

## A Thought For Your Week.

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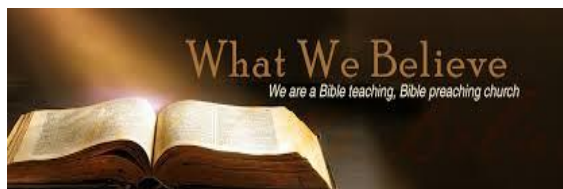
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"In the house of the righteous is much treasure--but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble." Proverbs 15:6

How different is the estimate that faith makes of riches, honors, and comforts from that made by the world and the flesh! The world has no idea of riches but such as consist in gold and silver, in houses, lands, or other tangible property; no thought of honor, but such as man has to bestow; and no notion of comfort, except in "fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind." But the soul that is anointed by an "unction from the Holy One," takes a different estimate of these matters, and feels that the only true riches are those of God's grace in the heart, that the only real honor is that which comes from God, and that the only solid comfort is that which is imparted by the Holy Spirit to a broken and contrite spirit. Now, just in proportion as we have the Spirit of God, shall we take faith's estimate of riches, honor, and comfort; and just so much as we are imbued with the spirit of the world, shall we take the world's estimate of these things.

When the eye of the world looked on the Apostles, it viewed them as a company of poor ignorant men, a set of wild enthusiasts, that traveled about the country preaching concerning one Jesus, who, they said, had been crucified, and was risen from the dead. The natural eye saw no beauty, no power, no glory in the truths they brought forth; nor did it see that the poor perishing tabernacles of these outcast men contained in them a heavenly treasure; and that they would one day shine as the stars forever and ever, while those who despised their word would sink into endless woe. The spirit of the world, and the views that the flesh takes are not altered now. Nature ever remains the same, and can never understand or love the things of eternity; it can only look to, and can only rest upon, the poor perishing things of time and sense.

By this test, therefore, we may in a measure try our state. What, for instance, are our daily and hourly feelings about the things of time and sense, and what about the things of eternity? Which of the two press with more power on our minds, which occupy more of our thoughts, which are laid up more warmly in our affections? And just in proportion as the solemn things of eternity, or the things of time and sense, occupy our mind; just so much as our hearts are fixed upon heaven or earth; just so much as we are living to God, or to ourselves, in the same degree is the strength of our faith, and the depth of the work of grace upon our conscience.



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## Our Prayer List

*"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17*

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirley King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother Jerry Dodson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Sister Rebecca Sidders.

## Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8*

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania, and the Berea Baptist Banner Mantachie, Ms.

## **"A Message from Pastor Johnson"**

*"Feed the flock of God which is among you,  
taking the oversight thereof..." 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:2*

### ***"God's Blessings***

*Ephesians 1:18 - 20 "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, (19) And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, (20) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,"*

Oh my, the grace that God has bestowed upon us who believe in Jesus Christ as our Saviour. There are so many blessings in this passage of scripture it would be impossible for me to cover them all in this short article. Beloved, if you have any biblical understanding of Truth, it is a gift from God. If any of us fail to see everything in our life as a blessing of God's grace, we will miss the true blessing here. God said, *"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened...."* We all know that our eyes are the instrument by which we see. If we cannot see, then we will not truly understand. We are all ignorant of something until we can see and learn, that is called being enlightened by God. The eyes God is speaking of here are our spiritual eyes which is our inner spirit. When our spirit was dead then we were blinded, God said, *"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not..."* 2 Cor. 4:4 This is because lost people have dead spirits and therefore spiritually, they cannot not see the truth of the scriptures. The words "being enlightened" means - *to shed rays, that is, to shine or to be made to see-*. God quickened our dead spirits *"that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints"*. His calling is God calling us from darkness to light, from a dead state to a living state and once our *"understanding being enlightened"* by God we can see the hope that God has given to us. *"And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe"* Just that fact that we are saved is showing the greatness of God's power, but we are also to see the workings of God in our everyday life. *"according to the working of his mighty power,"* God, in the salvation of our souls performed many blessing in our life way beyond our salvation. He also fills our life with blessings that He has chosen for each of us as He chose them. God does not work the same in every child, He leads us all in many different directions as He has chosen. And since He has *"enlightened our eye of understanding"* we are also able to see God's blessings.

## **Pastor Johnson, Continued**

And we come to understand that all of them are *"according to the working of his mighty power"* because we know that all things are only possible through Jesus Christ and the workings and power of God. Our *"inheritance"* are the blessings of God in our life which are innumerable. The word means - a possession – Strongs, Vines says it means - what the believer will be to God in that age, - as children of the King of kings being His children. *"Which he wrought in Christ"*, this word "wrought" means - "to be operative, be at work, put forth power." All these blessings from God is possible because the Father raised Jesus from the dead. We owe every blessing to God because of what we have in Jesus Christ. As we saw in God raising the Son of man from the grave we can see how God works all blessings for us, in Christ. What wonderful blessings God has bestowed on us!

### **Church Information and Happenings.**

1. We are looking forward to our upcoming Bible Conference here in Texarkana on September 13 – 14. Please make plans to join us, details coming soon.
2. Pastor Johnson will be speaking at Grace Bible Baptist Church in Denham Springs, La at their Bible Conference on May 24 – 26

### ***Ephesians 3:14-21***

*"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."*