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THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

The word “yoke” appears at least 63 times in the KJV Bible. A word used that many times should be studied and a ministry, like Barnabas Ministries using a yoke as logo, should have something to say about that. Therefore, I’d like to look at the good, the bad and the ugly yokes of the Bible.

In the Old Testament the Hebrew word “*motah*” is rendered “yoke” and means “staff” (rod) or a “bar.” The word is used figuratively of severe bondage, afflictions, or subjection. See Lev. 26:13; 1 Kings 12:4; Isa. 47:6, and Lam. 1:14, 3:27). In 1 Samuel 11:7; 1 Kings 19:21 and Job 1:13, the word “*tzemed*” is used and signifies pair, as in two oxen yoked or coupled together. Its primary purpose was to bind the oxen to the traces by which they might draw a plow, wagon, etc. See Num. 19:2; Deut. 21:3. It was a carved piece of wood called an “ol”. In the New Testament, the Greek word “*zugos*” or various forms of the word, is used most often and denotes servitude. See Matt. 11:29, 30; Acts 15:10 and Gal. 5:1. This is a basic understanding of the word “yoke.”

THE GOOD – There are two reasons the yoke was chosen as our logo. The first and most obvious is Matthew 11:29-30, “*Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light*” (NIV). The other reason is that Paul referred to the saints as his “*loyal yokefellow*” as well as his “*fellow workers*,” because they were working together for the cause of Christ. This yoke is good because:

1. We are yoked together for the work of Christ. Jesus invites us to take upon us His yoke so we can pull together with Him. The yoke signifies we are serving Him as He served the Father. Jesus speaks as if His teaching is the same as His yoke. His cross was His yoke. The hymn asks; “Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there’s a cross for everyone and there’s a cross for me.”

2. We are yoked to the teaching of Jesus who

said: “*...learn of me.*” He alone is the One who could properly teach of Himself. Paul said that he wanted to “*know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share in the suffering of Christ and to be like him,*” Phil. 3:10. He wanted to be yoked with Christ in every way. The yoke is a good symbol of true Christianity.

3. The yoke is a picture of taking upon ourselves the Character of Christ being gentle and humble in heart. He humbled himself “*became obedient, even to the cross,*” Phil. 2:9. Yes, we need yoked to Him.

4. Being yoked with Jesus is to “*find rest for our soul.*” We are at rest within the yoke of Jesus. The rest spoken of here is the inner peace we find with our Lord. He said “*For my yoke is easy and my burden light.*” It is this good yoke we are encouraging all to enjoy in order to find rest for their souls.

THE BAD – The second yoke is spoken of in 2 Cor. 6:14 which states, “*Do not be yoked together with unbelievers.*” A Christian being yoked together in a marriage or business with an unbeliever is bad. It is bad in that it can bring grief to the Christian and often brings frustration and worse compromising their faith. This is spoken of in 1 Cor. 7:12. The yoke of believers with unbelievers can be very burdensome, though it can be managed...with many tears and much work.

This kind of marriage can be confusing to the children as well. They see clearly that their parents are not in harmony.

I have a Christian relative who was in business with an unbeliever. The unbeliever was making deals that obligated my relative to either fulfill an obligation he did not make, nor agree with, at the sacrifice of his Christian obligations or fail to honor a business obligation he did not like. That was the conundrum he was burdened with due to being unequally yoked. He sold his part of the business to his partner and started his own. Good for him. It is bad to be unequally yoked.

“For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have



THE GOOD THE BAD AND THE UGLY

with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?" These are good questions and they make clear the reason the Scriptures warn against unions between the new nature of a Christian and the old nature, the saved and the lost. We should treat all people with love, respect, and kindness, but that's different than being yoked with them.

THE UGLY – The third yoke is spoken of in Acts 15:10, *"Now then why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of the disciples a yoke that neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear? No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved just as they are."* This yoke is the yoke of the law that is, trying to earn salvation by human performance.

1. This yoke brings no comfort and is not easy, rather it brings frustration and slavery. Paul speaking of law keeping tells us in Gal. 5:1 *"...do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."* They were being pressured to become subject to the law once again. It is unbearable; and for those who attempt to bear up under it, delusion follows. We either admit through sorrow that we can't blamelessly obey the law; or we do the mental gymnastics, that is delusional thinking that we can, and it gets worse.

2. The worse thing about this yoke is that it nullifies the yoke Christ offers. Speaking of those who attempt to enslave people to the law, Paul writes, *"some false brothers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. We did not give into them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you."* Nothing is uglier than religiosity with no peace.

