a state of innocence. Images of our past sins etched into our minds, leave us yearning for an earlier time when no sinful guilt burdened us. But, in reality, this is more than just a dream; it is something that the Lord expects from us. He said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3). Jesus also scolded those who tried to prevent little children from coming to Him, saying; "To such belongs the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:14).

We cannot go back to our youth, to the literal time when no sin had been laid to our account. And it is certain that no one who is of the proper age and level of comprehension is without sin. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). So how can we revisit the blamelessness of childhood? Many of the characteristics we might attribute to children are mentioned in the first section of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5). Let's examine a few of the "beatitudes," and think about how living by them can transform us from guilt-ridden to pure and sinless.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Matt. 5:3). Being converted to Christ requires one to take on the humility of a child. We must realize the hopeless state of our souls without Jesus. "Blessed are those who mourn" (v. 4). Like children, we must grieve over wrongs we have done, causing us to seek the proper path to make those wrongs right (II Cor. 7:10). "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness" (v. 6). Peter wrote, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (I Peter 2:2). When we make these initial efforts to regain our innocence, we will be able to find our way to God. Then, when we obey Him in faith (Rom. 10:17), repentance (Acts 2:38), and baptism (Acts 22:16), our records will be as white as snow. Do you long

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hands of the living God (Hebrews 10:26-31, NKJV).

The Bible pronounces certain doom on those who do not love the Lord (1 Corinthians 16:22), who do not believe the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12), who preach an adulterated gospel (Galatians 1:6-10), who will not obey the gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10), and who reject Jesus Christ (John 12:48; Acts 4:12). At least three fourths of the world's population automatically stands in rebellion to these commands. Of the remaining twenty-five percent, a majority do not begin to meet all of the demands set forth in the New Testament regarding discipleship. Many of those who profess to follow Jesus believe Him to be a way to God, but not the only way. However, the Bible proclaims Him to be the only way to life (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 4:1-6).

Certain doom awaits those who turn their backs on Jesus. What does the future hold for us? The answer to that question is found in our response to Jesus. Do you believe (John 8:24)? Have you been baptized (Mark 16:16)? Are you walking in His steps (1 Peter 2:21)?

---Roger

PARENTS DAY OUT

The Parents Day Out is scheduled for Saturday, December 17, 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., for children ages 12 and under. If you would like to help or your children would like to attend, please see the appropriate sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions, please see **Tim** or **Kathi Gerber**.

HOPE FOR HAITI'S CHILDREN

We are collecting 1,154 new Bic pens for Hope for Haiti's children. If you would like to donate, please put new pens in the collection bin in the foyer, or if you would like to make a cash donation, please turn your check into the office earmarked "Hope for Haiti's Children."

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

God willing, **Darrell Hague** will have our devotional this Wednesday evening, and **Todd Hague** is scheduled for Wednesday evening November 23rd.

Our annual *Thanksgiving Dinner* is next Sunday following our morning assembly. Meat and rolls will be provided, but there is a signup sheet on the board in the foyer for soft drinks, side dishes and desserts. If you have any questions, please see **Tim** or **Kathi Gerber**.

Next Sunday **Harry Ogletree** will be speaking at both our morning and evening assemblies. **Kurt Harrison** will teach my Sunday morning Bible class, and **Tim Loughry** will teach my Wednesday evening class this Wednesday evening. My thanks to each of them for their willingness to fill in for me. I know they always do an excellent job. Bible classes will not meet on Wednesday evening the 23rd. We will be singing that evening.

Our *Thursday Ladies Class* will not meet this week or next week. God willing, class will resume December 1. We plan to meet again on the 8th and on the 15th, take the next two weeks off, and resume our study January 5. Ladies, please note that we will not meet if there is snow or ice on the parking lot, sidewalks and roads. If in doubt, please call CARE LINE before venturing out.

I hope you have an enjoyable afternoon, and I will be looking forward to seeing you all again this evening.

RETURN TO INNOCENCE (con't)

to return to innocence? Why not begin today?

BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

Jesus being very hungry was tempted by the devil to turn a stone into bread. How did Jesus answer?

Answer next week/Answer to last week's question: When Jesus was tempted by the devil how many days did he go without eating? **40 days—Luke 4:2**