



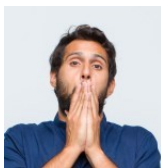
Rev. 11:7-14



1. “Now when they have finished their __, the beast that comes up from the __ will attack them, and overpower and kill them.”
2. “Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called __ and __—where also their Lord was __.”
3. True or False: The people buried the bodies of the two witnesses immediately.
4. “At that very hour there was a severe __ and a __ of the city collapsed.”
5. How many were killed in the earthquake?

Solution: testimony, Abyss; Sodom, Egypt, crucified; false; earthquake, tenth; seven thousand

Beating Worry



Time has a way of improving the conditions of daily lives. What posed as hardship for my grandparents are today’s luxuries. Surrounded with gadgets and gizmos to make life easy, why can’t they invent something, anything that will remove worry from our lives?

Volumes have been written to abate the damage worry causes. Man may find more things to worry about, but Jesus alone holds the secret to beat worry. Jesus said that to neutralize stress one must keep clear, spiritual priorities (Mat. 6:33). The Christian is entitled to place his trust in God. Unlike the rest of creation, God gives the faithful disciple the benefits of His protection (v. 26). Let God have priority over any and every problem and one can live without being crushed by worry.

Worry, and the stress it spawns, can be reduced by living one day at a time (Mat. 6:34). Jesus teaches that God is well aware of our needs. Dream big about tomorrow but don’t steal its heartaches. These are literally the times that try men’s souls. Jesus alone can bring contentment to the stressed out world. —David Bragg



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Times We Meet:

Sunday:

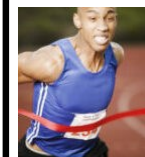
Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Thursday:

Ladies Class: 10:00 a.m.
Mid-Week Online
Bible Study: 12:30 p.m.

Office Hours:

Mon.—Thur.
9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.



Reasons for Enduring Trials

When trials hit, we can do one of two things concerning our faithfulness to God: give up, or continue on. Paul knew what it was like. In fact many times in trials, he felt like he was between a rock and a hard place (2 Cor. 4:8), yet he continued remaining faithful to God. I believe that in verses 14-15 in the same chapter he gives us three reasons to endure trials.

He knew that trials, and even death, would not rob him of the crown of life. “...knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.” (v.14)

He realized that surviving his hardships were influencing others toward Christ. “For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many,” (v.15a)

He was aware that He was glorifying God in enduring adversity. “...may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.” (v.15b)

Yes, enduring trials can be good for us and others. So when trials hit, hang in there and keep praising God!

—Edd Sterchi





On Remembering Faithful Soldiers

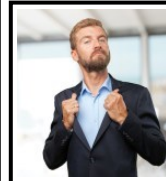
Bradford Freeman was just 18 years old when he dropped out of Mississippi State and enlisted in the U.S. Army to become a paratrooper. He was assigned to be a mortarman in Company E, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. The company name rings a bell from the work of author Stephen Ambrose in his bestseller work, and later miniseries, *Band of Brothers*. The story of Freeman's unit, Easy Company, has become well-known not only for being paratroopers in the Normandy invasion, Operation Market-Garden, but also for their service in the Battle of the Bulge. Freeman passed away this past weekend. It is notable as his marks the passing of the last of the original members of Easy Company.

The Christian life is described as warfare and all of us soldiers (2 Tim. 2:3-4). The Christian life involves weapons and hardship (2 Corinthians 10:3-6). The Christian life involves holding the line and standing in the might of our Commander (Ephesians 6:10-18). Yet, in the light of Bradford Freeman's service, it is right for us to think about remembrance of deeds. We might know or remember some of his exploits, some of his fellow-soldiers, and some of the good, but who remembers all he and his brothers did?

We can appreciate that the news media, even with all that is going on, did not fail to give honor to the last American hero from this renowned company. Over time, the stories and service of many who have sacrificed so much, like this man, are lost to time, to records, and are washed away in the ocean of war and duty. Who, indeed, can recount every tale of every soldier who has ever served nobly and given all for the sake of country (John 15:13)?

This thought alone drives me to thankful praise of our God who remembers His faithful servants, not as the media does, but as One who *always* remembers *every* faithful soldier and *every* faithful work (2 Tim. 2:19). Our God-who-sees knows our selfless sacrifices in hard places (Gen. 16:13). Our God who loves us knows every aspect of our faithful service and will reward us with a crown of life once our battle is over (2 Tim. 4:7-8).

I am grateful to those soldiers, who I do not know, who meekly gave themselves so I can live free as an American. However, I am eternally grateful to my Savior who died so I can live free as a Christian. He is the God who knows and does not forget (Rev. 2:8-10)!—*Andy Baker*



I Have Made Peace with God

There is nothing more important in life than having peace with God. There can be no assurance of salvation or hope of heaven without having peace with God. Therefore, we should all desire to have peace with our Maker.

But how can we have such peace? The basic answer to the question is that peace comes by receiving the forgiveness of sins. Sin brings disturbance and causes discord between man and God (Isaiah 59:1-2). As long as one remains in sin, there can be no fellowship or peace with God.

Occasionally, a person who has shown little or no interest in spiritual things might make the statement: "I have made my peace with God." The Bible teaches that the Lord will be the final judge on the Day of Judgment. Only the Lord qualifies to judge and to determine the ultimate destiny of souls. However, it is not being judgmental or self-righteous to affirm that one has no peace with God until one has obeyed the Gospel and been forgiven. Simply claiming to have "made peace with God" does not make it so, unless the one who makes that statement has submitted to the Gospel of Christ.