If no gospel, there is no Christ, salvation, assurance, or freedom. The real ugliness is seen in the words of Gal. 5:4, *"You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace."* This is as ugly as it gets.

We can obey the gospel being yoked with a life of peace with Christ. We can be yoked with unbelievers living a life of disharmony and pain. Even worse we can live a life of frustration and loss by being yoked to law keeping.

The yoke symbolizes, for us, that we are yokefellows with other Christians, but more importantly we enjoy the easy yoke of Jesus. What is your yoke?

DENNY'S SCHEDULE

Nothing in November – December

Gallipolis, OH 740/446-6929

DANNY EVANS' SCHEDULE

Nothing in November - December

Huntington, WV 304/633-5908 (c) 304/736/2677

WWW IS STILL ON

We have had inquiries because some fear WWW will be cancelled due to the COVID 19 scare. As of this month (November) **it is on!** We are continuing as usual and registrations are coming in.

If a Tennessee rule causes cancelation, there will be a 100% refund of all registrations.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

A GOOD FOOTBALL GAME

There were no tattoos seen on the sidelines. There were no outlandish end zone celebrations after a team scored. There was no taunting across the offensive and defensive lines. Opposition players helped each other up after a play. Footballs were not spiked or left for the referee to retrieve; they were handed to the refs. No one took a knee on the sidelines, rather they stood at attention during the playing of the national anthem. Gee, it's great to watch an Army/Navy football game.

DID YOU EVER WONDER IF IT MATTERS

Hope delivers us from the despair that nothing we do matters, and enables us to tackle even the most menial job with vigor. Elmer Bendiner tells the remarkable story of a B-17 bomber that flew a bombing mission over Germany in the latter days of World War II. The plane was hit several times by shells and flak, with some of the hits directly in the fuel tank. Miraculously, the bomber did not explode. When it landed, eleven unexploded twenty-millimeter shells were taken out of the fuel tank! The shells were dismantled, and to the amazement of everyone, all were empty of explosives. Inside one shell was a note written in Czech. Translated, it read, "This is all we can do for you now." A member of the Czech underground working in a German munitions factory, had omitted the explosives in at least eleven of the twenty millimeter shells on his assembly line.

That worker must have wondered often if the quiet work he was doing to subvert the Nazi war effort was going to make any difference whatsoever to the outcome of the war. We too can allow questions of the importance of what we do really matters. Remember God can take our little and make it a lot.

- .DOTS AND DASHES FROM DANNY. -

General Dwight Eisenhower once said (source unknown), "War is a terrible thing. But if you're going to get into it, you've got to get into it all the way."

I remember one of the practices my dad had, he watched people. He and my mom would journey up to the Grand Central Mall in Vienna, WV, and dad would go inside the building and immediately tell mom, "I'll just be sitting over here" which meant his shopping experience was pretty much over before it started. Mom would do her shopping while dad sat and talked to everyone that would talk with him. However, the one thing he was doing was watching people.

I guess I have developed that trait to a certain degree myself. I have been watching people, especially church people, for some time now. I have limited it to Church of Christ/Christian Church people, but I also watch people that attend denominational church, as well. I have told you all this to get connected to my opening remarks.

In watching "religious" people, I have noticed that many are just that, religious. They have limited their spirituality or connection with God to attending worship on a hit and miss schedule. If they get the feeling, they may attend services Sunday morning; but, if the "feeling" isn't there or if a better offer comes along like a ball game, fishing, shopping, camping, or just sleeping, they will catch a worship service another time. One of the sad parts of the continuing pandemic has on our lives is that this just fits perfectly into many lives. It is an excuse for not going to worship. Now, don't read something into what I just wrote. I didn't say that everyone that has chosen not to attend worship is Covid-19 related is slacking in their relationship to God. Some may be because of health reasons and the fact that they are in the high risk group can't attend and I understand that. I am referring to the group that can't attend worship but they seem to be able to go anywhere else they want with little fear. Could some people not grasp the concept that when they became a Christian they become part of the Army of God and they should be part of the fight against evil? The Christian life is nothing less than spiritual warfare against the "Prince of darkness," the great deceiver, Satan.

I guess my overall question is this: "What must we do to get all of God's people in the battle?" I believe we have way too many people that are very lukewarm in their spiritual life. They seem to be very pleased with that. Could they have a very

cloudy concept of salvation? Do they think that once they have been baptized that heaven is secure and Christian responsibilities are for other people? May I quote Eisenhower again, "What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight – it's the size of the fight in the dog?" Every Christian is important and necessary in the battle we are in.

