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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Classes* 10:00 AM

AM Worship 10:45 AM

PM Worship 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes* 7:00 PM

(* Bible Classes for All Ages)

Today's Sermon:

*Ed Roberts will
be filling in for
Tim today.*

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what we teach and practice, please
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"Learning Gratitude"

Don Hooton

via-The Market Street Messenger—11-14-2010

If there is one sin most prevalent today it is ingratitude (Romans 1:21). God does so much for us and what we owe Him is enormous. Yet our infrequent expressions of thanks mixed with our frequent petitions might make people think we have little. Sometimes we are much like the little boy who was given an orange by a man. When the boy's mother asked, "What do you say to the nice man?," the little boy thought and handed the orange back and said, "Peel it."

In the ministry of Jesus, there was an occasion where gratitude was the message. Ten lepers approached Him and called out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" They all shared the same position - they were societal outcasts because of their leprosy. They all shared the same desire - their petition signified that they were all willing to be approached in their call for mercy. What they all shared shows that they all had the same opportunity to show gratitude.

In His response, Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the priest. As they went, their body was healed. We should notice that they were not healed immediately but they

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were healed as they went. As they obeyed the command of the Lord, the Lord healed them. Petitions, like prayer, are useless without obedience. Still, nine of them went on their way and for the first time, and no one knows how long, they were able to embrace their wife, kiss their children and hug their friends - something for which their arms would have ached. Leprosy was not merely painful, it treacherously separated its victim from society. So we are not surprised that their feet carried them there.

Yet one still returned to Jesus first. The text says, *"When he saw that he had been healed, [he] turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan."* What is significant here is that he came to Jesus first. He did not wait. He did what his heart compelled. What is also significant is that he was the only one who returned and he was a Samaritan - a race Jews repulsed. Just one - the unlikely one most might think - saw the difference Jesus had made and believed it more important, than anything else, to thank Him for it. He saw the work Christ made in him and saw an opportunity to praise God.

The lesson is that many pray but fewer praise. All ten had every reason to praise God and thank Jesus but only one did. Of course, we could speculate that one may have waited to see if the cure was real or another to see if it would last. Maybe another decided he probably never really had leprosy and another planned to thank Jesus later. Maybe one thanked the priest and another himself - since he reasoned, after all, it was his own faith that made him well. Still maybe one believed that he was doing exactly what the Lord told him to do. The truth is, all Jesus commanded them to do was to go to the priest. Maybe the nine rationalized their lack of gratitude by commending their obedience?

But one came back. He learned gratitude because his humble heart allowed him to see what Jesus had made of him. And he fell down and praised Him. So as this season of thanksgiving begins, let's put aside all of the self-elevating excuses that keep us from the

praise and thanksgiving that God so richly deserves - and thank Him. Take the moment to see who you were before God worked His grace in you and thank Him - even if the other nine never join you.

Lest Ye Forget
Shane Williams
via The Lilbourn Light

You would think the people of Israel would never have forgotten God. Not only had God brought them out of slavery in the Land of Egypt, but he brought them through the Red Sea. Then each day in the wilderness He fed them with manna. He even saw to it that their clothes didn't wear out (Deuteronomy 8:4, Nehemiah 9:21). And He brought them into a land filled with abundant resources.

Everywhere they looked, the Israelites saw God at work. Yet they turned to other gods and forgot the One who had led them and cared for them. That memory loss proved fatal. Before they entered the Promised Land, Moses warned them:

Deuteronomy 4:9, *"Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren"*

Deuteronomy 4:15-16, 19, *"Take careful heed to yourselves...16 lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female, 17 the likeness of any animal that is on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, 18 the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that is in the water beneath the earth. 19 And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host*

of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the Lord your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage."

What was Moses' point? Don't forget what you've seen! Don't forget what God has done for you! Remember and teach these truths to your children!

Deuteronomy 4:23-24, *"Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the Lord your God has forbidden you. 24 For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God."*

We are not living under the old covenant today but there is an important lesson here for us. Will we remember what God has done for us? Will we recount His blessings and teach our children? Will we follow the same forgetful path that Israel followed? Let us take time to remember what God has done for us and then give Him the love, devotion and service He deserves.

Faces Turned To God Grow Brighter

*Gary Henry
via-Reaching Forward—11-20-2010*

"They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed" —Psalm 34:5

For the Christian, the main thing is not where we are or what is happening around us at the moment, but where we are going. Just as in a sports contest, where the thing that matters is not what the score is but which side has the **MOMENTUM**, the thing that matters for the Christian is that he is making **progress in the right direction**. Our progress may seem slow and there may be obstacles in

our path, but what our hearts and minds are fully set on (or should be) is this: *"the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ"* (1 Peter 1:13). Our faces are turned toward God — and since they are, they grow brighter every day.

LOVE. It's hard to imagine how a person could have any significant understanding of God's love and not love Him back. The Scriptures are replete with stories of the acts of God's love, but if there were only one story — the story of the cross — surely that would be enough to move us to love God with a grateful love.

DESIRE. To love God is to desire to be **WITH** Him, to be in His actual presence. In this world, no human being has had that joy since Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden. But in Christ, God is offering the hope of being in His presence once again. To desire that perfect joy is to desire the very thing for which we were created.

EXPECTATION. The Christian does not merely wish that he might one day see God's face; he actually expects to do so. When Paul said, *"I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day"* (2 Timothy 1:12), we do not detect a trace of doubt in his conviction.

Now these three things — **LOVE**, **DESIRE**, and **EXPECTATION** — combine in the Christian's heart to produce **HOPE**. And, of course, hope is the thing that produces the Christian's **JOY**. Volumes have been written over the centuries about the joy that is in Christ, but what I want to say about it here is simply this: **IT CAN'T BE HIDDEN**. If you not only desire to see your Father but actually expect to do so, it will show in your face. *"They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed."* There are simply no brighter faces in the world than the faces of those who are turned toward God.

"The joy of the heart colors the face" —Anonymous

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Dan Marton
Announcements	Earl Miller
Song Leader	Ed Roberts
Scripture	Mark 3:1-19
Reader	Terry Smith
Prayer	Nathan Marshall
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Ken Prager
Fruit of the Vine	Chuck Isinghood
Serve	Wayne Campbell
Serve	CJ Isinghood
Closing Prayer	Chuck Isinghood

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Earl Miller
Song Leader	Nathan Marshall
Scripture	Mark 3:20-35
Reader	Chuck Isinghood
1st Prayer	Ed Roberts
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Nathan Marshall
Closing Prayer	Tim Henderson

Wednesday

Class Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.
Announcements	Earl Miller
Song Leader	Singing/Praying
Invitation	Ed Roberts
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Sick/ Poor Health:

- **Zeda Goddard**
- **Blake Headen**, Alberta's husband, will be having his long awaited surgery tomorrow.
- **Robert Schwerferger**, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law diagnosed with brain cancer.
- **Ronald Lancaster**, is at home, continue to pray that his kidneys will improve so he won't have to continue dialysis
- **Virginia Malick**, Peggy Miller's mother
- **Harold Marshall**, is currently still at UPMC Passavant Hospital. He is hopeful to come home sometime today.
- **Kitty Morgan**, is at Carriage Inn in Steubenville.
- **Alfred and Mary Jane Myers**
- **Jimmy Roberts**, Ed & Marie's son
- **Jim Roberts**, Ed Roberts' father
- **Marie Roberts**
- **Kris Shane**
- **Gabriel Taylor**, 5 year old great grandson of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Ann's Retreat:

- Josephine Clow

Brightwood Center:

- Shirley Campbell

Valley Haven:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

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