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A CONVERSATION UNHEARD OF BEFORE

Red: "Hello, Ed"
 Ed: "It's been a long time, how's your son?"
 Red: "I don't have a son."
 Ed: "Sure you do, he graduated with my son Bob."
 Red: "Oh, you're talking about my daughter Edith."
 Ed: "I didn't know you had a daughter."
 Red: "She was my son, but changed her mind."
 Ed: "You mean 'he' changed 'his' mind."
 Red: "That's mean spirited, she's 'she' now."
 Ed: "But he was born a boy and is a boy"
 Red: "There you go, please refer to her as she."
 Ed: "But I've known him for..."
 Red: "She joined a girls' volleyball team."
 Ed: "That's not right since he's such a strong b..."
 Red: "She can slam that ball over the net like a rocket; the other girls have a hard time with it."
 Ed: "I reckon they would since he is a..."
 Red: "I'm so proud, she has entered the city beauty contest...I think she has a great chance to."
 Ed: "Have you joined that trans weird group?"
 Red: "You mean Woke."
 Ed: "No, I mean Joke, it's a joke Red."
 Red: "You are much meaner than you used to be."
 Ed: "How did he become a she?"
 Red: "She just decided she felt better about being a female, so that's what she is."
 Ed: "Felt?"
 Red: "That's right, in her mind she felt more comfortable being a female."
 Ed: "Listen Red, putting lipstick on a pig doesn't make it a woman."
 Red: "You are downright hateful...using hate-speech like that."
 Ed: "To those who hate truth, they think truth is hateful. The hate is in your mind, the hate of truth."
 Red: "Even Bruce Jenner is no longer a male."
 Ed: "Doesn't he have two daughters?"
 Red: "Yes SHE does."
 Ed: "Is he their mother?"
 Red: "There you go again."

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Weird conversations similar to this one is going on in our nation because morality has been sacrificed on the alter feelings. Truth is no longer considered in much of society today. Everything is considered from a political view." Politics is defined in the dictionary as an: "activity associated with government or parties."

The subject of gender belongs in the arena of morality. Today if a man puts on a dress and calls himself a woman, he can walk into the lady's restroom. That is wrong and has to do with the morals of the man and nothing to do with his feelings or left and right wing politics.

Some would say the Bible says nothing about transgenderism. Neither does it say anything about anorexia, waterboarding, fossil fuels, sunscreen, Pokemon or hundreds of other things but that does not mean the Bible doesn't give guidance for Christians on the issue of gender.

The Bible teaches that God made us male and female, and no matter how we feel about it even if we are confused. We are to behave in accordance with the biological reality of God's good design. This new idea of gender change falls so far short of God's glory it is ridiculous. They should blush, but they have apparently forgotten how.

The question is not whether such persons and feelings exist. The question is: Does our emotion eclipse God's design. Following the Lord means dying to ourselves, Matt. 16:24, that is, being renewed in our minds, Rom. 12:2 and not walk the ways of the world, Eph. 4:17-18.

We know homosexuality is wrong, Lev. 18:22 and most of LGBTQ designation is trying to gain acceptance of sin as normal. In reality it is nothing more than alphabetical mumbo-jumbo to gain normality for the lust of the flesh. Those who promote and accept these things are not at all interested in what the Bible has to say or what Christians think. But God is interested.

God is so concerned about maintaining the

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respect for His design that declared that men and women are to honor their God-given gender and not even wear clothing that is not designed for them, a message for Ru Paul.

“A woman must not wear men’s clothing, nor a man wear women’s clothing for the Lord your God detests anyone who does this,” Deut. 22:5. I don’t believe those who do this care what God thinks but Christians should not “cave” on these issues even for those who are friends, relatives, or are otherwise “good people.”

What can Christians do in response to transgenderism? We should first agree with Jesus when He stated that the Scriptures cannot be broken, John 10:35. What the Bible says about sin is as true today as it was the day it was spoken.

As Christians we are required to confront every challenge with biblical truth. God made men and women different, Gen. 1:27. Sexual differences do exist regardless of the effort of some to make some men like women and some women like men. Our brains, our voices, our bodies are different and it’s impossible to make a man a woman or a woman a man even if we make them appear the same.