It is time to take a stand! Jesus states in Matt. 12:30 **"He who is not with me is against me; and he who does not gather with me scatters."** It is not a part-time relationship or a pick and choose situation with our God and His Son. It is time to be the Church! It is time to put on the armor and get out of the trenches and into the battle. Our world continues to grow weaker spiritually and the Church is under fire more and more and it is imperative that we take a stand. Paul notes in Eph. 6:13 **"Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything stand."** It is not a buffet to choose what looks good. Every part of the armor is necessary. We must take a stand each day against spiritual attacks. We have to do everything we can with God's help and guidance to have the victory our Leader will accomplish. Let's do all we can to be in worship services. The days are evil and if you watch people, it sometimes looks like Satan is having a hey-day. But always remember God is still in control and He will be victorious in the end.

HENRY AND
SWEETIE SAY:



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H: Sweetie, I have been checking the calendar for the next two months. Do you realize the number of parties to be held?

S: There are a few that we could be invited to.

H: There are birthdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and on and on.

S: And not to mention your birthday.

H: I hadn't thought of that.

S: Sure, sure.

H: There's going to be a lot of fellowshiping.

S: Are you thinking of the food that will be involved?

H: You are right. Fellowship is not about food.

S: What do you mean?

H: To the early church it was about the apostles' teaching, communion, and prayer, not just food.

S: I see. Sometimes you surprise me Henry.

H: I'm glad you see that. But we can still have food.

Acts 2:42 **"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer."**

LIFE MORE ABUNDANT
By Denny Coburn - 2003

TEXT: John 10:10

INTRO: What is an “abundant life” anyway? Does it mean a long life? Does it mean a life filled with activity? Is it free from sorrow, sickness and pain? No, it’s above all these “hoped for” things. If I understand the Scriptures correctly, it’s a life peace, contentment and confident that God is in control. In the context in which Jesus spoke these words, it means trusting the Great Shepherd to handle all things pertaining to life for our good. It means in the storms of life Jesus is in control. Psalm 9:10 states “Those who know your name trusts you for you Lord have never forsaken those who seek you.” Looking at the text and context we see the following.

I. ABUNDANT LIFE

- A. **ENGLISH** – “Abundant” is from the Latin “ab” and “undare” meaning “to rise in waves” or “to flow over.” It has the following results:
1. Satisfied having more than enough
 2. Like the banks of a flooded river
 3. Being content that God’s grace is more than sufficient or “sufficient plus”
- B. **GREEK** – “Perissos” – Mathematical term denoting a surplus. In Matt. 14:20 it is translated “remains” (See Matt. 11:9 and Mark 12:33).

II. MADE ALIVE

Before one can know the abundant life, they must first know “the life” of faith in Christ. He said, “have come that you might have life AND that you might have it more abundantly.

A. SPIRITUAL LIFE

1. The abundant life follows the new birth or the new life.
2. See 1 John 1:6, 9 and 2:3, 11.

B. MADE ABUNDANTLY ALIVE

1. It gives meaning and purpose to life
2. Where we come from, why we are here, and where we are going.
3. It’s knowing all in between is for our good.
4. That is an OVERFLOWING life
5. See Romans 8:28

III. EXPLAINED IN PSALM 23

A. FOUR NECESSITIES

There four necessities for an abundant life and God provides them all.

1. **REST** – “He makes me to lie down by the still waters” – abundant rest
2. **GUIDANCE** – He leads me beside the still waters...He leads me in the paths of righteousness” – abundant assurance
3. **SAFETY** – “Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.” He provides abundant peace
4. **PROVISION** – “You prepare a table. You anoint, you fill my cup to overflowing. Abundant care

B. REALIZATION

1. The abundant life is enjoyed only if we look at what we have not what we “want”.
2. There are “things” we desire but we must not allow things that are not to overshadow what we do have.

Psalm 145:7-9 tells us that those who know of God’s care will respond and “*celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.*” The Lord is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all He has compassion on all he has made. The “abundant life” is a life of knowledge of God’s overflowing love and care bringing peace and contentment. It knows God’s rest, guidance, safety and provision.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

In the New Year I will...

Like Paul, forget those things which are behind and press forward.

Like David, lift up my eyes to the hills from which my help comes.

Like Abraham, trust my God in all matters implicitly.

Like Enoch, walk in daily fellowship with my heavenly Father.

Like Moses, suffer rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a time.

