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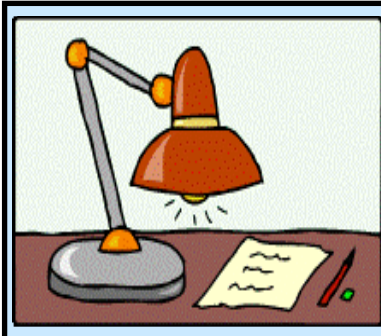
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From the desk of the Regional Overseer *James T. Smith*



What Should Our Attitude Be Towards Our Lord's Imminent Return?

We are living in a day when an ever-increasing number of people (both Christian and non-Christian) are engaged in discussion and speculation regarding the return of our Lord; including such topics as the ever-imminent rapture of His sheep, the great tribulation that is to come upon this earth, and His return to judge this world. We have our favorite Scriptures that we turn to find our answers; such as ***Matthew 24, I & II Thessalonians, Daniel, and Revelations.***

In response to His prediction in ***Matthew 24:1-2*** of the destruction of the temple, we find the response of his disciples in ***Matthew 24:3***. “*And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*”

Our Lord responded to their query with a litany of predictions of what would come upon the world as a whole, and what His followers would face.

For example, the world can expect:

Matthew 24:6 ... *ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars*

Matthew 24:7 ... *nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom*

Matthew 24:7 ... *there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places*

And His disciples, in particular, can expect:

Matthew 24:9 *Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you:*

Matthew 24:9 ... *ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake*

Matthew 24:11 ... *many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.*

Matthew 24:12 ... *because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold*

Then He concluded this subsection with His assurance of our ultimate redemption if we remain faithful (if we will endure unto the end), and what we can do to hasten His return!

Matthew 24:13 *But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*

Matthew 24:14 *And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

He also has left us His assurance of our ultimate redemption, if we will endure unto the end!

Our Lord's admonition to the Philadelphia church (and indeed to all of us) regarding our enduring is given in Revelation 3:11. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

So many people are now focused on the events coming upon the world, and on the challenges that shall come upon His disciples (those just listed above being examples). These are important for motivating us to want to be ready for His return.

But let us focus on His last statement (Matthew 24:14). There, He placed a responsibility upon His disciples to fulfill His purpose for this world—this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations. Only after the fulfillment of our commission (the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20), then shall the end come.

All the tribulation events (wars, famines, etc.) and all the persecutions that He predicted (afflicted, hated, killed) that we would experience as His disciples are in His hands. We will have to trust Him for us to be able to overcome (endure) these. The last item that He described is very much our responsibility. This then is what we ought to be focused upon! The Lord has promised to bring all the wickedness He described to a close with His return in judgment. This victorious overcoming will happen when we have completed our commission: this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations.

So, by all means pay close attention as we now see the fulfillment of all that He gave us (personally as recorded in the gospels, as well as through His prophets and apostles) to expect and to prepare to face (endure). But where we ought to be focused is upon the task He has left us to complete before He can return: this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations.

What are you doing to fulfill His commission? You may not be called to preach (e.g., evangelist) or to teach (e.g., certified teacher). But we ALL are called to WITNESS! You may never be a "Billy Graham" preaching to thousands at a time, but you can be used of the Lord in ways that you never could have dreamed. You may only reach one! But oh, what our Lord can do to multiple that one into so many more.

Read John 4 where Christ ministered to the woman at the well. He won one. Then she went and won many of her fellow Samaritans. Then they came and heard Christ for themselves, and many more believed on Him. At the end of that experience when His disciples had returned from procuring something to eat, He shared with them these words:

John 4:32-38 *But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. (33) Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? (34) Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. (35) Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. (36) *And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he**

that reapeth may rejoice together. (37) And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. (38) I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

Our meat likewise should be to do His will— to go and teach all nations. The Lord will bless our efforts. He will multiply His blessings on all that we would do. Whether you are sowing or reaping, do all for the glory of God, so that *he that reapeth may rejoice together.*

Fairmont Church News

Two of our sisters, Sister Alyce Silvia and Nancy Smith, were blessed to be able to go to the International Ladies' Retreat held March 8-10 in Pigeon Forge, TN. They came back spiritually refreshed and reporting good fellowship with the other sisters. God kept blessing and blessing all weekend.