Consider what Paul wrote about peace with God: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Peace comes when one is "justified by faith." But when does that occur? When does faith justify? In the next chapter of Romans (chapter 6), the answer is given: "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:17-18). Notice that the Christians in Rome to whom Paul wrote were "made free from sin" when they "obeyed" the Gospel. Earlier in Romans chapter 6, Paul states that the Romans had been baptized into Christ, and had been raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4). This is when and how one can know that he or she truly has made peace with God. When one's faith leads one to repent, confess Christ, and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins, then one has a scriptural reason for claiming to have peace with God. Nevertheless, apart from obedience to the Gospel, claiming to have peace with God is to make an unscriptural statement. May we all search the scriptures and our lives to be sure we have made peace with God. —*Mark Lindley*





What Will Your Checkbook Tell About You?

Some time ago I read about a man who had written many biographies. He noted that it was easy to find out what a man said and what he had done, but when it came to finding out what kind of man he really was, the biographer was up a stump. Then he discovered that the surest way to get the truth was to look at the stubs of old check books.

What a man gives his money for—that tells the tale. Why not stop before you read any further and get your checkbook for the past year? What does it say about you? It might say:

1. "This man cares more about entertainment—football, hunting, fishing, golf, tennis, and movies—than he does the church."
2. "This man cares more about his personal appearance—clothes, grooming, haircuts, etc.—than he does the church."
3. "This man cares more about civic interests—clubs, community projects and the Red Cross—than he does about the lost."
4. "This man cares more about vacations and traveling (just look at those gas bills) than he does about the expansion of the Kingdom of God."
5. "This man cares more about temporal security—bonds, stocks, and investments—than he does about treasures in heaven."

Would you be ashamed if suddenly your checkbook began to blab the truth about you to all your friends and neighbors? —G.K. Wallace, 1903-1988



WORDSEARCH

Genealogy of Christ (Matthew 1:1-17)

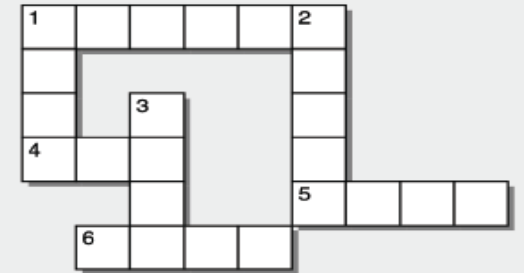
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 Generations
 Fourteen
 Abijah

Begot
 Jacob
 Abraham
 David

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CrossWORD



"The Serpent Tempts"

Genesis 3

Across

- 1) "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the ___?'"
- 4) The serpent told Eve she wouldn't ____.
- 5) What the serpent would eat after God's punishment.
- 6) Second-hand eater.

Down

- 1) Eve saw that the tree was ___ for food.
- 2) Without clothing.
- 3) He shall bruise your ____.

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Word SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to form a Bible word!

R H E T B E N R

Clue: Fellow Christians

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 5!



Cancer

Jesse Draper. Carolyn Roop's Son.
Barbara Kendrick. Lisa's mom.
Emma Tassone. Granddaughter of Debbie Brooks.
Virgil Thompson. Cancer & Parkinson's Disease.



Anita Hopper. Health concerns.
Elaine Smith. Dementia.
Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia



Eli Clark. Special needs. Friend of the Patrick's
Ryan Kendrick. Special needs.
Shep Knight. Special needs.
Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.



Lonnie & Carolyn Carr. Linda Moore's daughter & son-in-law.
Mark Clifton. Gilmer & Dixies' son.
Deana Ligon. James' sister.
Jay & Sheila Martin. Recovering from Covid-19.
David & Lori Palmer. Recovering from Covid-19.
James, Donna Patrick. Covid-19.



Jaydan Patrick. Covid-19.
Jordyn Patrick. Covid-19.
Burt & Donna Underwood. Niece & husband of niece of Barbara Oliver.



Jack Beavers. Recovering from heart issues.
Tish Clarke. Wife of B.J. Clarke. Recent surgery for brain tumor.
Drew Clifton. Gilmer & Dixie's grandson.
Earl Elwood. Brother of Karen Lovell.
Nadine Knight. Ridgeway member. Health concerns.
Rita Lawless. Health concerns.
Kirk Sams. Recovering from a major car accident.
Jacqueline Stone. Recovering from a fall.
David Teschendorf. Recovering from a fall.
Prayers for those with long-term health issues.
Prayers for Kentucky.
Prayers for Mississippi.
Prayers for our Country.
Prayers for the Ukraine.



SEPT. 9TH WYATT CLARK
 SEPT. 13TH DAVID PALMER
 SEPT. 15TH NANCY BEAVERS
 SEPT. 22ND GARY HOLLANDSWORTH
 SEPT. 27TH RITA LAWLESS
 SEPT. 30TH JUSTIN COOLEY



SEPT. 14TH JAY & SHELIA MARTIN
 SEPT. 18TH LONNIE & SHANNON THOMPSON



Offices Closed
 Our offices will be closed on Sept. 5th in observance of labor day holiday.



Women's Bible Study

Ladies Class!
 Our Ladies Class will start it's fall-winter session on Thursday, Sept. 8th!
 This session the ladies will be studying: "Compassion & Service: The Heart & Hand of the Messiah!
 Coffee & Donuts at 9:30am
 Class at 10:00am!



Monthly Movie Nights!

Our next Monthly Movie Nights is Oct. 1st at 6:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.



Bassett Heritage Festival

We will be hosting a booth to promote our church at the Bassett Festival on Saturday, Sept. 10th!

WORDSEARCH

Solution: Genealogy of Christ

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Word SCRAMBLE

Solution: Brethren