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MAKING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST- ONE HEART AT A TIME- ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

10 Roles of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Christians

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, believers are saved, filled, sealed, and sanctified. The Holy Spirit reveals God's thoughts, teaches, and guides believers into all truth. The Holy Spirit also helps Christians in their weakness and intercedes for them. Penny Noyes

The following are 10 ways the Holy Spirit works in the lives of believers.

1. The Holy Spirit is a helper who teaches and reminds.

In John 14:26 Jesus told his disciples, "the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (John 14:26, ESV).

The Greek word "Parakletos" in this passage is translated "Helper" in the ESV, "Advocate" in the NIV, and "Counselor" in the KJV. The meaning of this word relates "legal counsel."

The Holy Spirit provides wise counsel to Christ's followers. Jesus knew he would be going away and that his followers would need the Holy Spirit as a helper and an advocate to remind them of his teachings.

2. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin.

In addition to providing wise counsel, attorneys also provide evidence used to convict criminals. In a similar fashion, the Holy Spirit will prove the sin, righteousness, and judgment of the world.

"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment" (John 16:7-8, ESV).

3. The Holy Spirit dwells in believers and fills them.

The Holy Spirit is God's presence in the lives of believers.

"Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's

Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16, ESV)

4. The Holy Spirit is a source of revelation, wisdom, & power.

"These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except for their own spirit within them? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God" (1 Corinthians 2:10-11).

God gives His followers the Holy Spirit so that we may know Him better. Since the Holy Spirit is God's Spirit, it knows the thoughts of God and reveals those thoughts to believers. The Holy Spirit opens believers' eyes to the hope of salvation and the inheritance they have in Christ.

Jesus knew that his disciples would need the power to carry out their mission to be witnesses to the entire world.

Jesus told his disciples, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Christians have access to power, revelation, and wisdom from the Holy Spirit, just as the Apostle Paul wrote to believers in Ephesus,

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 1:17-20).

5. The Holy Spirit guides to all truth, including knowledge of what is to come.

The Holy Spirit tells what is yet to come. The Holy Spirit is called the "Spirit of Truth" in John 16:13 because he guides believers into all truth. Jesus told His disciples the Holy Spirit would make known what he hears and would only speak what the Father speaks.

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PRAISE GOD TODAY!!!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Kim Burrell Georgetta Girten	3 Patricia Glover Josette Hill	4 Michaellee Duckworth	5 Joann Simmons
6	7Labor Day Barry Rufus	8	9 Allison Grundy	10 Patricia Sweatt	11 Patriot Day Edward Bonner	12 Crystal Frillman Ronnie Waller
13 National Grandparents Day Monica Little Kenneth Smith	14 Dana Burns Kenneth Adkins Martize Walton	15Hispanic Heritage Month Begins Yolanda Shirley	16	17 Maria Mitchell	18 Denia Davis	<i>19</i> Trina Brown
20	21	22 First Day of Autumn	23 Kayley Handley	24 Sharon Davis	25	26
27	28	29	30	15th and I	ge Month Begins on Runs through Octobe	r 15th





Congratulations to Deacon
Alex and Sis. Audrey Jones.
On September 2, 2020 they
celebrated their 70th Wedding
Anniversary.

Special September Dates

- ◆ Labor Day, September 7, 2020
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2020
- National Grandparents Day, September 13, 2020
- ◆ Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15-Oct. 15,
- ◆ First day of autumn, September 22, 2020

[One-liners]

"Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith."

—Henry Ward Beecher

"When we long for life without difficulties, remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure."

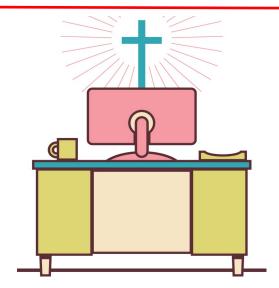
—Peter Marshall

"Youth is the gift of nature, but age is a work of art."

—Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."

—Anthony J. D'Angelo



Witnesses at work

It is at work more than at church that the real moral — and immoral — decisions are being rendered about the health of our planet, our bodies, our children, our very souls.