We also would like to introduce our newest addition, Amaya Taylor Story, born February 3, weighing in at 7# 3oz. Congratulations to proud parents, Marcus & Jessica Story, and brothers Eli and Carson, from Dayton, OH.



Tabernacle Fundraising Reminder

Let's not forget to work on our Tabernacle Fund Raising Project. The time is getting close for our Heritage Month fund raising. I am encouraging our region to have a nice offering to turn in for this worthy project. Thanks and may God bless!

— Walter Lofton, Regional Booster

An Inspirational Mini Sermon

From the book, MUSE WITH ME by R. O. Covey

Citizens of Eternity

Right now we are determining where our eternal citizenship will be—*Heaven or hell and the lake of fire.*

Heaven will be populated by those who are washed in the blood of the Lamb, then *live* as He is not ashamed of them.

Hell will be populated by those who scoffed at the blood; and those who believed in the power but delayed plunging into the fountain; and those who *say* their sins are under the blood but their *lives* deny it!

There are whole communities that will fall into hell if you wait for them to invite you to come. They will never send you the money to pay your fare. They will not offer you a good home and bed and plenty to eat, they do not know you and they never will know you if you wait for them to invite you over to preach to them. And their souls may be damned in hell because somebody does not go uninvited. But Jesus died for them and wants to save them, but somebody will have to go and tell them.

There are multitudes of such places right in your states. O, my blood runs hot with holy enthusiasm as I think. As I muse the fire burns. I want this holy fire to burn in every minister of the Church of God till they will be unfit for anything else but to work for the Church of God. And I want every member to be filled with the same kind of holy fire as they stand in their place and keep the home fires burning while the ministers go, go, go and “Work for the night is coming.” —*from Minutes of 22nd Assembly, 1927*

—A. J. Tomlinson



Hersey Taylor Osborne, 78, of Seth WV, departed this world for his heavenly home on Thursday February 15, 2024. Brother Taylor as we affectionately called him, was a faithful member of the Church at Seth, WV. He loved participating in mission drives and various fund raisings for the church. He dearly loved attending church services and Sunday School until near the end when he was not able to attend every service, but when he came, he came dragging his oxygen tank behind him.

Brother Taylor wore many hats. He was a coal miner, farmer, construction worker, and he also enjoyed digging and selling roots. He worked hard at everything he put his hands to. He also loved to cook. He loved his family and church dearly and he will be greatly missed. He was laid to rest in the family cemetery on top of Williams Mountain where he grew up.

A Tribute to Taylor Osborne by his daughter, Sister Kandy Saunders

Dad came back into our lives after many years. I am very thankful to God that He put us together and he gave us the opportunity to get to know each other.

Dad was very sick when we first reconnected with him. He was on oxygen full time, taking regular breathing treatments and could hardly stand on his feet. He suffered with pain. I witnessed how God changed his life. He bounced back to life after he and mom remarried. His health improved. That was really something to see. He no longer used oxygen or the breathing treatments. And, since that time God has healed him and strengthened him over and over.

I have good memories. I remember our first meeting after so many years. We looked at each other face to face, eye to eye, very close and endearing. I remember my Mom and Dad walking across the yard to go home, holding hands and I prayed for God to let me keep them for a little while. I remember watching him from my kitchen window and how he engineered a way to lift a bucket up to the roof of the garage. You just had to see it.

I have many good memories, but the better ones were in church. First, He took the covenant and became a member of The Church of God and then immediately Mom and Dad were remarried. I loved hearing him sing with mom and praise the Lord and hearing him say "that was a good service" and many times he would say "I've learned a lot." "This is where I learn." He was truly a blessing to all of us.

He called me his little girl; his daughter and I called him Dad. God is truly our Restorer.



Attributes of Being a Christian

“But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law” (Gal. 5:22).

“For the fruit of the spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;” (Eph. 5:9).

Keep in Step with the Spirit

“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh” (Gal. 5:16).