The difference between them can’t be changed simply because some persons “feel” they’re a member of the opposite sex. Your psychology cannot change your ontology.

To simply learn why some might perceive themselves the way they do and then repeat what political correctness dictates, doesn’t help. The Word states, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. IN all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight,”* Prov. 3:5-6.

I’m not sure, and I don’t believe the psychological world is sure either, why some question their gender. However, the promotion and endorsement by the entertainment world of lustful behavior of same sex activity, and the laws forbidding it to be spoken against surely escalate it.

Biblically, to help a person embrace their true nature as born would be a great beginning to peace and happiness. There is no such thing as “gender assignment” but rather “male or female.”

In this modern world a person has the freedom to do as one wishes, even sin. However, Christians have the freedom from sin, Rom. 8:2ff and in this present world we too have freedom to disagree with the world. But we have a high calling in Christ to confront evil even when it is in vogue.

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ICE FISHING

There were two good ol’ boys from down south who love to fish. They wanted to do some ice fishing that they had heard about in Canada, so they scheduled a trip and headed out.

The lake was frozen nicely, so they stopped just before they got to the lake at a little bait shop and got all their bait, food, drinks, filled their cooler with a block of ice and an ice pick.

About two hours later they came back to the bait shop and asked for a half dozen ice picks and left again. But, they came back for more ice picks.

The shop owner’s curiosity got the best of him and he asked, “How is the fishing going and why so many ice picks?” “Not very well at all, we don’t even have the stupid boat in the water yet.”

WANDERING SHEEP

Doctor Andrew Bonar told a story of how, in the Highlands of Scotland, a sheep would often wander off into the rocks and get into places that they couldn’t get out of. The grass on these mountains is very sweet and the sheep like it, and they will jump down ten or twelve feet, and then they can’t jump back again, and the shepherd hears them bleating in distress. They may be there for days, until they have eaten all the grass. The shepherd will wait until they are so faint they cannot stand, and then he will put a rope around him, and he will go over and pull that sheep up out of the jaws of death. “Why don’t they go down there when the sheep first gets there?” one asked.

“Ah!” he said, “they are so very foolish they would dash right over the precipice and be killed if they did.” And that is the way with men; they won’t go back to God till they have no friends and have lost everything. If you are a wanderer, I tell you that the Good Shepherd will bring you back the moment you have given up trying to save yourself and are willing to let Him save you His own way.

BIBLE FACTS

The Bible is printed in 532 languages.

The longest name in the Bible is:

MAHER SHALAL HASHBAZ – Isaiah 8:31

DOTS AND DASHES FROM DANNY

Something Light Hearted:

“What does the word ‘contemplate’ mean?” the college student asked his English professor. “Think about it,” the professor answered. “Ugh!” the student groaned. “Can’t you just tell me?” the student said. (Contemplate means “think about it!”)

SOMETHING FOR US TO CONTEMPLATE

Maybe we should take a moment to think about an important subject. This is a subject that I don’t hear talked about much in the local assembly anymore. Actually, I don’t even hear it mentioned. We expect it to happen, we know God has told us to carry this task out but it seems that this subject just isn’t a priority. The topic that I am alluding to is **EVANGELISM**. It is a subject that to some is debatable as to who is to carry out this task. Some have said that this practice was directed to only the apostles in **Matthew 28: 18 – 20** and that isn’t part of the plan God has given us. Others have said that to participate in evangelism you have to be called and trained. This isn’t something the average person sitting in the assembly needs to consider.

Maybe we need to put a definition with this word. Webster’s defines evangelism as, “the winning or revival of personal commitments to Christ”. I personally like the definition found in the Oxford Languages dictionary. It defines it this way: “the spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness”. Yes, you can evangelize by just being a good witness for the Lord. “Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.” This saying has been attributed to Francis of Assisi. Whether he said it or not, it is a very good declaration. All of God’s children can evangelize and I think we need to talk about returning to the import aspect of the life of the church.

Jesus said that He came to earth to “seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19: 10). Is it not a priority for us to try to do the same thing? **Mark 16: 16, “He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned”** tells us that there is something at stake

here. Winning the lost is the difference between life and death spiritually. Until we really put this thought deep inside us we will not see this as a priority.