Like Job, be patient and faithful in all circumstances.

Like Joseph, turn my back on all evil advances and run from it if I have to.

Like Gideon, advance even when my friends are few.

Like Andrew, strive to lead my brother to Christ.

ROBERT BROWNING - THE NEW YEAR

The year is closed, the record made.

The last deed done, the last word said.

The memory alone remains

Of all its joys, its grief, and its pain,
And now with purpose full and clear,

So turn to meet another year.

IN THE NEW YEAR MAY YOU HAVE

Enough happiness to keep you sweet

Enough trials to keep you strong

Enough sorrow to keep you human

Enough hope to keep you happy

Enough failure to keep you humble

Enough success to keep you eager

Enough friends to give you support

Enough zeal to make you look forward

Enough determination to make each day better

MINI THOUGHTS

If I do nothing different this year, is it new?

If it’s new but wrong, will it be happier?

Who do I make my resolutions to, me or God?

If there’s no resolve, will I really change?

If I don’t celebrate it, will it go away?

If I’m the only one who knows the resolution, who will be the only one who knows if I break it?

Does the resolution have to wait ‘til the New Year?

If the resolution does not take effort, why resolve?

Oh, here are Ten Rules to make others happy next year:

Go out and do something good for someone else and repeat it nine more times.

BARN-a-book (a Barnabas Ministries study series)

A series of studies in encouragement by Denny Coburn Study Number One Hundred Thirteen – Duty and Doctrine

“Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by faith, not by sight. We are confident; I say and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men, 2 Corinthians 5:6-11

What we believe and how we behave must always agree. Paul connected duty and doctrine, because what God has done for us must motivate us to do something to express our gratitude for what He has done. Phillip Brooks once said, “Christianity knows no truth which is not the child of love and the parent of duty.”

A woman once said to her preacher, “You would have preached a marvelous sermon, except for all those ‘therefores’ at the end.” However, the Apostle Paul would have agreed with the preacher because he used “therefore” and “wherefore” quite liberally in all his letters. In fact you find them in this section of 2 Corinthians verses 6, 9, 11, 16 and 17. He uses these words as he moves from what is expected to the motivation for his ministry. His enemies had accused him of using the ministry of the Gospel for his own selfish purposes, when in reality they were the ones who were “merchandising” the Gospel. See 4:2; 2:17.

We should all ask the question: “What is my ministry?” Regardless of the particular talent one may possess or the position we may have in the local congregation, the motive behind what we do and say is the same as Paul’s and that is to persuade sinners to be reconciled to God, see verses 11 and 20 of this section of Scripture. We should never force people to trust Christ, or coerce them by some devious approach, such as we hear of some Muslims in other countries. Paul stated in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 **“For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you.”** Put in common expression he might have said “Our message to you is true, our motives are pure, and our conduct is absolutely aboveboard.” The Christian worker must have the right motive for ministry as well as the right message.

In our text above we read, **“Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men.”** This attitude is often lacking in ministry. A Bible scholar once wrote “Every year makes me tremble at the daring with which people speak of spiritual things.” Phillip Brooks used to warn about “clerical jesters” whose jesting about the Bible robbed that inspired Book of some of its glory and power. There is a sad absence of reverence in the public meetings of the church, so that it is no surprise that the younger generation is not taking the things of God seriously.

Notice Paul stated a “goal” and that was to “please Him.” There is an ambition that is selfish and worldly, but there is also a holy ambition that honors the Lord. Paul’s great ambition was to be well-pleasing to Jesus Christ. The Judaizers ministered to please men and enlisted them in their causes; but Paul ministered to please Jesus Christ alone, Gal. 1:10. A man-pleasing ministry is a carnal, compromising ministry; and God cannot bless it.

Since it should be the goal of every Christian to please God, it would be wise to learn exactly what pleases the Master. The terms “pleasing” or “well-pleasing” in reference to bringing pleasure to God is used several times in the Bible. Romans 12:1 states, **“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God...”** This is a clear statement of what pleases the Lord, the presenting of our bodies to Him for service. In other words, we are to use our physical abilities to help others and avoid causing them to stumble, Romans 14:18. God is pleased when His children separate themselves from the evil around them, Eph. 5:10, as well as when they bring their offerings to Him, Phil. 4:18. He is pleased with when children submit to parents, Col. 3:20, as well as with saints who permit Jesus Christ to work out His perfect will in their lives, Hebrews 13:20-21.