Definition: Christian as noun

1. A believer in the religion of Christ.
2. A professor of his belief in the religion of Christ.
3. A real disciple of Christ; one who believes in the truth of the Christian religion, and studies to follow the example, and obey the precepts, of Christ; a believer in Christ who is characterized by real piety.
4. In a general sense, the word Christian includes all who are born in a Christian country or of Christian parents.

Christian:

1. Pertaining to Christ, taught by him, or received from him; as the Christian religion; Christian doctrines.
2. Professing the religion of Christ; as a Christian friend.
3. Belonging to the religion of Christ; relating to Christ, or to his doctrines, precepts and example; as Christian profession and practice.
4. Pertaining to the church; ecclesiastical; as courts Christian .

So it looks like we are supposed to walk the way Christ walked, act the way Christ acted, He is our example in every part of our lives.

Gal. 5:17 *“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that*

ye cannot do the things that ye would.”

Most of the time, our enemy is ourselves, not other people. Cannot we bring ourselves under subjection to Christ's teachings?

Gal 5:18 *“But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. (19) Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, (20) Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, (21) Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”*

Look up the things above if someone does you wrong. Does hatred pop up? Are you at variance with someone? Jesus, when they nailed Him to the Cross said, *“Father forgive them for they know not what they do.”*

Gal 5:22 *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, (23) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. (24) And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (26) Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.”*

The writer makes it plain how we should look. Do you want to be glorified? Do you want to provoke someone? Are you envious of someone?

Are you in the Flesh or in the SPIRIT ?

Eph. 4:19-32 *“Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. (20) But ye have not so learned Christ; (21) If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: (22) That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; (23) And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; (24) And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (25) Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. (26) Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: (27) Neither give place to the devil. (28) Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. (29) Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. (30) And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. (31) Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: (32) And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”*

Eph. 5:1-21 *“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; (2) And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an*

offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. **(3)** But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; **(4)** Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. **(5)** For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. **(6)** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. **(7)** Be not ye therefore partakers with them. **(8)** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: **(9)** (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) **(10)** Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. **(11)** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. **(12)** For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. **(13)** But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. **(14)** Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. **(15)** See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, **(16)** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **(17)** Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. **(18)** And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; **(19)** Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; **(20)** Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; **(21)** Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”

If you have forgotten your CPMA, it is \$15.00—Tabernacle \$5.00—Emergency \$5.00.

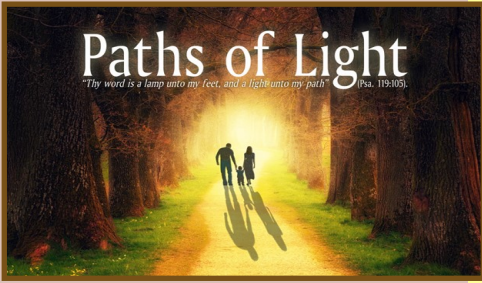


Wanda Sutherland
Regional ABM Coordinator

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. It is so good to know that in the face of all adversity God is still the same. He changes not. His power is never diminished. We cannot even imagine the ability that He has. We should rest in hope that he has good things in store for us, if we trust in his word.

Band Leaders have a part in spreading that good Word to the members. Just a visit or a phone call can mean so much to help someone who is struggling. Let us go holding forth the Word of Life. God Bless each and every one of you.

—Sister Wanda Sutherland



Sunday School Theme: “Paths of Light” Annette Oglesbee Regional Coordinator

What a privilege that God has placed me here in the Church. What a privilege it is to do any work in God’s Church. It is my great privilege to have the opportunity to boost the Sunday school department of THE CHURCH OF GOD. How important it is to do the work of the Lord. Do we all really realize how precious The Church is to our Lord and savior Jesus Christ?

I have an increasing reverent fear of God, when it comes to his Church and the government of his Church. Matt. 16:18 “...*the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*” Eph. 5:26-27 “...*that he might sanctify it and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*” v. 27 “*That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*”

The time is passed when the members can tread on her and take lightly our reasonable service. Romans 12:1-2 says “*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*”

We can’t just get by. We must make the work of the Church our delight and the desire of our hearts. Psalm 37:4-5 tells us “*Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.*”

Time is winding up. The Church will reach perfection before the rapture. Will you be ready? Jesus said in John 9:4: “*I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*” We are encouraged to make the most of every opportunity while we can.