I am sure you have heard as many excuses as I have as to why we don’t evangelize:

1. God is a loving God and He won’t really send people to hell.
2. We don’t have time to evangelize, what with our busy schedule.
3. That is why we have a preacher. He has plenty of time to try to win the lost.
4. I don’t want to offend people. If you tell people that Jesus is the only way to salvation some will be offended.
5. I don’t really know any non-Christians, the people I associate with all go to church.

I could list many, many more excuses that are being used why we are not spreading the Gospel by personal witnessing. As I said earlier we want to see people surrender to the Lord, but we seem to have placed that responsibility on someone else.

Maybe we ought to face facts. Evangelism has died in most churches. In others it is on life support dying a slow death. I can remember years ago when it was revival season in the local church, people shared the good news with family, friends and neighbors and people would come and decisions were made. Now, revivals are all but a thing of the past and evangelism just isn’t happening.

Evangelism is just good news. It is sharing your life with those you associate with. It is reminding people of a verse of scripture that even most non-church people can quote, **“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life”**.

Is there an answer to this dilemma? I believe there is. We have to get the people of God to see the severity of people being lost. We should see **Matthew 28: 18 - 20** as marching orders instead of just words on a page. Make this a matter of prayer.

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FUTURE GLORY

Sermon by Denny Coburn

TEXT: Romans 8:18-27

INTRO: One, if not the greatest, problem we have as created beings is that we can't see the "Big Picture" as God can. That is, there are things that have gone on before and things that are yet to come that we can't understand as He can. However, the Lord has helped us if we study the Scriptures for in them we have history of His dealings with mankind and He has given us a glimpse of the future with promises and prophecies.

There is a larger picture than that which we see and experience in our short time on earth. In our text the Apostle Paul gives us an eternal view of things going on in this world. He gives us some of the "Big Picture" explaining that God has given us hope, His Spirit, and providence to oversee us. The hope is the things revealed in the Bible, His Spirit is for inner strength, and providence assures us that He is watching over us, even in small things.

In this section of Scripture Paul is telling us that we may experience some trials in this life but God is using them to lead us to future glory.

I. PRESENT PROBLEMS (18-21)

A. PERSONAL TRIALS (SUFFERING)

1. "Present" suffering (Gr. Chairios – season or temporary).
2. "Suffering" (Gr. Pathema – misfortune or calamity).
3. "I consider" Paul's spiritual view
4. All of creation is dependents on God and is for His children. Man and nature both have an eternal purpose and it all is working together for that purpose and our glory.

B. THE COMPARISON WITH THE FUTURE

1. There is no comparison.
2. Trials of this life are worthy of comparison (18)
3. 2 Cor. 4:17 The present trials are light and momentary
4. Trials are achieving for us and eternal glory.

II. ALL CREATION IS INVOLVED

A. MAN, ANIMAL, AND INANIMATE

1. "The creation" – seems to refer to everthing created
2. ILL: The flood in Noah's days affected "all creation"
3. The creation was "frustrated" NIV or "made empty"
4. Flood, draught, earthquakes, hurricanes are all used at the desire of God...and all used for future glory

B. THE WHOLE UNIVERSE WILL BE RENOVATED

1. Man, animals, vegetation all suffer from Adam's sin.
2. A new heaven and new earth one day will appear.
3. When the curse of Gen. 3:17-19 is lifted.
4. The creation waits, verse 21.
5. By comparison to the universe our trials are small.

III. PERSONAL PROBLEMS IN PERSPECTIVE

A. GROANING

1. Gr. SUSTTENAZO "To groan together" w/nature
2. "Not one sparrow fall to the ground without the will of your Father," Matt. 10:29
3. We often think our trials are independent of all else.
4. Reason: We look at the "small picture," just self.
5. Paul is helping to see everything has His purpose in mind

B. HOPE IS NOT SEEN

1. It is in our hope that we are saved (24)
2. But if hope is seen...it is no longer hope (24)
3. If we had our way now...who hope for what they have?
4. But patience is seen in waiting for what we yet will receive

C. THE SPIRIT

1. The Spirit was given the Apostle in a special way (Jn.14:15)
2. They were the "first fruit" receivers, (23).
3. We benefit by what they wrote what was revealed, N/T.
4. The Spirit intercedes us in prayer (27)
5. This too is "according to God's will," (27)

CONCLUSION: We, as Christians, were never promised by the Master that life would be easy, that would be a lie, for it is not. The reason it is not is because we live in a fallen world. Since the fall of man we, mankind, animals, vegetation (all creation) have suffered. Mankind labors and has trials and pain, animals suffer at man's hands, and vegetation that was intended when created to bless us. But all was reversed due to the sin of man.

