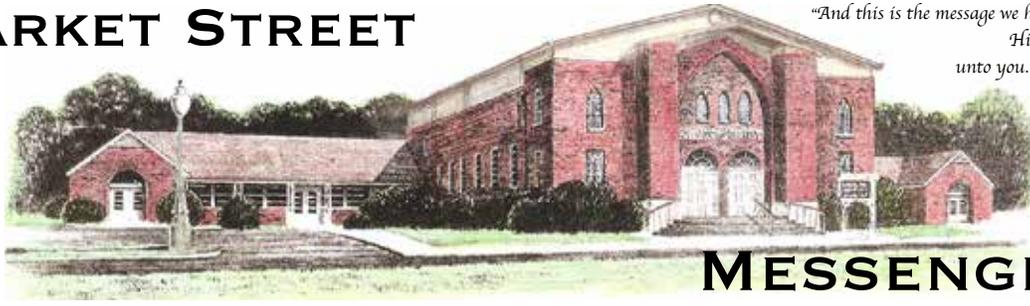


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)

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Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

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It Does Make A Difference

David A. Cox

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" –Hebrews 11:6

In religious discussions, it is not uncommon to hear someone say, "It doesn't make any difference what one believes and practices." Their point is that all religious people are going to heaven. There is no significance to what is believed or practiced in religion. However, we must ask, "Is this true? Does it make any difference what one believes and practices in religion?"

It Makes A Difference What We Believe

It is evident from what the writer in Hebrews says that it makes a difference what is believed to please God. This verse clearly teaches that it makes a difference if we believe, and probably no one would deny this. But this verse places importance on what one believes. Please notice:

1. ***He must Believe That God Is.*** He must believe that God exists. The Psalmist declares, "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork" (Psalm 19:1). Believing that God is, means to believe in the existence of God, understanding the power which He possesses over the creation and the honor, glory, and allegiance that belongs to Him.

2. ***God is A Rewarder of Those Who Diligently Seek Him.*** To be rewarded by God requires one to search the word of God, which reveals the mind of God to us, and must study to know the things that please Him.

The faith that pleases God is a faith that comes from God's Word (Romans 10:17). As we look to the Word of God, we learn that we must believe several things:

1. We must believe in Christ, who He is, and His work in saving man (John 8:24; 20:30-31).
2. We must believe in the resurrection of Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 10:9-10).
3. We must believe and submit to Christ's authority (Matthew

28:18-20; Ephesians 1:21-22).

4. We must believe the gospel of Christ, and our faith must be activated to obey (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:27-38; James 2:14-26).

In answer to the question, “Does it make any difference what we believe?” The answer is, “Yes, it does.” If one believes in God and who He is but fails to seek Him, he will not please God; his faith will lack the things God requires. Let us develop the faith that pleases and will be the difference in saving our souls.



“A Man After My Own Heart”

Jay Horsley

God, “testified and said, ‘*I have found David* the son of Jesse, *A man after My own heart*, who will do all My will’” (Acts 13:22). By this, David became a man of great and lasting influence. He left a legacy of cities (both Jerusalem, 2 Samuel 5:7 and Bethlehem. Luke 2:11), of generations of kings (2 Chronicles 1:1; 34:1,2) and ultimately the Messiah: Jesus, the son of David (Matthew 21:9-11). To this day David is one of the most popular names for our boys.

His legacy with God was a great blessing for Israel for generations to come: “I will defend this city to save it for My own sake and for My servant David’s sake” (2 Samuel 5:7) even in times of national unfaithfulness. “Yet the Lord was not willing to destroy the house of David because of the covenant which He had made with David, and since He had promised to give a lamp to him and his sons forever” (2 Chronicles 21:7).

He reflected the mind of God in his righteous indignation at the outrages of Goliath (1 Samuel 17:24-30), in his respect for God-ordained authorities (1 Samuel 26:9-12), in his humility (2 Samuel 5:12), and righteousness (2 Samuel 8:15). But maybe most strikingly and famously, in his confessions of sin when he erred. In his sins he confessed, “But now, O Lord, please take away the iniquity of Thy servant, for I have acted very

foolishly” (2 Samuel 24:10) and “I have sinned against the Lord” (2 Samuel 17:13) Obedient, respectful, humble, confessing — examples for us in the ways of God.

~via *Mulvane church of Christ*; Mulvane, Kansas



Hope Beyond Failure

Richie Jenkins

Rarely will one of God’s heroes appear in scripture without experiencing failure. As soon as you read the name, you remember the story. Peter experienced the extreme highs and lows of life. From days spent in blessed fellowship with Christ, to the heart-wrenching erosion of loyalty when he denied the Lord in the temple courtyard. Not once. Not twice. But three times. Once he realized his failure, “he went out and wept bitterly” (Luke 22:62).

Can we remember a failure that was dramatic and so tearful that we hardly need to be reminded of the feelings? “There is no pit so deep but that He is not deeper still” (Betsie ten Boom). As dark and as deep and as tragic as your failure may be, the Lord is willing to go to the depths of it with you.

This was true of Peter, too. Following the surprising warning of Satan’s attack, Jesus gave Peter a statement of fact. “I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail” (Luke 22:32a). Then there was a veiled reassurance, “And you, when once you have turned again... Strengthen your brothers” (Luke 22:32b). Doesn’t this suggest that Peter was going to fall? “Once you have turned again,” Jesus said, “then use it to strengthen your brothers.” He knew Peter would fall, but He prayed for him that he would not remain fallen. Jesus loved Peter – even at this point of deepest weakness.