Work is the adult arena for spiritual decisionmaking, whether we are talking about the waste our species spews into the earth, or the violence and titillating sex that dominates our television programming, or the inane political issues that get raised to fever pitch in order to drown out the real issues. It is in our work ... that the moral issues of our lives play out. And ... it is in our work that spirituality itself will be redeemed.

—Matthew Fox, Confessions



Sunday School Lessons At-a-Glance

Love and Families

Love and Families

It has been said, "You can choose your friends; family you're stuck with!" There is a lot of truth in this modern proverb. Some of the most difficult people to love are those we know best.

Our first unit illustrates how love can overcome the most difficult challenges in family life. Joseph was an insufferable little brother who received special treatment from his dad. After his brothers faked his death and sold him into slavery, Joseph could have let any love for his family die. Yet a love that kept him faithful to God did more than allow him to survive. In Joseph we see a persevering love. This love that began with dedication to God kept on loving those who betrayed him.

Unit 1: Struggles with Love

Lesson 1 - September 6 - Biased Love - Genesis 37:2–11, 23–24a, 28

Lesson 2 - September 13 - Obedient Love - Genesis 41:25–33, 37–40, 50–52

Lesson 3 - September 20 - Victorious Love - Genesis 42:6 –25

Lesson 4 - September 27 - Revealed Love - Genesis 45:1–8, 10–15

We believe that the Sunday School Ministry helps the church in reaching the lost, in edifying the saved, and raising up spiritually healthy disciples for Jesus Christ . Pastor Hackett

From the GSBC Nurses Ministry

HEALTH NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 Strokes



F.A.S.T. is how we come together to end stroke

Learn the stroke warnings signs

F.A.S.T.

Face Drooping Arm Weakness Speech Difficulty Time to

Every 40 seconds, someone in the U.S. has a stroke.

It could happen on your street, in your workplace, at a store where you shop — anywhere. Your readiness to spot the stroke warning signs and call 911 could save a life or make the difference between a full recovery and long-term disability. That's why it's so important to learn the stroke warning signs and urge everyone you know to do the same.

The faster stroke is treated, the more likely the patient is to recover.

In fact, stroke patients who are treated with the clot-busting drug IV r-tPA Alteplase within 90 minutes of their first symptoms were almost three times more likely to recover with little or no disability.

In some cases, a procedure to remove the clot causing the stroke is also recommended. Nintey-one percent of stroke patients who were treated with a stent retriever within 150 minutes of first symptoms recovered with little or no disability.

The thing to remember is that stroke is largely treatable. It's a matter of getting the right treatment, right away.

COVID-19 Reminder

For information on COVID-19 testing, locations for testing and to register to get tested, go to https://louisvilleky.gov/government/health-wellness/louisville-covid-19-response-testing or call 502-574-6520

Stroke.org

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Source: American Heart Association. For more information call 1-800-242-8721 or go to http://www.heart.org/honor.

Greater Is He

By: Denise L. B. Zellars

When defining knowledge in my own words, I would simply break the word into its simpler form, "to know." This in turn would lead me to words like information, awareness, and ability.

When hearing the word knowledge, we usually think of wisdom, and while they are closely related, they are not synonymous (one and the same). We cannot have wisdom without knowledge; however, we can have knowledge without wisdom. So, we see that knowledge without wisdom is just a bunch of information. But knowing what to do with that information and doing it is *wisdom*.

One of my favorite classes in my early years of college was philosophy with emphasis on logic and reasoning. While this may be a challenge for students, it can offer a good way to develop and grow ones intellect. The bible does not teach against academic knowledge. Nor does it teach against intellect. It does, however, teach us that apart from God, we are nothing and can do nothing (John 15:5).

There are two kinds of wisdom: worldly wisdom and Godly wisdom. As Christians we should have Godly wisdom.

In the Old Testament, King Solomon was the wisest man on earth in his day. King Solomon seemed to have lost this wisdom at one point in his life, though, as we learn of the many unwise decisions he made and his obsessions with women and pagan gods.