God has given us hope even in all of this. We have the recorded history of the goodness and love of God. We have the Scriptures. In them we also have the promises and prophecies of God. In addition to these He has given the Holy Spirit to those who obey Him, Acts 2:38, and Acts 5:32 as an intercessor in our prayer life. So, in this world of sorrow and suffering there is hope.

We should remind ourselves that God had one Son without sin, not without suffering.

I MET THE MASTER

I had walked life's way with an easy treat,
had followed where comfort and pleasures led.
Until one day in a quiet place
I met the Master face to face.

With station and rank and wealth for my goal,
much thought for my body but none for my soul.
I had entered to win in life's mad race,
when I met the Master face to face.

I met Him, and knew Him and blushed to see
that His eyes full of sorrow were fixed on me;
and I faltered and fell at His feet that day,
while my castles melted and vanished away.

Melted and vanished and in their place
naught else did I see but the Master's face.
And I cried aloud, "oh, make me meet
to follow the steps of Thy wounded feet.

My thought is now for the souls of men,
I have lot my life to find it again,
e'er since one day in a quiet place
I met the Master face to face.

-Lottie Cline

MINI THOTS

Success is when you look back at your life and the memories
make you smile

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Stop complaining about life and start celebrating it.

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Pray for a good harvest, but keep on hoeing.

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If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

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If flying is safe, why do they call an airport a terminal?

HEZEKIAH 6:14

"The reason mountain climbers are tied together is
to keep the sane ones from going home."

I don't know who said it, or when, or where, but
I've chuckled over it, thought about it, and quoted
it, too.

With a mountain of mercy behind me and a
mountain of mission ahead, I need you my sister,
my brother, I need to be tied to you, and you need
me, too.

We need each other...to keep from bolting, fleeing
in panic, and returning to the "sanity" of unbelief.
Wise words, whoever said them; I've placed them
in my "bible"; they are my Hezekiah 6:14

-Gerhard E Frost

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A series of studies in encouragement by Denny Coburn

Study Number One Hundred Twenty-nine – The Peace of God

As Jesus neared the end of His earthly ministry He comforted His disciples with these words, ***“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid,”*** John 14:27.

There is several encouraging things we can take from these words but one that I think we must begin with is the fact that Jesus makes it clear that the peace He gives does not come to one the way the world gives it, “I do not give to you as the world gives.” His peace comes neither in manner nor power.

The world can offer only empty promises of peace provided by suggestions of men and at best brings only temporary comfort. In this world filled with suggestions from social studies, politics, and religious turmoil how can we have peace from that? The world tells us that peace can be felt only when there isn’t any conflict. We only need to be in the world a short time before we learn this is not true.

However, Jesus Christ speaks of a peace that dwell within...an inner peace that surpasses the peace the world offers. His peace does not depend on circumstances that change but on faith in Him who never changes. If we follow the broad contrast between peace of the world and the peace Jesus offers, His words become even clearer.

In the world it is believed that peace should come instantly, that we shouldn’t have to wait for it. But, sometimes we have to wait on the real peace the Master offers. We are told to wait on the Lord, “Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage wait for the Lord,” Psa. 27:14. We are told ***“The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seek him,”*** Lam. 3:25. Psalm 37:7 adds these words, ***“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!”*** Waiting on the peace is an exercise of our faith.

The world will tell us we can’t find peace during difficulties. However in Christ peace can be found even in the midst of trials. King David wrote, ***“I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears,”*** Psa. 34:4. The Prophet Isaiah put it this way, ***“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze,”*** Isa. 43:2. The waters, rivers, and fire are symbolic of trials, troubles, and tribulations. Our God will give you peace in the midst of the difficulties of life. Not so with the worldly minded.

