



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

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A man who sometimes did business with a particular store received his monthly statement. The statement, which had been prepared through a computer, showed the amount owed to be \$00.00. The man circled the zeroes and returned the statement to the company.

The next month another statement was received showing the same balance of \$00.00—but at the bottom of the page was the familiar wording, "This bill is past due. Please pay this amount."

The man wrote a check to the company for the amount of \$00.00 and mailed it. He heard no more from the computer!

Strange though it may sound, many Christians do the same thing to God each Sunday. No, they don't sign a check for \$00.00; they actually just say, "I don't owe anything," and they give nothing (\$00.00) to the Lord.

*Death is not defeat but  
victory. When we go to  
our final home, it will not  
be the end of everything,  
but the beginning.*

## *A Reason for Politeness*

"My boy," said a father to his son, "treat everybody with politeness, even those who are rude to you; remember, you show courtesy to others, not because they are gentlemen, but because you are one."

## **In Days Gone By**

On Nov. 30, 1628, John Bunyan was born.

On Nov. 30, 1874, Winston Churchill was born.

## **Cloud of Witnesses...**

Because I bear the name of Him  
Who died on Calvary,  
There is a cloud of witnesses  
Who scan my life to see  
Whether or not I really am  
His Whose I claim to be.

They may not speak, and yet I know  
They watch every move I make;  
My Lord, may I so live that they  
May know without mistake  
That I am truly Thine; just this  
I ask for Jesus' sake.

# Supreme Court battle shows severe government dysfunction

U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh was one of the most highly qualified candidates ever. A *cum laude* graduate of Yale University, he worked as a law clerk for both an appeals court judge and a U.S. Supreme Court justice, as well as staff lawyer for U.S. government offices and the White House.

For 12 years he served as a U.S. Court of Appeals judge, part of that time also teaching at the law schools of Yale, Harvard and Georgetown Universities. The American Bar Association standing committee on the federal judiciary unanimously gave him its highest possible rating. Over the course of his career he went through six separate FBI background checks, none of which raised concerns. In his private time he coached a girls' basketball team, tutored at a school and served meals to the homeless.

Yet when he was nominated in July to fill the seat of retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, liberal senators and organizations immediately opposed him, claiming he was unqualified (though his credentials far surpassed those of some sitting left-leaning court justices).

As part of the U.S. Senate's "advice and consent" role mandated by the U.S. Constitution, Judge Kava-

naugh met for hundreds of hours with senators, who were given more than a million pages of documents, hundreds of Kavanaugh's previous legal rulings and more than 6,000 pages he submitted in response to nearly 1,300 questions. Yet in spite of providing reportedly more documentation than all previous Supreme Court nominees combined, some demanded more. Senate hearings degenerated into something of a circus, with demonstrators repeatedly interrupting and dozens being arrested.

Then, with hearings finally concluded and a vote to be taken, three women emerged alleging 30-year-old never-reported sexual crimes and misbehavior by Judge Kavanaugh dating back to his teen years. The legal standard of "innocent until proven guilty" was promptly thrown out, with multiple liberal congressmen and leftist organizations, media pundits and celebrities pronouncing him guilty—even though a demanded FBI investigation interviewed all named supposed witnesses to the events and found that not one had ever seen such actions.

After several more days of suspense, demonstrations, accusations and media-fueled hysteria, Judge Kavanaugh was confirmed to the Supreme Court in a

highly partisan 50-48 vote, with all but one liberal voting against him.

Why does such deep division exist in American government? The bottom line is *differing views of the nation's future*. The Supreme Court, by such decisions as banning Bibles from school classrooms, outlawing school prayer, legalizing the murder of the unborn through abortion and redefining marriage by legalizing homosexual marriage, has injected itself into major moral, religious and ethical issues of the day.

Conservatives would like to see many of these decisions reversed, or at least subjected to popular vote. Liberals, unable to advance such goals at the ballot box, have been forced to rely on left-leaning judges to enact their agenda. Thus the nomination of the conservative Kavanaugh was met with all-out obstruction by liberals. And the battle may not be over. Should Liberals take control of the U.S. House of Representatives in November elections, leftists are already calling on them to impeach both Justice Kavanaugh and President Trump so they can no longer stand in the way of the liberal agenda.

Stay tuned as the battle continues. The stakes for the nation are very high.

— BTmagazine

## The Autumn Years

Cheer up! Be of good courage! Old age is neither a sin nor a dishonor. It is a glory.

Most of the folks who attain unto old age are in one of three groups.

First, there are some whom it makes bitter.

Next, there are some who try to fool themselves and their neighbors by pretending that they are not old, as though it were a thing to be ashamed of. They like to act kittenish and dress like they were sixteen, whereas they should show soundness and wisdom. They want you to guess their age, hoping you will make them ten years younger. You sense their desire and flatter them with a number you know isn't close. Old age cannot command the honor and the respect belonging to it if it acts insincere and silly.

Then there is the last group: those who accept the richness of their years and rejoice in them. As Julia Ward Howe said, "All the sugar is at the bottom of the cup." Robert Browning put it this way: "The last of life, for which the first was made."

There are many whose latter days have been their most fruitful. John Wesley preached until he was called Heavenward at eighty-eight. Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote some of his most brilliant judicial decisions at ninety. Thomas Edison gave us some of his best inventions between the ages of seventy and eighty.

Old age is the autumn of life. It can be made beautiful with the gold and crimson tints of Indian summer; or it can be made cold, cheerless and disagreeable, like dead leaves and a piercing wind.

## CHRISTIANS: The Paradox People

A REAL CHRISTIAN is a strange person to a lost world. Most of the things true about a Christian seem to be paradoxical (seemingly contradictory). Read the description of a Christian:

1. A Christian is one who feels supreme love for One whom he has never seen.
2. He talks familiarly every day to Someone He cannot see.
3. He expects to go to Heaven on the virtues of Another.
4. He empties himself in order to be full.
5. He admits he is wrong so he can be declared right.
6. He goes down in order to get up.
7. He is strongest when he is weakest.
8. He is richest when he is poorest.
9. He is happiest when he feels the worst.
10. He dies so he can live.
11. He forsakes all and yet possesses all.
12. He gives away so he can keep.
13. He loses what he keeps and keeps what he loses.
14. He loses to win.
15. He works to rest.
16. He sees the invisible.
17. He hears the inaudible.
18. He knows that which passes knowledge.
19. He is both dead and alive.
20. He surrenders to win.
21. He is content but not satisfied.
22. He loves himself and yet loathes himself.
23. He is good and yet has no righteousness of his own.
24. He is set free in order to be a servant.

# Miscellaneous.

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\*EVENTS  
\*VIEWS  
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## BRINGING EVERYTHING UP TO DATE AT GRACE BAPTIST

First and foremost is that Pastor Gary Dice has been doing some better, healthwise, and has been able to preach and get much more involved in the ministry and work. This has been a tremendous blessing and help to everyone in the church. Attendance has been good, offerings have been good and there's always a good, happy spirit among the people. And, most important, is that several people have been saved lately, and new visitors have been attending.

Another milestone for my wife Sharon and I is that the last 2 of our 16 grandchildren are now married. Micah married Hannah Burrows and Jeremiah married KayLee Barnes. Both of these young men are Pastor and Mrs. Dice's sons, and both new families are living in the New Salem area.

We have now started to upgrade our buses. We now have two nice big buses, newer and nicer than the ones we have been using, and plan to get one more. These buses will be a blessing to the drivers, workers and the people who ride on them.

Also, we now have all the walls inside our new addition framed. There are 4 offices, 2 large restrooms, 5 Sunday School classrooms, kitchen, pantry, utility and storage rooms and a very large area for fellowship and dining. We still have a lot of work yet to do.

Grace Baptist Academy continues well with dedicated workers and teachers. They are planning and practicing for their Christmas program.

Pastor Dice just celebrated his 61st birthday on November 16, and plans to continue on to bigger and better things!

## NEANDERTHAL 101

Sixteen-year-old Kansas biology student Anna Harvey dared to ask her biology teacher the most threatening words he could ever hear. "When are we going to learn about creationism?" Her teacher, Stan Roth said that "...nonscientific crap" had no place in his classroom. "He told me, 'When are you going to stop believing that crap your parents teach you?'" Harvey said. Roth was asked to retire in May, five months after his response to the straight-A student. Evolutionists have been upset since the Kansas Board of Education voted to remove the requirement that students be taught evolution.

- Family Research Council