

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

Acts 16:30

Learn The Gospel

John 6:45; Romans 10:17; James 1:22-25

Believe On GOD In CHRIST

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; James 2:14-26

Confess CHRIST

Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33; 7:21

Repent Of Sin

Acts 3:19; Matthew 3:8

Be Baptized Into CHRIST

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6; 1st Peter 3:21

“Let The Word... Dwell In You Richly”

Colossians 3:16

The current memory assignment is: *“Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been proved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him”* (James 1:12).

Read, write, listen to, and recite this verse.

“Sound Doctrine”

Titus 2:1

“THAT THEY MAY REST FROM THEIR LABORS”

Bryan Matthew Dockens

“Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, ‘Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them’” (Revelation 14:13). To the faithful, God promises rest.

Rest from temptation. Here and now, Christians must *“be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour”* (1st Peter 5:8). Yet, we are assured of *“the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels”* (Matthew 25:41). When the devil is *“cast into the lake of fire and brimstone,”* where he *“will be tormented day and night forever and ever”* (Revelation 20:10), then the faithful may lay aside *“the shield of faith,”* having no further need *“to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one”* (Ephesians 6:16).

Rest from worldly oppression. Like *“righteous Lot,”* we are *“oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked”* (2nd Peter 2:7), and like Paul during his visit to Athens, whose *“spirit was provoked when he saw that the city was given over to idols”* (Acts 17:16), we are disturbed by the evil we witness from day to day. It cannot be avoided altogether now, but we have hope of things to come. Jesus said, *“In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world”* (John 16:33). In the heavenly city, *“there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an*

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“The Assembling Of Ourselves Together”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Sunday

10:15 am.....Worship

Las Vegas Library
833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Tuesday

7:00 pm.....Ladies' Study

Rachel Dockens residence

Wednesday

7:00 pm.....Various Studies

Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

“Give Attention To Reading”

1st Timothy 4:13

Sunday...Psalm 29; Exodus 29:10-30:10; 2nd Thessalonians 2:13-3:18

Monday...Psalm 30; Exodus 30:11-32:14; 1st Corinthians 1:1-25

Tuesday...Proverbs 19; Exodus 32:15-33:23; 1st Corinthians 1:26-2:16

Wednesday...Psalm 31:1-13; Exodus 34:1-35:19; 1st Corinthians 3:1-23

Thursday...Psalm 31:14-24; Exodus 35:20-37:9; 1st Corinthians 4:1-21

Friday...Proverbs 22; Leviticus 11:1-13:6; 1st Corinthians 11:17-12:3

Saturday...Psalm 35:1-16; Leviticus 13:7-58; 1st Corinthians 12:4-30

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Romans 16:16

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HE NEVER ENLISTED

Sewell Hall

He served in the army but "he wasn't a soldier". We believe there is a lesson in the following Associated Press report: "An Army spokesman said Friday that 15 year old Walter Les Martin is not recognized as a soldier – despite two periods of serving in Vietnam, because he did not enlist, was not drafted and did not enter the army through any regular means.

"He was not officially in, did not officially enlist or enter through any normal means", Barrante said. "He was, in fact, not a soldier".

Two periods of service in Vietnam, twice wounded in action; yet no purple hearts, no honorable discharge, no veteran's benefits; he did not legally enlist.

This reminds us of a host of men and women whom we have observed serving among the soldiers in the army of the Lord. They serve faithfully and even sacrificially. They reject the sins of the flesh and live a pure life. They attend services regularly, give liberally of their money, and are ready unto every good work. They often study the Scriptures, defend the truth and attack error. Often they are outstanding in their performance as soldiers, except that they never enlisted.

The "Captain of our salvation" knew in advance there would be such individuals. He warned in advance of the fate they may expect: "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:22-23). What a pity to spend a lifetime enduring "hardship as a good soldier" only to miss the veteran's benefits because of a failure to enlist.

There was no way that the young man described above could have legally enlisted; he was ineligible. But anyone who is a sinner can enlist in the army of the Lord if he is willing to leave his sins. The conditions are simple: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

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abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life" (Revelation 21:27). The Lord illustrated this in His account of the rich man and Lazarus; when the rich man sought relief from his torment, father Abraham informed him, "between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us" (Luke 16:26).

Rest from death. Because sin will be prohibited there (Revelation 21:17), we know there can be no death in heaven, since death is the result of sin (Romans 5:12; 6:23; James 5:16). Advancing age and the approach of death frightens mankind in his declining years (Ecclesiastes 12:1-7), but at the resurrection "this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory'" (1st Corinthians 15:53-54). We trust that "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4). There, in the midst of the Paradise of God, we shall partake of the tree of life (Revelation 2:7), if we have been obedient to His commands (Revelation 22:14).

This sweet rest awaits those who now labor, who believe and obey. "And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief" (Hebrews 3:18-19).

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invites you and your family to hear
the Gospel of Christ
proclaimed in its simplicity and without compromise.

Evangelist Greg Gwin of Columbia, Tennessee will be preaching.

Bring a soft heart and an open Bible.
If you don't have a Bible, we'll give you one.

Saturday, April 4th 10:00-12:00 & 2:00-4:00
Sunday, April 5th 10:00-12:00 & 3:30-5:30