We also see that King Solomon returned to the One and only true God, *hence*, we have the inspired Word of God written by Solomon in the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. Solomon's name is mentioned by his beautiful dark-skinned bride in the breathtaking poetry of the Song of Solomon.

In the New Testament, Jesus promises and sends the Holy Spirit to His children (see John Chapter 14). Once we are saved (believers/Christians), the Holy Spirit comes to reside/abide within us. Oftentimes, we underrate the power of Him. He is not like some roommate who comes empty handed; He comes bearing gifts. He brings everything we will ever need. Such as, love, hope, faith, peace, kindness and

"wisdom." He is so awesome that He tells us in James 1:5 "if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

blessed us with on the day we were saved. When one begins to study God's Word there is no end. He enables us to want more and more of Him. This is where our relationship begins to grow and develop in Him. This growth does not happen overnight though, as another attribute of the



Holy Spirit is patience. He is also here to protect, comfort, move, guide, direct, and encourage us until Christ Jesus returns. So, you see, He gives us everything we need and when we need it (Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus).

So why do we continue to underrate the Holy Spirit? If He has taken up residence within us, then we are sealed; we belong to God and we are saved. Praise God! *Right*? This does not mean that the One Who is perfect has perfected us, *at least not yet*. Remember we still have the flesh which battles with our Holy Spirit. But when the Holy Spirit is present, *guess Who will win*? Christ Jesus, and He has already won! All power has been given to Him in Heaven and in earth. Hallelujah and Amen!

The Holy Spirit will sustain us until Jesus returns. He is very active in the life of God's elect. He gives us discernment to see and know the truth so that we are not easily deceived by others with false teaching and preaching in this world.

By the way, it is vitally important to be careful to whom we are listening and following. Oftentimes, confusion arises by listening to too many different folks. This happens most often with sermons on television and social media. Personally, I do not watch much TV and there are days in which I may not turn it on, and *yes, that is my choice*. I am by no means telling anyone to leave off their TV, but will say that not only will the false teachers and preachers be held accountable, but their followers will be held accountable, too (James 3:1, 2 Peter 2:1-3 & 1Thess 5:21). God tells us to guard our hearts and minds. He does not just teach us; He enables us as we follow Him. This is how we have joy during our times of trials and peace during chaos and confusion in this world.

Lastly, do you sometimes wonder about the aftermath of our current situation of being socially distant, masked every day and faced with the many injustices? I have given some thought to this, but the Holy Spirit reminds me of God's Word (1John 4:4, Greater is He that is within me than he that is in this world).

We can express concern but not worry. Let us do our part as followers of Christ. Stay safe, stay well and serve as a blessing today! *God Is Awesome and He is Great!*

Blessings,

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August 2 - "God's Way of Reconciliation, pt. 4" - Ephesians 2:17-18 - Pastor Keith Hackett

August 31 - "Say His Name" Philippians 2:5-11, Pastor



August 9 - "Pray With Purpose and Power" -Matthew 6:9-13 -Minister Jonathan Hig-

In Case You Missed It



Aug 16th - "The Audacity of God's Mercy" 1 Samuel 24:1-10 - Rev. Jason Towns. Lead Planter of Transformation Church in Christ, Fairdale, KY



August 23rd - "Just Two Words-Follow Me" St. Mark 2:13-15 Pastor Lance West of **Riverview Baptist** Church, Louisville

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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS!!!

Scholarship applications and details are now available by contacting Jacqueline Austin by email at Jacque807@aol.com and requesting the forms. Copies will be available soon in the Church office.

(Continued from page 1) Ten Roles of the Holy Spirit

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you" (John 16:13-15).

6. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to believers.

Attributes of the Holy Spirit such as wisdom, knowledge, and power are manifested in the lives of believers for the good of others. More gifts are listed in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11.

7. The Holy Spirit is a seal in the lives of believers.

In the ancient world, a seal was a "legal signature" attesting ownership and validating what was sealed.

The Holy Spirit is our mark of adoption as God's children. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to his followers so that they could be confident in their salvation.

