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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 Speakers:

AM: Tim Henderson

PM: Bryan Legg

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If We're Hungry for Goodness

By—Gary Henry

Via—Diligently Seeking God—09-13-2010

"Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness."

Psalm 107:8,9

We should stand amazed at God's patience with us. In Malachi's day, for example, the people complained about the scarcity of God's blessings, but God invited them to take Him seriously and then see what would happen: "*Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,*" says the Lord of hosts, "*if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it*" (Malachi 3:10).

One of our difficulties is that we fail to recognize the depth

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of goodness that is available to us in God. "Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness!" Marvelous satisfactions are waiting for us, but we don't have the eyes to see how truly satisfying these things can be. Nor do we have the character to be grateful for what is available to us. We are like a complacent people who live just a few miles from the shore of a vast ocean. Others have told us what great things await us there, but if we've even bothered to go see what lies so near us, we've done little more than dip our toes into the most convenient edges of the water. We've come back complaining: "The water was cold. It was too far to travel. We had to miss our favorite television program!"

The thing that we are lacking is a hunger for what God has to offer: GOODNESS. If our taste runs in other directions, we shouldn't be surprised that what God offers is unimpressive. But for those who "*hunger and thirst for righteousness*" (Matthew 5:6), there simply are no words to describe the depth of our fulfillment. In fact, while it is obviously true that God "*satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness,*" there is another sense in which God's satisfaction of our needs only enlarges our capacity to enjoy Him even more. For those who've progressed a little way down the path of spiritual growth, one of the most intense delights of life in God is that just when we think He has filled our cup to the brim, He gives us a bigger cup.

"That they are never satisfied makes all the saints rejoice. Oh, what a happy hunger! Oh, what a blessed thirst!"

—Angelus Silesius

Higher Ground

by Gary Henry

Via—Diligently Seeking God—05-01-2010

"But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does"

—James 1:25

It is not from thinking alone that we make spiritual progress, but rather from thinking, doing, and then learning from what we've done. Whoever makes an honest attempt to do what God's word has taught him to do, that person, James says, "*will be blessed in what he does.*" We get to higher ground not by meditation alone, but by movement.

Our conscience is a cautionary faculty that warns us when we're about to violate our principles. It was given to restrain us. But sometimes we need to be stimulated, and our conscience should do that also. It should move us to act in ways that ARE consistent with our principles. Often, however, we fail to act. Afraid of making a mistake, we do nothing. And consequently, we LEARN nothing. By failing to act on the best of our present understanding, we forfeit the opportunity to grow in that understanding.

Improvement is the result of examining what we've done. The more we do, the more we have a chance to improve. But if we wait to do anything until we think we can get it exactly right, we'll probably do very little. Perfect conditions for action rarely present themselves, and the person who waits for them is wasting valuable time. "*He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap*" (Ecclesiastes 11:4). In the real world, we have to go ahead and do the best we can.

Spiritual growth has more than one dimension. On the one hand, it requires that we eschew evil. But on the other, it requires that we do the good that we know to do, and then learn to do even better. *"You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ..."* (2 Peter 3:17,18). Maturity comes from actions carefully considered beforehand and then carefully evaluated afterward.

"Renewal is the principle — and the process — that empowers us to move on an upward spiral of growth and change, of continuous improvement . . . Moving along the upward spiral requires us to LEARN, COMMIT, and DO on increasingly higher planes" —
Stephen R. Covey

What Will Happen?

by-Gary Henry

Via—Reaching Forward—10-30-2009

"And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there ..." —Acts 20:22

If your peace of mind depends on knowing what is going to happen, you probably aren't going to enjoy being a Christian. God does not supply us with any specific information about what is ahead for us individually in this world. And the reason for that, presumably, is that we don't NEED to know what is going to happen. What we DO need to know are these three facts:

God is in Control. The extent to which

God is involved in every detail of what happens may be debatable, but surely we can agree that, whatever happens, God is still on His throne. He is the sovereign Ruler of His creation, and we need to live our daily lives in the confidence that nothing is going to happen that will take God by surprise or cause Him to reconsider His eternal purposes. No matter what happens, God's ultimate will is going to be done.

God will Help us. When Paul said in Philippians 4:13, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,"* he stated a truth of surpassing importance. As we yield ourselves to God's will, we need never fear that anything impossible is going to be required of us. Not knowing the future, we may wonder whether problems will arise that we can't handle, but such a fear is quite unnecessary. Whatever needs to be handled, He will HELP us handle.

In the end, God WILL gain the Victory. Although the decisive battle against Satan was won on the morning of Jesus' resurrection, the war against evil has not yet been brought to a conclusion. We don't know how many more skirmishes will have to be fought, nor do we know how many of those we ourselves will have to fight in, but we do know that the OUTCOME is a foregone conclusion: GOD IS GOING TO VANQUISH HIS ENEMY. That's all we need to know. What happens between now and then . . . well, time will tell.

So quit worrying and quit trying to figure out what is going to happen. It doesn't matter. The Christian life does not consist of predicting and planning. That's God's business. Our work is just doing the simple daily duties that lie clearly before us, come what may. And if the "uncertainty" of that kind of life makes you uncomfortable, then you probably should just get used to it.

"In the concert of life, no one receives a program"

—Dutch Proverb

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Bryan Legg
Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Dan Marton
Scripture	Luke 2:1-24
Reader	CJ Isinghood
Prayer	Wayne Campbell
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Earl Miller
Fruit of the Vine	Chuck Isinghood
Serve	Ken Prager
Serve	John Lemal
Closing Prayer	Nathan Marshall

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

Sunday PM

Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Tim Henderson
Scripture	Luke 2:25-52
Reader	Bryan Legg
1st Prayer	Ken Prager
Speaker	Bryan Legg
Communion	Tim Henderson
Closing Prayer	Earl Miller

Wednesday

Class Prayer	Chuck Isinghood
Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Dan Marton
Invitation	Dave Harless
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.

News N Notes

Please remember these in your prayers:

Sick/ Poor Health:

- Don Coen, Sr.
- Zeda Goddard
- Robert Schwerferger, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law.
- Grace Lancaster
- Ronald & Charollette Lancaster, Ronald continues to be in Weirton Medical Center
- William Louthen, Charissa ___'s grandfather. His address is: 127 10th St., Wellsburg, WV 26070
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother is also at Weirton Medical Center
- Harold Marshall, Sr., Harold's father
- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Gabriel Taylor, 5 year old great grandson of Don Coen, Sr., dealing with cancer.

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Ann's Retreat:

- Josephine Clow

Brightwood Center:

- Shirley Campbell

Valley Haven:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

Weirton Geriatric:

- Kitty Morgan

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.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please contact Tim Henderson