Psalms 105:37 says “*He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.*” This reminds us of God’s completeness and total provision for his people. All the benefits bestowed upon Israel as a nation were shadows of the spiritual blessings of which we are blessed in Christ Jesus today.

If a great family feast is being prepared and you’re expected to come, wouldn’t you come? If you have a meal set for a king, why would you fill up on junk

food so that you have no desire to sit at the table and eat? Put away the things of this world that fill up our time and motivation. Let us fill up on the things of our Lord.

The Lord's Word is our feast. Jesus told Peter *"Feed my sheep."* Ephesians 4:11 *"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."*

Sunday School and the preaching afterwards is a feast of the Word of God. Seize every opportunity to fellowship in the Word, to grow in Christ, to grow in unity and get the work done! Hebrews 10:25 *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much more, as you see the day approaching."*

To love and encourage and pray for each other is every member's responsibility to the other members of the body and to stir up one another to love and to good works. 1 Peter 5:8 tells us to be vigilant because the adversary walks about seeking to devour. A lion looks for the one that is isolated. In Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 we are told: *"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."*

Every member should be at every Church service if possible. And when not in service remember: *"Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit"* (1 Thess. 5:17-19).

We need to pray for every opportunity to spread the gospel and to mature in the Lord. Come to Sunday School and invite someone to come with you.

District Convention Schedules

Southern District

April 13, 2024 at Page, WV

Northern District

April 27, 2024 at Port Clinton, OH



Welcome Springtime!

As a young man I used to listen to a wonderful old bluegrass song entitled **“Springtime in Heaven.”** One of the verses went like this: *“Oh, can’t you vision rivers of water flowing there. And vision sweet contentment with loved ones there to share. It’s springtime there forever while the endless ages roll. I’m longing for the moment when God will claim my soul.”* It sounded so good with the banjo and mandolin accompaniments. I still relish listening to it even to this day. In my mind’s eye I can almost see that lovely place as described in one of the lines of the chorus: *“Where the lovely flowers always bloom.”* This song put a longing in my heart and a spring in my step as I envisioned such a wonderful place and I always anticipated how wonderful it would be to be there! That place is a reality and being with the Lord in such a wonderful place will be Heaven indeed! But until then, we must walk the lonely and rugged hills and valleys of this cold unfriendly world.

In the Apostle Paul’s day travel was inhibited during the winter season. Paul expressed in the book of Acts that he had to “winter” in certain places, awaiting the more favorable travel season of spring before continuing on his missionary journey. “Wintering” is the seasons of our lives when we must wait out the trials, hardships, and disappointments of this

life on our journey to that glorious eternal life with the Lord in a beautiful and perfect place He has prepared for us. Paul did not waste his time in the “wintering” season of his life. He spent it in writing letters of instructions and encouragements to the churches and by visiting with the brethren of the locale where he was awaiting spring. We too must occupy until he returns for us by being about our Father’s business while “wintering” here on our journey to Heaven.

As we welcome the return of spring each year, we anticipate being able once again to get out and go places, spruce up the old homeplace, perhaps doing a little gardening and simply enjoying life again after a long, hard, and trying winter. Springtime is a time of new beginnings. The birds begin singing and building their nests again; the flowers begin to blossom again in all their beauty; the trees put forth their young leaves and blooms to encourage us and provide us with food and beauty. Our spirits and bodies are renewed with new strength and hope for the days ahead. Romances also begins to mature as spring weddings proliferate.

Just as the natural season of Spring that rolls around each year puts a zest in our lives the exuberance of resurrection power and rapturous joy will put a glorious spiritual zest in our souls for eternity. We will be ushered into the presence of our Lord to attend the wedding of all weddings—which is the marriage of the Lamb; the Son of God as he takes His lovely Bride, the Church to be His for all eternity! What a glorious time that will truly be! Heaven will ring with the loud praises of all the blood-bought saints of God as they echo the joys and praises of redemption in that glorious *Springtime in Heaven!* —Walter Lofton

Church News from Page, WV

We thank God for all He has done for the Church at Page. God made a way for us to purchase four and one-half acres of land where our Church building sets. Two of our members gave \$20,000.00 toward the purchase of this property. They said the money belongs to the Lord already and that God has blessed them. This is not the first time they gave large sums of money. What would the Church do without members like these who lets God use them? We thank God for his blessings through these precious saints.

MARCH WORLD MISSION DRIVE THE UNSTOPPABLE MISSION

*"AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND
PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE" (MARK 16:15).*



Our opportunities to work and give in the March World Mission Drive is quickly coming to a close.

Nevertheless, let us all continue praying for missions and the souls we have yet to reach.

We are all a part of the unstoppable mission. Each of us have a mission field right where we are.

Are we seeking God for open doors to share the gospel with the people we are in contact with in our little part of the world? Isn't this our desire?

I have family, you have family, that need to be saved, right? We each have a large mission field and if I might add, a difficult one. We need God. And, we need to band together.

Ladies, WMB Leaders, do you have a prayer band in operation? If not, let's pray for God to help us get one going. I know we all believe prayer changes things. Let's give it a try. Let's exercise our faith. Let's band together and pray.

The Seth WMB prayer band consists of three ladies and we just got started on 3/9/2024. We are starting to meet early on Saturday mornings for Scripture reading and prayer. We are praying for God to equip us, condition us, sanctify, fill us and prepare us for a work in each of our mission fields. We are praying for our region that God will send laborers; people who will stick—who will establish and be settled as members in the Church. We are excited for we trust in God and know God will move on our behalf, if we humble ourselves and pray.

I would like to hear from our local WMB ladies about your prayer band meetings. Let's encourage one another. God will help us and souls will come.

I also want to praise the Lord for the new church in Kiribati. I hope this picture is a blessing to you. Look at where the people are. Is there land out there? God is making The Church of God unstoppable. That means you and me and Emmanuel—*"God with us."* We should know we are unstoppable as the Church being laborers with God in these last days. *"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love"* (Eph. 4:15, 16).





In Ephesians 4:13 Paul said: *"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."* Isaiah said in chapter 52 and eight: *"... for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion."*

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness" (Eph. 6:14). In Ephesians 5:27 Paul teaches us that *"...he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."*

BTI will help us get there. The dates for this year's school is May 19 through June 1.



Walter Lofton
Regional
Evangelism Coordinator

If Men Go to Hell, Who Cares?

The words to an old gospel song comes to mind as I ponder the seriousness of evangelism. Written by E. M. Bartlett, two of the verses speak sobering words to all who have an evangelistic heart: *“While the world rushes on in its folly and sin, And men go down in despair—To reign where demons are shrieking within, If men go to hell, who cares?— While the people of earth are forgetting the Lord, And church pews are empty and bare; There comes to my heart these pitiful words, If men go to hell, who cares?”* The Chorus drives the point home: *“Who cares, who cares, O Lord, who cares? While the world rushes on in sin to despair; If men go to hell, who cares?”*

Certainly, Satan doesn’t care for he is trying to get as many as he can to go there with him. The world could care less for that is the last thing on their minds. Even many modern “churches” do not care for they have left the principles of God’s Word and *“...changed the truth of God into a lie...”* (Rom. 1:25). A few sincere Christians seem to care somewhat but does not seem to be totally devoted to the great cause of soul winning.

What can be said about us—The Church of God? Of all peoples on earth, we should be the first in line to care if a soul is lost in an eternal hell. We do care, thank God, but most would agree that we could care more fully. We give funds to send others to the mission field and sometimes we may pray for them a little. But in order to complete the job of going into all the world and preaching the gospel to every creature we must get more serious and soul minded and earnestly travail before the Lord for these precious never dying souls. We have family members, neighbors, co-workers, and friends that need the Lord. Are our hearts burdened with the love and care for these that we will stand in the gap for their salvation? If they go to hell, do we care? Most of us would say “Yes” to this question. Can we turn our hearts to the harvest of souls and truly care for their salvation? We must and we will for God has ordained that we do. Yes, we—The Church of God—does care if men go to hell.