Just as you might make a deposit or a down payment on a new car to make sure the salesperson doesn't sell it to anyone else, the Holy Spirit is a deposit in our lives confirming the validity of Christ's message and that we belong to Christ.

"And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory" (Ephesians 1:13).

8. The Holy Spirit helps in a Christian's weakness and intercedes for them.

We all have times we feel weak and don't know what to do. The Holy Spirit helps us line up with God's will during those times by interceding for us.

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God" (Romans 8:26-27).

The Holy Spirit makes believers new and gives them eternal life.

Holy Spirit works in the lives of believers to renew, sanctify, and make us holy. Just as the Holy Spirit raised Christ from the dead, the Holy Spirit will give eternal life to believers in Christ.

"But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you" (Romans 8:10-11).

10. The Holy Spirit sanctifies and enables believers to bear good fruit in their lives.

The work of the Holy Spirit in a Christian's life is an on-going process of becoming holy through sanctification. Through the conviction and power of the Holy Spirit, believers will not indulge the sinful acts of the flesh (Galatians 5:16-21) but will bear the good fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-25).

Bible Verses about the Holy Spirit

- Acts 4:31 "After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."
- Romans 8:14-16 "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father..."
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13 "...God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth."
- Titus 3:4-6 "...He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior."

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Penny Noyes

Submitted by Pastor Keith S. Hackett

Worship, Study, and Pray

Opportunities to Be in the Presence of God through the Study of His Word, Prayer, and with Regular Worship while maintaining Social Distance!!!

Pastor and First Lady Hackett and a small cadre of Ministers, Deacons, lay members, and Musicians have helped provide a continuation of regular worship services, Weekly Bible studies, Sunday School, and Prayer Services. How are they accomplishing this???

- ⇒ Sunday Worship services are now streamed online on Facebook live at 11:15 A.M. and then made available for viewing later on the Greater Salem Website: greatersalembaptist.org or the Greater Salem Facebook page.
- ⇒ The weekly Bible study continues on Facebook Live each Wednesday at 5:30 PM and can be viewed later on the Greater Salem website or Facebook Page.
- ⇒ Bro. LeRoy Winston & Sis. Rosa Battle will be leading the weekly Wednesday Prayer Service at 12 noon via conference call. The conference call information is as follows: Dial (978) 990-5000 and when prompted enter Access Code: 703263#
- ⇒ You can join in with Min. Kern Richardson, Sister Sara Toney and all classes for the weekly Sunday School lesson via conference call at 9:30 AM on Sundays. Just call 978-990-5000 and when prompted enter the access code 721799#
- ⇒ Sis. Tanisha Hackett is facilitating the Women's Ministry's Bible Study. They are holding classes via Conference Call. They are meeting on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 10:15 AM. For Audio only please call 978-990-5000, access code 703263# to be a part of the class. If you'd prefer audio and video go online at https://join.freeconferencecall.com/tanishahackett. All women, ages 18 and over, are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Sis. Tanisha Hackett at tanishahackett@gmail.com
- ⇒ Pastor Hackett and Deacon George Johnson will facilitate Men's Bible Study by Conference call on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM. The dial-in number is (978) 990-5432—The access code is 3331448#
- ⇒ Rev. Hall and Sister Mary Stoddard will be leading the weekly Friday Bible Study via conference call at 11:30 am. The conference call information is as follows: Dial (978) 990-5000 and when prompted enter Access Code: 703263#
- ⇒ Tithes and offering can be delivered to the church on weekdays between 10 AM and 2:00 PM. They can be given to the Deacons on duty (587-8869) or placed in the mail slot (after hours). You can also send them to Greater Salem Baptist Church at 1009 W Chestnut Street, Louisville 40203. Call 587-8869 if you need someone to pick -up your tithes and offerings.
- ⇒ If you'd like to take the Lord's Supper, you can do so on every first Sunday of the month. It will be served by the Deacons on the parking lot as well as in the Sanctuary. Please drive through to be served. (As always, remember to maintain a proper Social Distance)

⇒ You can get a paper copy of the GoodNewsLetter via mail by contacting the church at 587-8869 and leaving your name and address.