There is nothing wrong with godly ambition. ***“It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation,”*** Romans 15:20. It was Paul’s godly ambition that drove him to preach the Gospel. He wrote in 1 Thessalonians 4:11 ***“Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you.”*** If we are led by the Spirit of God, we will put as much effort into Christian living as we do athletics or business. Furthermore, if we did the Gospel would make a greater impact on the lost world. Those who have been converted should state their ambition as: I want to be as zealous for God as I was for the devil.

Paul completed his thought in the Second Corinthian letter with these words: ***“We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again,”*** 2 Corinthians 5:12-15

Even the casual reader can see that Paul’s motivation was not about himself. He had been accused of being motivated by pride and personal gain. Since his life-style proved that to be a false accusation, the Jews even accused the apostles of being insane or as he expressed it “out of our mind.” His response to the later charge was that if they were out of their minds it was for the sake of God, and if they were in their right mind it was for the sake of those they addressed. In either case, he had nothing personal to gain and that is the point of this study. Our motive in ministry should not be for personal gain but rather for the benefit of others. We must take care of our personal affairs which include mundane things of the world, but in ministry our motive is one of two things. Those motives should be either for the benefit of others or for the glory of God.

It is noteworthy that Paul, though not spending many words on it, alludes to the criticism of men. You and I must learn that if we are active in the pursuit of the souls of men it will upset some people. As we witness nearly every day in the political world if our enemies can’t win in the world of ideas or truth they resort to character assassination. The same is true in the spiritual battle as well. Paul’s life proved them wrong in the accusation that he was motivated by personal profit, so they changed their tactics to assassinate his character.

They said he was “mad” since he had become a believer, Acts 26:24. But people made the same remarks about our Lord, Mark 3:21. That put Paul in pretty good company, and it puts us in good company when others make personal accusations against us. Paul simply said, “I might be mad but if I am it’s for the right reason,” and beyond that he ignored the charge.

When I told my family I was going into the preaching ministry my oldest brother said two things to me. He said, “Develop the hide of a rhinoceros because there will be plenty of people who will say bad things about you,” and he was right. But, if our motive in ministry is not about ourselves we can withstand such talk. It has been said that in order to avoid criticism you have to say nothing, do nothing, and be nothing. However, if we are motivated for the glory of God and service to others, then it doesn’t matter.

The other thing my brother told me was: “When you prepare your sermons see the introduction as the engine and the conclusion as the caboose and don’t let the caboose be too far behind the engine.” I have found the rhinoceros thing to be true, and I have to admit there were times I forgot the caboose thing.

So, our motives in the ministry of encouragement is to persuade men (not commending ourselves) and to keep our eye on the goal to please God, then we are on course and our motives will go a long way in making our ministries successful.



REDNECK BIBLE DICTIONARY

ARBITRATOR – *n.*: What you call who leaves one restaurant for another. “He worked for Arby’s but he cooks for McDonalds now, he an arbitrator.”

BURGLARIZE – *n.*: What burglar sees with. “I don’t see breaking into a house but then I don’t have burglarize.”

CARTOONIST – *n.*: What you call your auto mechanic. “My car was out of tune so I took it to my Cartoonist to put back in tune.”

DILATE – *v, adj.*: What you call someone who lives long. “He’s over 80 years old, he’ll dilate.”

ECLIPSE – *adj.*: “What a person does for a living. “Fred’s my barber eclipse my hair every two weeks.”

From *The Fictionary Dictionary* by Jim Marbles, Trade Life Books, Tulsa, OK

CHRISTIANS CAN BE DECEIVED

Truth, reason, and clear thinking are important because Christians can be doctrinally deceived, that is, they can succumb to false doctrine. Ez. 34:1-7 clearly affirms that God’s sheep can be abused and led astray by wicked shepherds. Jesus warned His followers to beware of false prophets who may appear to be good on the outside but are dangerous on the inside, Matt. 7:15-16. Why would Jesus warn His disciples to beware if it were not possible? He also warned, “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many...Many false prophets will appear and deceive many people,” Matt. 24:4, 11. It must be possible for it to happen. Likewise in 2 Cor. 11:2-3, the apostle Paul warned the Christians in Corinth about the possibility of being led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. He clearly saw the possibility of them being deceived and led astray by false teaching.

In Acts 20:28-30, Paul warned the Ephesian elders to keep a close watch on the congregation and especially to watch out for false teachers.

Christians who are ungrounded in biblical truth are especially vulnerable to succumbing to false doctrine. Be on guard and do not drift.

