



Let's Keep Praying For

- Levi, health
- Alex recovery from surgery
- Anne, healing and new living arrangements
- Joan
- Brian as he struggles with Tinnitus
- Jerry M, Glen P
- Betty, in long term care home
- Dan's father, Tim F
- Francesca
- Ruth Zimmerman COVID protection in PNG
- Chad's friend Franco, cancer



Use this space to note an idea from the sermon that you would like to remember:

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"Quote" of the week

"Revenge never healed a wound."

—Guarini

Those Scheduled to Serve:

	Today	Oct 25	Nov 1
Song Leader	Glenn	Glenn	Glenn
Communion	Art	Chad	Art
Preaching	Chad	Art	Chad

You may send contributions to churchcollege@yahoo.com

Key to the Kingdom – Fridays 8:30 am on Vision TV

Bulletin: If you have news you would like to see shared in the bulletin, please get it to Art by Thursday noon (kingstonchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or 613-876-4605).

Visitors, Welcome to our gathering! Join us in worship and fellowship

In these days of social distancing we won't hug you or shake your hand, but we welcome you into our gathering.

Please join us in worshipping God as we sing, pray and read the Bible. We also share communion each Sunday remembering the sacrifice of Jesus who gave himself to die for our sins. If you wish to partake with us, you are free to do so.

We hold the Bible to be God's inspired message for us and hold it in highest esteem.

If a question comes to mind, please ask it. We will try to help you find answers from God. If you would like to request a special prayer, please let us know.

Who is My Brother?

In his 2003 book, Who Is My Brother? F. LaGard Smith discusses what he calls our “crisis of identity and fellowship” in Churches of Christ. Perhaps my quoting some of what Smith says will encourage you to read the book and/or think about some of the points.

One of the defining marks of Churches of Christ has been our commitment to the Biblical teaching that we contact the blood of Christ and are granted forgiveness of sins at the point of baptism. Yet, a growing number of leaders in the church seem to be saying that Salvation must be by faith alone. They point to teachers and writers as well as other seemingly Spirit-filled, godly people who have not been biblically baptized. We are being encouraged to fellowship them as God’s people, as brothers and sisters in Christ, as grace pardoned participants in the kingdom of God on earth.

If only all the current talk about salvation by faith alone were aimed at a different issue. If, for example, the question is whether our salvation comes via a *faith system* or a *works system*, the answer must be a resounding “faith only!” Of this there can be no dispute. ‘For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast.’ (Eph 2:8-9).

Smith sees an unseemly divorce being brokered between “faith clauses” in passages such as Romans 5:1,2 and Romans 6:3,4. It is clear from chapter 6 that Paul assumed baptism was part and parcel of the faith by which we have been justified (in chapter 5). For Paul, obedient faith included baptism. So to say that “faith in Christ alone is what brings salvation” is correct only if it is clear that baptism is necessarily included in that faith.

Similarly, divorce the “faith clause” in Galatians 3:26 from the “baptism clause” in 3:27 and you end up with the incongruous result that there are “sons of god” (through faith) who are not “clothed with Christ (through baptism).”

Smith suggests we are being encouraged to think first about our subjective feelings about where we would like the boundaries of Christian unity to be. Smith challenges us to make a case about salvation first without reference to fellowship.

Perhaps most important of all is the encouragement to go back to the Word as our authority if we would really desire to know what God would have of us.

–Art

A Daily Meditation about *Goodness*

- 1) Psalm 23
- 2) Psalm 31:19
- 3) Psalm 16:1-2
- 4) Psalm 84:11
- 5) Psalm 34:8
- 6) Exodus 33:17-19
- 7) Nahum 1:7

Questions to answer each day:

1. How can you summarize this passage in 2-3 sentences?
2. What does this passage teach you about goodness?
3. What is the Lord specifically leading you to do in response to this passage?



We praise God that **Alex**’s surgery went well on Friday. She was able to eat some crackers this morning. She had to have pain meds last night, but says she feels ready to go back to the motel with her parents. Her Mom has been able to stay with her. They will stay in Baltimore next a week. We pray she will do well as she recuperates at home for the next few months.

Ruby expects to get the results of her biopsy in a couple of weeks.