Be Prepared to Vote!!!

Important Notes on the KY November 3rd General Election:

There are three ways for Kentucky voters to cast their ballot for this November's election:

- 1) *In-person before Election Day, i.e. Oct. 13th Nov. 2nd.
- 2) In-person on Election Day.
- 3) **By absentee ballot (return by mail or ballot dropbox)

*By Executive Order, (E.O. 2020-668(3)), in-person voting begins October 13, 2020 and shall be available during regular business hours, and at least four hours on the three Saturdays before November 3, 2020. Voters who feel safe voting in person are encouraged to vote before November 3, 2020, to ensure appropriate social distancing can be maintained.

**By Executive Order, (E.O. 2020-668(1)), all Kentuckians who are concerned about contracting or spreading COVID-19 may vote via absentee ballot for the 2020 general election, consistent with the expanded definition of excused absentee provided in the August 14, 2020 recommendations of Secretary of State Adams

You can qualify to vote absentee due to one of the following reasons:

- 1. Person who due to age, disability or illness will be unable to go to the polls on election day, (or concern about contracting or spreading COVID-19)*.
- 2. Student who temporarily resides outside the county in which he is registered.
- 3. Voter who temporarily resides outside the state but who is still eligible to vote in the state.
- 4. Person who is incarcerated and has been charged with a crime but has yet to be convicted.
- 5. Person whose employment location requires him to be absent from the county all hours and all days absentee voting by machine is conducted.
- 6. Military personnel confined to a military base on election day.
- 7. Person who is participant in the Office of the Secretary of State's address confidentiality program.
- *Shall be interpreted to mean "Of an age, or possessing of a health condition or vulnerability, or potentially in contact with a person of an age, or possessing of a health condition or vulnerability, that the voter believes subjects the voter or other person to unacceptable risk of harm from contracting or transmitting the novel coronavirus." (K.R.S. 117.085(1)(a)(8))

To request your mail-in ballot online, visit govoteky.com, and click "Absentee Ballot

NOTE: The Online Portal to request a mail-in ballot has been opened early/already so that you can pre-apply. The ballots are currently being printed and will be mailed when ready. Mailing will begin in mid to late September.

The deadline to apply online for an Absentee ballot is October 9, 2020 no later than 11:59 p.m. EST Or you may Look up your county clerk's number to call and request your ballot.

(Jefferson County Clerk's Office - Election Center - 701 W Ormsby Ave, Ste 301 - Louisville, KY 40203 - (502) 574-6100)

KY elections info is available online at https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky Sample ballots will be available about four weeks prior to the 2020 General Election

KY needs poll workers – You can apply online at https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/pollworker/. By filling out the form you agree to be contacted by your County Clerk by email or phone

IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE IN PERSON on or before November 3rd, DO NOT REQUEST A MAIL-IN BAL-

LOT: According to Section 23 of the emergency regulations for this election, "Once a voter has requested a mailin absentee ballot, the voter cannot vote in person unless the voter does not receive their requested ballot by October 28, 2020."

September 2020!!!

FROM THE

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



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"... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _ _ _ _ _ and successful."

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV



Bible Quiz

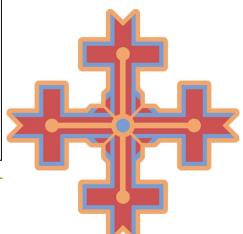
Which of these was not one of the 10 plagues God brought against Egypt to persuade Pharaoh to let the Hebrew people go?

- A. an abundance of frogs
- B. the Nile River turned to blood
- C. the collapse of the pyramids
- D. thick darkness



(See Exodus 7:14–12:32.)

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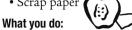
This cross is formed of four smaller Latin crosses joined at their overlapping bases. The cross as a whole represents the spreading of the gospel to the four corners of the earth. This cross is often used in connection with missions.

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Design a handy bag to tote your books this fall.