A PRESIDENT’S THOUGHTS OF ANOTHER

“Washington’s mind was great and powerful, without being the very first order...and as far as he saw, no judgement was ever sounder. It was slow in operation being little aided by invention, but sure in conclusion...His integrity was most pure, his justice the most inflexible I have ever known, no motives of interest or consanguinity, of friendship or hatred, being able to bias his decisions.”

Thomas Jefferson, 1814

A POSITIVE BIBLE

Produces LOVE to transform the worlds
HATE!

Presents TRUTH to convert the worlds
ERROR!

Practices RIGHTEOUSNESS to conquer the
world’s EVIL!

Publishes HOPE to overcome the worlds
DESPAIR!

Proclaims LIFE to destroy the worlds
DEATH!

Preaches the GOSPEL to bring the world
SALVATION!

-Collected Christian Convictions – Donald Nash

IT’S ALL ABOUT THE GAME

“All I remember about my wedding day in 1967 is that the Cubs lost a double-header”

– George F. Will, author

“The only way I’m going to win a “Gold Glove” is with a can of spray paint.”

-Reggie Jackson, Yankees outfielder

“The best thing about baseball is that you can do something about yesterday tomorrow”

Manny Trillo, Phillies infielder

ANY GATORS

While a tourist was fishing off the Florida coast, his boat capsized. Even though he could swim, he clung to the side of the upturned boat. Being afraid of alligators he yelled “Are there any ‘gators around here? A man on the shore said “Nope.” Feeling more at ease he began to swim. The man on the beach yelled, “The sharks ate every last one of them.”

OPPORTUNITIES (That we know of)

Nov. 6-8, Restoration Destination, N. Myrtle Beach, SC contact information: ccl@sscoast.net

Jan. 7-8, Church Leaders Seminar, Cambridge, OH, contact information: p2pm_office@yahoo.com

Jan. 18-20, Florida Bible Conference, Kissimmee, FL, contact information: thecra@thecra.org

Feb. 15-18, Winter Worship and Workshop, Pigeon Forge, TN contact: barnabasohio@att.net

VALUE EACH DAY

Start every morning
And guard it with prayer
With the Lord Jesus
Make much time to share
Value each moment
As a segment to spend
In His sweet presence
What a beautiful friend!
As you value each day
And use it for His glory
Your life will unfold
Like a beautiful story
And you'll find the answer
When life fades away
The secret of joy
Is to value each day.

WHAT SOME KIDS LEARN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nine year old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned at Sunday school. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely.

Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked. "Well, no Mom, but if I told you the way the teacher told it you'd never believe it!"

LAUGH LINES

"I saw a cop dressed like a pilot today; I think he was a plane clothes cop."

"Did you know you have the right to remain silent even when you are not being arrested?"

THINGS THAT ARE NOT IN THE BIBLE

"Ask Jesus to come into your heart" – Not there.

"Cleanliness is next to godliness" – Nope again

"You can tell it's near the end of time, because we can't tell one season from another." – No again but the opposite is, see Genesis 8:22

"God helps those who help themselves." No, but there is an element of truth in this idea as we "work with God" but no salvation by works etc.

"The sinner's prayer." This phrase is supposed to be the means by which one is saved. However, the Bible does not give us such a prayer. For salvation God's plan is: After we hear the gospel of Jesus Christ we are to repent, confess Him as savior and be baptized for the remission of sins, Acts 2:38. No sinner's prayer.

"Praying through" is not in the Bible. There is no hint of "praying through," nor are the words "praying through" in the Bible.

"Prayer altar" is not there either. There is no altar in the New Testament. Jesus was our sacrifice for our sins on the cross. The praying rail in some congregations is a rail but it is not an altar. Prayer altar is not in the Scriptures.

QUESTIONS FOR THE SUPREME COURT

1. Where in the Constitution does it say that a woman has a right to kill an unborn baby because it is in her God given body by her choice?
2. Don't you know the Supreme Court of the U.S. is not The Supreme Court?

OFFSPRING

"Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them" – James Baldwin

"Before most people start boasting about their family tree, they usually do a good pruning job." – O.A. Battista

"I don't know who my grandfather was; I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be." – Abe Lincoln

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

What **BARNABAS MINISTRIES** believes

BIBLE: The only inspired record of God's revelation to us

SIN: The only thing standing between God and man

JESUS CHRIST: The only perfect One who paid for sin

THE GOSPEL: The only record of Jesus' life

SALVATION: The only hope of man

FAITH: is only "saving faith" if it includes repentance, confession of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and being baptized for the remission of sin.