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No Tears in Heaven and No Waiting Either

The Scripture reads in Revelation 21:3-4 *And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying or pain; the first things have passed away."* Heaven is clearly a place you want to be as no one will ever experience a pain and sorrow free life.

But have you also considered that time will not be in Heaven either? In Heaven we will be living in eternity. Heaven and those in Heaven will never see the end of their time there because there is no end. This is rather foreign when you think about it. Everything on earth has a beginning and an end. We can never know what it is for something to not end until we reach Heaven. As a place with no end and no time this means there will be no waiting. No more waiting on anything. Waiting is a source of anxiety; have you ever waited on medical test results? Waiting is a source of frustration: all traffic jams. Waiting could often be prevented. Like when the person in line in front of you at the restaurant, who's been there plenty of times, stares at the menu as if it's in a foreign language and they won't make a decision.

While we continue to wait on life, God continues to wait on you if you are outside of His church. *The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance,* 2 Peter 3:9. We'll never be able to control most of what we wait on. But we are fully in-charge of when we decide to follow Christ or if we will follow Him at all. Christ has given His life for your sins (2 Corinthians 5:21). The waters of baptism await to you unite you with Him and make you free from sin (Romans 6:1-7). He's waiting for you in Heaven (Hebrews 12:2). What are you waiting on?

- **T.J. Bolen**, Gospel preacher, West Columbia church of Christ, SC

“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” - Romans 6:4

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: T.J. Bolen—Special Occasions with the Lord

PM: T.J. Bolen—A New Creature, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

that ye all speak the same thing, and
that there be no divisions among you;
but that ye be perfectly joined together
in the same mind and in the same judgment.” - 1 Corinthians 1:10

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Margaret Herring, Stephanie Rigney, Dorothy Gray and family, Pat Joyner, Gwen Pittman, Anna Porter, also Richard Ramkinson, Wilson Burton.

- **Anna Porter** was hospitalized last week but is back home now. Pray for **Tommy White** that he find a good place to live. Remember **Grant Parks** and family.
- Remember the **Brisbon** family who are having difficulties and also **Margie DeYoung** who is slowly failing, **Anna Porter** and **Margaret Herring**, both suffering many ills, also **Gwen Pittman**, **Keith Carter** and sister, **Margaret Gamble (Jones’ sister)**, **Floyd Richbourg** with knee problems, **Stephanie Rigney** with severe neck pain and **Frank Allen** who has been laid off work.
- Pray for all these, send them a card, let them know you love them.
- **Be thankful that God hears our prayers and answers! (1 John 5:15)**

**"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart,
all ye that hope in the Lord." - Psalms 31:24**

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Congratulations to **Kelly Kennedy** who graduated from USC last Monday!!!
- **Wed night** assembly at **6 PM**, an hour earlier! The men will consider changing to 6 PM for **all** Wed. night assemblies next year. Let them know what you think.
- At last weeks **Encouragement Meeting** many baskets were made for shut-ins and others in the congregation, and later distributed. Many thanks to those who organized, participated and contributed to this good work.
- **Bible study, Saturdays, 3pm, informal, bring friends and your Bible questions.**

**“Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes,
that it may bring forth more fruit.” - John 15:2**

DON'T SLOW DOWN NOW!—NO IN BETWEEN IN 2014!

NEW SLOGAN FOR 2015?

Slogans aren't the word of God; they can't save us. However, they *can* serve to remind us and prod us, unconsciously, to observe important spiritual matters—**if** we'll keep them in mind. Which is why we make them short and sweet. A slogan can be one way to remind us to mind our hearts from which the things of life issue:

“A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.” - Proverbs 16:9

“... for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.” - Matthew 12:34

Living for Christ (front page article) should be in the forefront of our minds. Evangelism (Sunday sermon) is an important part of that. Do you have suggestions for a slogan to help us keep those in mind?

**AS A CHRISTIAN BE SEEN IN 2015
STRIVE TO GLEAN IN 2015**

LOOKING TO CHRIST

There always seems to be discussion about **unity**. People say the religious world is lacking in unity. And that's true; just a casual look at the yellow pages under “CHURCHES” will affirm this. This is contrary to what Jesus wants and a big problem, but it's one of our own making, because people are NOT LOOKING to CHRIST.

Unity comes from the word ONE. If you have more than one, you don't have unity. God has told us how to have UNITY, and it's very simple:

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" - Philippians 2:5

If you have **your** mind, and I have **mine**, we have **different** minds, and consequently, no unity. However, if **your** mind was like that of Jesus, and **my** mind was like that of Jesus, we'd both have the **same** mind. How could we be different? How could we disagree? How could we do things differently? We couldn't! We would be **one**, and not just one period, but one in **Christ!** Not one in Kip McKean, not one in Sun Yat MOON, not even one in Paul or Peter, but one in **Christ**.

We don't have to have UNITY CONFERENCES and SUMMITS. We don't have to discuss our **differences**. The Lord has given us the **yardstick** that we're to be measured against, and it's **Him**:

“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: “ - Eph. 4:13

If each of individually went about making our **own** minds like Christ's we would be working **directly** and **effectively** on getting **unified**, we'd be true **disciples**. The Lord **wants** disciples. Why do think that word is used so often in the New Testament? and he wants them to be HIS disciples—like Him:

**"The disciple is not above his master,
but every one that is perfect shall be as his master." - Luke 6:40**

Why do we make so many problems for ourselves by **not** looking to Christ? Do you like problems? I don't. We can do something about it, look to Christ. Do what he says.

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

Sun AM Sermon— *Special Occasions with the Lord*

Holidays are special occasions that are planned for, celebrated, and are joyful times. What has the Lord deemed special that is to be planned for, celebrated, and is a joyful time?

Plan for when you meet Him.

Celebrate the feast, 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Rejoice in Him, *always*. Phil. 4:4

Does Jesus want to celebrate His birthday?