What you need:

- Plain canvas bag
- Cardboard scrap
- Acrylic paints (2 colors)
- 2 small paper plates
- Apple
- Knife (and adult help)
- Foam brush
- Scrap paper



1. Lay the bag flat on a table, and place cardboard inside for protection.

- 2. Pour a paint dollop on each plate.
- 3. Slice the apple in half, keeping the core intact.
- 4. Brush a thin layer of paint on the cut side of an apple half. Practice making stamps on scrap paper. Use the other color on the other apple half.
- 5. Paint and stamp the bag with your final design. When dry, remove the cardboard.
- 6. Use the bag for school and Sunday school. Happy reading!

FROM THE EVANGELISM MINISTRY-SHARE THIS PAGE

THE SAVING POWER OF CHRIST THE WONDROUS LOVE OF GOD

Have you heard the wondrous story of the Christ who died for you? The Bible repeatedly declares this wondrous love of God. Ponder this carefully as you read these scriptures from the inspired Word of God. "But God commendeth (showed) His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." He loved us enough to die for us while we were still sinners! "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins hath quickened us (made us alive) together with Christ." This great salvation was accomplished when God sent His only Son to die on the cross, to pay the price for our sins with His own blood. Do you realize that YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO GOD? We read in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He Gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The Scriptures show us that "we have redemption through His (Christ's) Blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace." Without the Blood of Christ there would be no blotting out of our sins. The Bible says in Hebrews 9:22, "without shedding of Blood is no remission" (Pardon from sin). This free gift of salvation is all by God's marvelous grace!

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." There is nothing we can do to earn this great Salvation, for we are told that it is "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us."

The first thing you must realize is that you are a sinner in need of a Savior. We are told in God's Word that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," and "all our righteousness is as filthy rags." We are also warned that "the wages of sin is DEATH (spiritual separation from God); but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." You may think that you have a way to get to Heaven by some other means, but the infallible Word of God tells us "there is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death." Will you accept God's gift of love and receive His way to heaven? In John 14: 6 the Lord Jesus Christ says concerning Himself, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." The Bible relates to us the importance of repenting and believing. The scriptures reveal that God "commendeth all men everywhere to repent". We are also told, "Repent and believe the gospel" "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." There is no other way that we can have communion with God and expect to live in Heaven someday except by repenting of our sins, receiving Jesus Christ into our hearts, and trusting Him as our Savior.

Did you know that He desires more than ever to be your personal Savior? Have you been trying to fill that empty void in your life with all the pleasures of this world, and still there is something missing? Jesus longs to fill that emptiness with nothing but Himself! But He leaves the choice with you. Will you choose Jesus and invite Him into your heart today? We are told in 2 Peter 3: 9 that the Lord is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Would you be ready to meet Him should He come this very day? You can be ready! I encourage you to take the first step and do as the Prophet Isaiah said in Isaiah 55:6, "Seek the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near."

Dear reader, please do not Harden your heart. Behold, now is the day of Salvation. Now is the accepted time. Would you take time this very moment to bow your head and admit before God that you are a Sinner in need of a Savior? Are you willing to believe this, to turn from your sins, and to ask Jesus into your heart? If you choose to reject God's love by refusing to trust in His Son Jesus Christ as your Savior, your eternal home will be in Hell. The Holy Word gives us a promise: "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." If you have made this decision to choose God's way to Heaven by receiving Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you are now a new creature in Christ.

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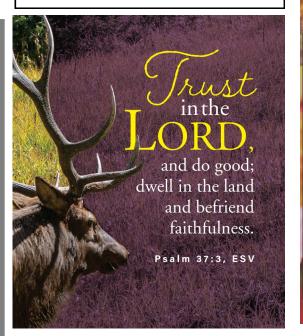
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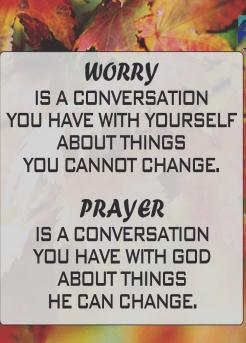
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