



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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FOOLS

Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

1 Corinthians 3:18 KJV

... and other fools

THE FOOL hath said in his heart, There is no God.

Psalms 14:1a KJV

The important thing is not what people think of us, but what they think of Jesus
BECAUSE of us!

Yesterday He helped me.
Today He did the same.
How long will it continue?
Forever, praise His name!

Worship As A Family On Sunday



In Days Gone By

On October 22, 1857, 2 sons and a daughter were born to Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Strong in South Windsor, CT. On October 13, 1858, Mrs. Strong gave birth to twin daughters, making them five children in less than one year. The Bible says that children are an heritage of the Lord.

SPIRITUAL BANKRUPTCY

When the woman had "spent all," she came to Jesus—Mark 5:26.

When the Prodigal had "spent all," he came to his father—Luke 15:14.

When the Egyptians had 'spent all,' they came to Joseph—Gen. 47:18.

When the two debtors had "nothing to pay," the creditor forgave them both—Luke 7:42.

—D. L. Moody

Plowing Straight

*I remember as a youngster
When my father said to me,
Looking backward down the
farrow,*

*And then right down at me:
"Always plow as straight a
farrow*

*As it's possible to do;
Men will judge you by your
plowing*

*When they think of birring
you.*

*If your furrow row is crooked
And you don't plow deep
and true,*

*They'll know you're not the
worker*

*For the task they want to
do."*

*What a practical philosophy;
I suspect it can't be beat.*

*Whether work or life or morals,
Let's keep those furrows neat.*

—R. W. Cooper

Christians So-Called

A boy in the streets selling mince pies kept crying, "Hot mince pies!"

A person bought one and found it quite cold. "Boy," said he, "why did you call these pies hot?"

"That's the name they go by, sir," said the boy.

So there are plenty of people who are called Christians, but they are not Christians—that's the name they go by. All the substance is drained out of them by other matters.

—Charles H. Spurgeon

Hold this rectangle to your face and blow on it. If it turns green, call your physician. If it turns brown, see your dentist. If it turns purple, consult your psychiatrist. If it turns red, see your banker. If it turns black, call your lawyer and make a will. If it remains the same color, you're in good health and there is no reason on earth why you should not be in church next Sunday morning!

I can go a long ways with a man who is wrong in judgment and right in spirit, but it is difficult to travel with one who is right in judgment but wrong in spirit. —Anon.

Bible Questions

1. In the New Testament the unsaved is compared to a _____. Mt. 25:31-46
2. What was the weight of Goliath's coat? I Sam. 17:4-5
3. What people in early times liked garlic? Num. 11:4-5

IS THAT CLEAR?

A little boy seated himself in a barber's chair and declared he wanted a haircut.

"How would you like it cut, son?" asked the barber.

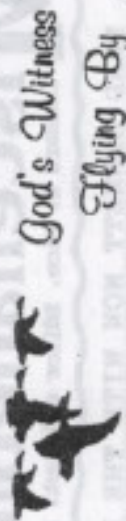
"Like Grandpa's," he said.

"How's that?"

"Real short," said the boy, "with a hole in the top."

A GOOD CHURCH MEMBER

1. Rain-proof, Sun-proof, Snow-proof and Visitor proof.
2. Comes at the opening of the service and stays till the end.
3. Prefers edification to entertainment.
4. Rich in prayer, poor in prejudice.



God's Witness Flying By

I saw a flock of ducks fly by
In V formation in the sky.
Pray tell me, whence this native skill?
Who gave them sense for so to will?

To say it came by chance or fate
Is but to show man's innate hate
Against a God of wise design
Who made them thus His pow'r to sign.

Thus man in vaunted wisdom claims
His foolish the'ries—proven shames!
Just to escape that Judgment Day,
He wishes God's Being away.

But he is destined, all too late,
To find the terrors of his fate:
In fires of Hell he'll burn on still.
Christ's love refused against His will.

—Charles Vradenburg



YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

Out of this life I shall never take,
Things of silver and gold I make.
All that I cherish and hoard away,
After I leave, on the earth must stay.

Tho' I have toiled for a painting rare,
To hang on my wall, I must leave it there.
Though I call it mine and I boast its worth,
I must give it up when I quit the earth.

All that I gather and all that I keep,
I must leave behind when I fall asleep,
And I often wonder what I shall own
In that other life when I pass alone.

What shall they find and what shall they see
In the soul that answers the call for me?
Shall the Great Judge learn when my task is thru'
That my spirit had gathered some riches, too?
Or shall at the last it be mine to find
That all I had worked for, I had left behind?

Miscellaneous.

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BRO. BRAD BENNETT NOW WITH THE LORD

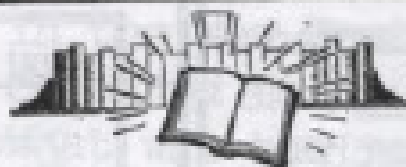
Bro. Brad Bennett, Assistant Pastor of Grace Baptist Church Pittsfield, Illinois, passed away on Wednesday, October 17, and is now at Home with the Lord. Bro. Bennett served as an assistant pastor for almost 20 years at Grace, working closely and faithfully with Pastor Gary Dice. He was a tremendous blessing to our church and to many people in our community. He was 64 years of age, and leaves behind his wife Kathryn, and 6 grown children: April, Joshua, Rachel, Daniel, Sarah and Bradley Jr. He also is survived by 8 grandchildren.

Bro. Bennett was a faithful man of God who had a servant's heart. He was talented in many ways including preaching, singing, teaching, construction, mechanics, plumbing, electricity, education (Christian School Administrator), bus ministry, etc. He was a soulwinner and a blessing to all he met. He will not only be missed by his family but also by his church family and many friends as well.

Memorial services were held at Grace Baptist Church on Friday, October 19 with Pastor Gary Dice, Pastor Max Hardy, Pastor Doug Rogers and Assistant Pastor Leonard Dice. After services, his body was taken to his home state of Indiana for burial.

Please remember his family and our church in prayer.

When at Last



When at last grown tired and weary
With the toil of many years,
I shall go to dwell in Glory,
Far beyond this vale of tears,
I will find my sorrows ended
And my trials forever o'er,
For the Saviour will be with me;
He will leave me nevermore.

When at last the dear home faces
Vanish from my fading sight
And I bid farewell forever
To this world of sin and night,

I shall see, amid the Glory,
Faces that I used to know
And await the joyful coming
Of the dear ones left below.

When at last I rise triumphant
To the many mansions fair
And behold my Saviour standing
By the portals over there,
It will be reward sufficient
Just to gaze upon His face,
Just to learn the hidden secret
Of His matchless, saving grace.

—Oswald J. Smith