Another contrast is that the world teaches us that calm periods of our life are signs of peace regardless of how we live. The peace that Jesus gives comes through believing and obeying the Gospel, 2 Thess. 1:8. The peace of God is found in believing and obeying the message that Jesus Saves and we must trust in Him in daily matters. The world’s idea of living as one pleases may give one a certain temporary degree of peacefulness, but it is like falling from a ten story building at the eighth floor. Rather than having real peace you would be in for a rude awakening.

Still another contrast between the peace Jesus offers and that of the world is that the world sees no benefit from admitting your faults and weaknesses and that it certainly does not bring peace. However, the peace Jesus offers comes from sincere repentance. The very beauty of the word repentance is the promise of escaping old problems and old habits and old sorrows and old sins. It is among the most hopeful and encouraging and the most peaceful

words in our vocabulary. True repentance is like having a very heavy weight lifted from one's shoulders. It is cleansing for the soul, joy to the heart, and peace to one's spirit. When one truly repents there is nothing between them and God but peace. As the hymn writer puts it "Peace, perfect peace, in the dark world of sin. But, the blood of Jesus whispers peace within," (From the Hymn *Peace, Perfect Peace* by Edward H Bickersteth).

Another contrast is that the world teaches that peace comes from only focusing on our needs. The peace of Jesus comes from the very opposite, it comes from serving and being a peacemaker of others. In the "dog eat dog world" where peace is sought through getting what you want any way you want regardless of others, the Bible stands in sharp contrast. In Philippians 4:4-9 we see the way of peace in these words, "***Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me, put into practice and the God of peace will be with you.***" What an agenda...and it's the opposite of the world's ways.

The peace the world offers comes from seeking approval from others while the peace Jesus gives from seeking to be a better disciple. If we make Jesus Christ the focus of our lives, we will have the inner peace. "***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.***" 2 Cor. 5:17-18. In the eyes of God we are made new in Christ Jesus, and from the starting point of being forgiven of our sins and given a new start inner peace is experienced. We are no longer aliens because peace was made by Jesus for those who believe.

One final contrast is this: We are taught in the world that peace comes from within us. That is we can provide our own peace. The Bible again teaches the very opposite, that peace is a reward of righteousness...as is promised gift of the Savior's self-sacrifice. Peace with Him through faith and obedience also results in peace with the Father, and peace with the Father is the only way to have the peace of God that passes all understanding.

Through the saving grace of His death on the cross we have all been reconciled to each other also. We simply must accept his gift of grace, it is free...we pay nothing but simply accept it. There is no need for hatred toward anyone...there is no reason.

The gospel of peace is rooted in grace, God loved us while we were yet sinners...He had pity because we were captive to sin...sin's slaves in reality. To this situation we hear from heaven, "***Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him,***" Isaiah 30:18.

In the world we will experience hard times, but we are blessed to know that we have someone we can turn to in any challenging circumstance. The Savior said, "***These things I have spoken to you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you will have tribulation but be of good cheer I have overcome the world,***" John 16:33.

Because of the sacrifice, death, burial and the resurrection of Jesus we can have peace today and forever. A peace the world can't give but praise the Lord He can and did.

LEARNING with Larry

Early in my Christian life I had often wondered why some Christians seem to be more spiritual than others. The answer came to me while I was reading James 4:7-10 *“Submit therefore to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double minded. Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord and He will exalt you.”*

The simple truth found in the first part of verse eight made it very clear; *“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”* This verse tells me that I can be as close to God as I desire to be. I’ve thought how many times I have waited on God to act when all the time He was waiting on me to draw near to Him.

The Greek word for “draw near” is EGGIZO and means “to bring near,” “to join one thing to another,” and “to approach”.

I can make all the excuses in the world why I’m not as close as I should be, yet what I know is that I must desire God more than anything else to have the life I desire. Why would God want to draw near to us? That’s an incredible act of mercy on His part. The God of the universe owes us nothing, including His closeness.

Beginning in the previous verses (6-7) James writes, *“But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, ‘God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”*

In verse 8 calls us to draw near, closer to God. This comes with a promise, God will respond by moving closer to us.

Finally James calls us “sinners” to clean our hands and not be “double minded” trying to serve God and Satan. He pleads for us to purify our hearts and begin again, that is true repentance.