How did He prove that love? After the resurrection, while the women were standing at the tomb, an angel told them, “Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen. He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid him.

But, go tell his disciples and Peter” (Mark 16:6-7). “Don’t forget Peter. He’s the last one who thinks that I’ll ever want to see again. Tell Peter!” What grace!

Somewhere between the time Peter fell and this angelic announcement, there was a process during which Peter wallowed in remorse, wishing he could, if possible, correct his error. But, he could not. And somewhere in the midst of it, he heard the Lord say to him, “Peter, I forgive you. I understand. Use it to strengthen your brothers.” That is why Peter is able to write, “May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection” (1 Peter 1:2-3). Why did this mean so much to Peter? Because it was at the resurrection Peter’s name was called, and the Lord in tender mercy said, “Tell him I’ve come back.”

When Peter writes his first letter he writes as a man who has experienced great hope. By the time he wrote this letter, Peter had come to the place where he was not only back on the scene but he was aggressively engaged in the formation of the early church.

It can happen to us too. Just like fallen and forgiven Peter, we can find new hope despite our failures. Believers are born to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ for the dead (1 Peter 1:3). What tender mercy! What triumphant grace! Failure is not forever. God specializes in forgiveness and hope. He can use even your worst failures in a mighty way.

~via *Focus Magazine*; December 2017.

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Sunday Mornings

8:30a.m. - 9:00a.m.



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News & Notes

THE SICK:

Dale Adcock	Jackie Cox
Sherry Davis	Shirley Miller
Betty Jo Lovell	Betty Pepper
Doris Lovell	JoAnn Gilbert
Diane Kilpatrick	Gabriella Gentry

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Tommy Burns	Priscilla Tucker
Peggy Pepper	Vicki Stringer
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Doris Reid	Lloyd Adams
Phillip Harwell	Cornelia Pepper
Charles Burns	Cindy Walker
Kenneth Fisher	Al Pollard
Matt Bassford	Sadricia Wilson
Leigh Ellen Elliott	Wynell Romine

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Connie Brock, rm. 62
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Yvonne Pressnell, rm.

Limestone Health Facility:

Marci Bassett, rm. 42	Alice Roberson, rm. 49
Bobby Ogles, rm. 113	Ann Bush, rm. 75

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home
 Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge
 Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter’s in Huntsville
 Barbara Carter; Traditions
 Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville
 Irene Inman; at home
 Stan Stanford; at home
 Jimmy Stroud; Valley View, Madison
 William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
 Alan Thornton; Limestone Lodge
 Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Brad Brown; Athens-Limestone Hospital, rm. 300

Updates:

Brad Brown is in the Athens-Limestone Hospital following his surgery to clean out an infection ... *Sherry Davis* is scheduled for surgery on her left shoulder on Tuesday of this week... *Dale Adcock* fell last week and has not been able to be out. Her neck surgery is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th... *Carol Dean* is scheduled to have more tests on her heart on Monday, April 4th ...

Allison Usery's mother, Trudy Romine, had a heart ablation on Thursday and is doing well...*Betty Lovell* is continuing to have problems with her arthritis...*Ruby Dean Ezell's daughter, Diane Kilpatrick*, had surgery this past Monday and the surgery went well...*Allison Usery's father, Kedrick Romine*, was not able to have his surgery this past week that was scheduled for Tuesday.

OUT OF TOWN: *Christian Usery & Matthew Usery* are in Charleston, South Carolina...*Jonathan Traylor* is out of town this week...*The Tuckers: Larry and Theresa* are in Florida this weekend...*Albert Haraway* is on the road this weekend...*Leah Richardson* is back in town after being in Florida last week.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to Tena Wells and all the family in the passing of her brother-in-law, Steve Andrews, on Saturday. The arrangements are incomplete at this time.

CARD WRITING: The card writing group will meet next Monday morning, April 4th, to write and mail out cards. If you would like to participate in this, please join them next Monday morning at 10:30.

UKRAINE: We continue to see the terrible atrocities being inflicted upon the Ukrainians and they are heart-wrenching to see. Remember to pray for the people in Ukraine, especially our brethren there.

TEACHER'S MEETING: We will have a teacher's meeting this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. We will be discussing the plans for the VBS this summer. I hope that all of our teachers and all interested will be present.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible class meets each Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. The class is studying the "*The Christian in a Secular Age.*"

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of March 20th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	107
	Morning Worship	149
	Evening Worship	101
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	97



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, March 27th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Albert Haraway
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Marty R. Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting	Larry Tucker
Serving	Griffin Holt..... Sam Gregory
.....	Heath Dollar..... Matthew Vaughn
Closing Prayer	Tommy Coblentz

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Albert Haraway
Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt
Other Assignments for the week of March 27 th :	
Ushers.....	Keenon Currier/Danny Johnson
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, March 30th:

Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Bible Reading.....	Russ Wulfekuhl
.....	(John 10:31-42)
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Invitation	Albert Haraway
Closing Prayer	Tony Thomas

Sunday, April 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Stephen Lynn
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Terry Andrews
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting	Marcus Morris
Serving	Heath Dollar..... Matthew Usery
.....	Clayton Hamm..... Hayden Pierce
Closing Prayer	Bob Broadus

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Stephen Lynn
Song Leader	Griffin Holt
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed
Other Assignments for the week of April 3 rd :	
Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt