



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

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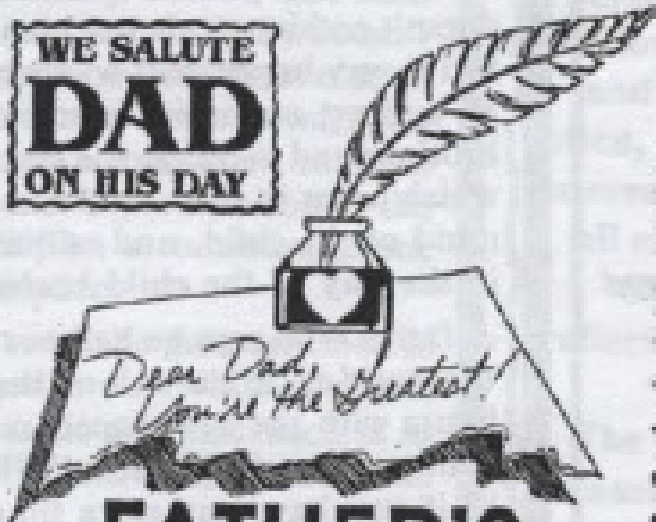
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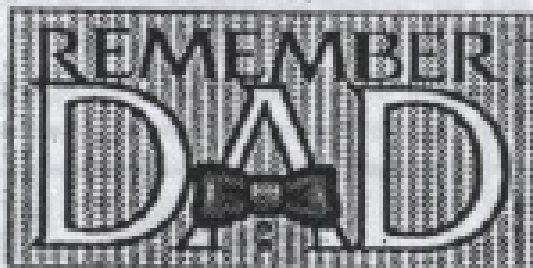
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WE SALUTE
DAD
ON HIS DAY



FATHER'S DAY



GUARD YOUR NAME

It came from your father,
It was all he had to give,
So it's yours to use and cherish,
As long as you may live.
If you lose the watch he gave you,
It can always be replaced,
But, a black mark on your name, son,
Can never be erased.
It was clean the day you took it
And a worthy name to bear,
When I got it from my father
There was no dishonor there.
So, make sure you guard it wisely--
After all is said and done,
You'll be glad the name is spotless
When you give it to your son.

Take Heed

Spurgeon said, "A child of five, if properly instructed, can believe and become regenerated like an adult."

"I have usually found a clearer knowledge of the Gospel and a warmer love toward Christ in a converted child than in the adult convert. I have sometimes met with a deeper spiritual experience in a child of ten or twelve than in some persons fifty or sixty. I have known children who wept themselves to sleep under a crushing sense of sin."

Jesus warned, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones" (Matt. 18:10). *The Circuit Rider.*

In Days Gone By

On June 23, 1909, Dr. Monroe Parker was born. He was a great preacher.

On June 26, 1900, a commission that included Dr. Walter Reed began the fight against the deadly disease of yellow fever.

On June 27, 1950, the U.S. took action against Korea.

PROVERBS

"My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother."
-Proverbs 1:8

PAPA'S COMING

*He swung on the gate and looked
down the street,*

*Awaiting the sound of familiar feet,
Then suddenly came to the sweet
child's eyes*

*The marvelous glory of morning
skies,*

*For a manly form with a steady
stride*

*Drew near to the gate that opened
wide,*

*As the boy sprang forward and
joyfully cried,*

"Papa's coming!"

But the picture is also given
of a child wasted through ne-
glect and hurt by another's sin,
waiting for his father.

The wasted face of a little child

*Looked out of the window with
eyes made wild*

*By the ghostly shades in falling
light*

*And the glimpse of a drunk man in
the night,*

*Cursing and reeling from side to
side,*

*The poor boy, trembling and trying
to hide*

*Cling to his mother's skirts and
cried,*

"Papa's coming!"

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Fathers Are Teachers

Fathers have about the greatest opportunity as teachers of anyone in the world - in many respects greater than the opportunity of the school teacher. You see, that boy or girl in the home has the chance to see if father and mother really believe and practice what they teach.

A father who acts as if he believed in Sunday school, and then doesn't go himself, is teaching by his actions that he really doesn't feel it very important; a father who teaches love and tolerance to all and yet maintains a critical attitude in the home toward his brothers and sisters in the church, is doing a wrong to his children which never in this world can be undone. It is pure poison to the mind of the child, and will most certainly be a stumbling block in the way of the child becoming a Christian.

A father who says he believes the Bible to be the greatest Book in the world as he leaves it on the shelf to gather dust while he spends hours with the newspaper, magazines, radio and television is in reality saying, "Children, the Bible really isn't too important. Read it, if you have any extra time."

What one of you hasn't heard a little boy step proudly forward among his playmates and declare, "I KNOW that's so because my Daddy said so!" He has confidence in you, dear Father, and the things which he sees you put first in your life are going to stand out as mighty important to him, too.

You see, father, YOU ARE A TEACHER!

Mom, Sis and Me

Most homes like mine have four,

But ours has only three:

Since Dad went away

There's just Mom and Sis and me.

Sometimes it gets so lonely

Since Dad went away:

I hope it won't be long

That he will have to stay.

You see, Dad's sick from drinking,

And this I don't understand:

Once he was just like others—

A handsome, fine young man.

Mom tells us to pray a lot

And Dad will be all right:

But I wonder if she really believes it

'Cause I hear her cry at night.

No matter what my daddy's done,

He's the only dad for me:

And I pray he'll change his life

For Mom and Sis and me.

I pray there are no other homes

Where there are only three,

And no one is quite so lonely

As Mom and Sis and me.

DAD, What is a Christian?

A small child (in the cartoon series Theophilus) gazed up into the eyes of his father and asked, "Dad, what is a Christian?" To this question the father replied, "A Christian is a person who loves and obeys God. He loves his friends and neighbors and even his enemies. He prays often, is kind, gentle, holy and more interested in going to heaven than in all earthly riches. That, son, is a Christian!" The boy looked reflective for a moment, then asked, "Have I ever seen one?"

The father in the cartoon gave a reasonably good answer to his son, didn't he? He emphasized the love of God, and our love for others—even for our enemies and afflictors. He also emphasized communication with the Father, seeking first the kingdom of Heaven, and displaying the fruit of the Spirit in one's life. It was not a bad answer. But imagine the father's shock when the son asked if he had ever actually seen such a person! Is it possible, as the cartoon suggests, that we sometimes talk a good talk, but walk a poor walk? We might be able to tell others what a Christian is—may even profess to be one—but have we ever shown them? If someone were to come up to you and ask for a description of a Christian, would you TELL them...or Show them?

-O.W. Polen

TWENTY-NINE YEARS AS PASTOR

Dr. Gary Dice, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Pittsfield, Illinois, just observed his 29th year as our pastor on June 10. He came here on June 10, 1990, fresh out of college, and God has blessed his ministry in many ways. Many people have been saved, had their lives changed and are now serving the Lord. Pastor Dice is one of the most hard-working, generous, giving and caring people you will ever meet. Our church has been privileged to have a great man of God like this as our pastor.

Grace Baptist has a great outreach, supporting many missionaries and missionary endeavors around the world. Our large tract ministry has reached into 155 countries. The theme of our church is "Breaching the Gospel at Home and Around the World." The sun never sets on our ministry.

After coming here, Pastor Dice led the church to build a new auditorium and later a new fellowship building. We are now building another larger addition to house offices, Sunday School rooms, large new restrooms, kitchen and a larger fellowship area.

During this time, Pastor Dice had open-heart surgery in January, 2015 and has suffered, through many complications and hospital stays, including going to Mayo Clinic five times. In spite of the illness, surgery, complications and continuing recuperation efforts, he has continued serving faithfully, many times operating the church by cell phone from the emergency room, intensive care unit, recuperating room and wherever he had to be. Amazingly, the church has done very well and he plans to continue as pastor as long as the Lord leads. He was recognized and honored in services at the church on Sunday, June 9.

TWO MEN OF GRACE BAPTIST ACCEPT PASTORATES

We have many good men at our church, and recently two of them have accepted pastorates.

Bro. Jeremy Hinton, has recently accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church in Versailles, Illinois. Bro. and Mrs. Hinton are good Christian people and were a great blessing to our church while they were members. He was voted in as pastor by 100% of the voting members, and began his first service on June 2, 2019. They have five wonderful children.

Bro. Thomas Myers, a young man who grew up at Grace Baptist Church here in Pittsfield, has accepted the pastorate of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Rochester, Indiana. He was also voted in by 100% of the voting members of the church. Our church will have an ordination service for him on Sunday night, June 23. Bro. Myers and his wife Rachel have 3 wonderful children. They will be moving to Indiana on Friday, June 28.

Pray for both of these good men and their families. We believe that God will use them in a great way.