If we move toward God He will move closer to us. While His Spirit already lives within His children, it is clear that we can walk according to the world and the flesh. But if we are being controlled by His Spirit, then He bears fruit in us, Gal. 5:22-23. Paul states, *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,”* Col. 3:16.

It is also good for us to see the simplicity of what God is asking us to do. He is asking for simple, quiet fellowship with Him. Remember, that Jesus once reminded His hearers that His yoke is easy, and His

burdens are light, Matt. 11:30. God isn’t trying to complicate things for us, and He hasn’t made walking with Him difficult. He reminds us that we need to draw near to Him and He will draw near to us.

I like the verse in Revelation 3:20, *“Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door; I will come in to him and will dine with him and him with me.”*

He’s knocking on the door of your life. We must open it be become closer to our Lord.

Until next time, -Larry.

SARCASM AT ITS BEST WORST

“I’m trying to imagine you with a personality.”

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“I like you, you remind me of when I was young and stupid.”

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“I don’t know your problem but I bet it’s hard to pronounce.”

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“It sounds like English, but I can’t understand a word you are saying.”

WORDS FROM THE WISE

“A government big enough to give you everything you want, it is strong enough to take everything you have.” – Thomas Jefferson

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“Suppose you were an idiot and suppose you were a member of Congress, but I repeat myself.” – Mark Twain.

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“In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a Congress”

– John Adams

INTEGRITY

Christy Mathewson, was known as “Big Six” (a reference to a New York City fire engine), as well as the “Christian Gentleman.” He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1936, with Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Ty Cobb, and Walter Johnson as the first class of Famers. He played for the New York Giants (1900-1916). The following year he managed the Reds.

During a close game he hit a triple. He was given the sign to steal home. When he slid dust enveloped home plate. A conference was held between the umpires. They agreed to let Christy decide whether he was safe or out.

He joined the umps, adjusted his trousers, dusted off his uniform. The crowd was silent at this unprecedented means of calling a play. Finally he removed his cap and said, “He got me!” Later his teammates asked “Why he called himself out?” Christy paused and finally said, “Because I am an elder in my church.”

A TOMB STONE IN MASSACHUSETTS

Under the sod and under the trees,

Lies the body of Jonathan Pease.

He is not here, there’s only the pod,

Pease shelled out and went to God.

HERE’S ONE FROM THURMONT, MARYLAND

Here lies an Atheist, all dressed up,

and no place to go.

OPPORTUNITIES

July 9-13 Delmarva Family Camp, Delmarva Peninsula - Contact: uccministermj@gmail.com

July 24-27 Family Camp, Person to Person Ministries, Hillsboro, OH, Contact: p2p_pm.org

July 31-Aug. 3 Riverbend Camp, Arenac County, MI, Contact: Denny@Qualitycraftedhomes.com

TWO DAYS

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry.

Two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is Yesterday with all its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, aches, and pains

We cannot undo a single act that we performed;
we cannot erase a single word we said,
Yesterday is gone forever.

The other day we should not worry about is Tomorrow with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promises, and its poor Performance;

Tomorrow is beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds.

But it will rise and until it does, we have no stake in Tomorrow, for it is not yet born.

DAFFYNITIONS

Artery – The Study of fine paintings

Barium – What we do when people pass away.

Cesarean Section – A district in Rome.

Colic – A sheep dog.

Coma – A punctuation mark.

Dilate – To live long.

Fester – To be quicker.

G. I. series – Baseball game between army teams.

GOOD QUOTES

“If you're going through hell, keep going”

Winston Churchill

“Problems are only opportunities with thorns on them.”

Hugh Miller

“What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the Master calls a butterfly.”

Richard Bach

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A LITTLE TOO BLOND

A man was in his front yard Mowing grass when his neighbor, an attractive blonde named Judy, came out of her house and went to her mailbox. She opened it, then slammed it shut angrily and stormed back into the house.

A little later she came out of her house, went to the mailbox and repeated her behavior, and stormed back into the house again.

When she came out again and did the same thing, he couldn't be silent anymore. So he yelled at her, “Judy, is something wrong?” To which she replied, “There certainly is, my stupid computer keeps saying, ‘You have mail’ and I'm getting tired of the lies!”

THE PARAKLETE

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