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Please Join Us As We Pray For:

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, cousin Kayla, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina and Kirk, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Vickie Adkins, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Elder Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Roselyn Pardillo and Family and those that work with her, Hailey Beaver, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Dakota Sutton, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family and church, Baby Titus Massey, Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan the work in Thailand, Elder Raul and the work in Romania.

Thoughts from our Pastor:

The real sin of death.

1 John 5:13, 17 "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. (17) If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it."

Sometime the bible gets very complicated to read and understand. Sometime there are such passages that even the great minds whom we read and study their commentaries disagree or they refused to write about that passage. This is one of those passages of scripture where God says in verse 13 "...that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." The word "know" means that you may be sure of, that you may be sure that you have eternal life through Jesus Christ. However, in verse 17 the Lord said, "*There is a sin unto death*" If there is a sin unto death then verse 13 contradicts verse 17 and the haters of the bible looking for contradictions are happy. Sometimes the Lord says things that are confusing on the surface and requires much study to understand, but do not forget that the bible is a revelation which means the Holy Spirit must tell you the meaning. The problem with preachers and teachers is we are all human and sometimes we (even though we agree on much) disagree on some things. We must understand that we are not infallible in biblical interpretation. At time's men must "agree to disagree" but I think that time has changed this thought and that is in the past for a lot of bible thinkers. Nowadays our disagreement has turned into almost, if not hate, as though some believe they are infallible. I have never met another Pastor or bible teacher that we agreed 100% in God's word. Oh, how we all wished that God would give all infallible knowledge of the scriptures, but He does not in fact He says, "*Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.*" 1 Corinthians 12:4 This means that God has given men different Truths to understand, and this is why we are not infallible because God has not given us infallible biblical knowledge. With being said let me explain my thoughts on this passage that includes "*There is a sin unto death*". The context of this passage is speaking about both the saved and the lost. Since our Saviour is Jesus Christ and His blood cleanses us from all sin, and because of this we "*that ye may know that ye have eternal life*". Therefore, it must be concluded that to the believer in Jesus Christ, whom He has shed His blood to cleanse "all their sins" then it would be contradictory to say there is a sin unto death. Just because the Lord said "*There is a sin unto death*" does not mean

it is to the Believer and contradict His own words. The truth is, unless you **know** you have eternal life **in Jesus Christ** and know that **all your sins are cleansed in His blood**, then you have **no way** of knowing. The fact is that to the believer we have no uncleansed sins at all, all our sins are cleansed by the blood of Jesus, He took our sins to Calvary and died for them. Therefore, it must be concluded that it is impossible for us to account for one single sin, therefore it must also be concluded that to the true believer there can be NO “*sin unto death*”. There is only one sin unto death and that sin is both to the body and soul and it is unbelief in Jesus Christ as Saviour. John 3:18 “*He that believeth on him is not condemned: **but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.***” Some people say it is because people reject the gift of the Holy Spirit, but there is no gift if the Holy Spirit doesn’t offer it, and there is no rejecting His gift of salvation. “*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*” Romans 8:14 Folks, to me it is simple, sin is the reason we have death and sin is the deliverer of death and the only reason for death. “*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.*” Romans 5:12 The only “*sin unto death*” is the sin of never knowing Jesus Christ as Saviour, period. I know some will disagree, but I cannot answer for them, to believe that there is a “sin unto death” for the believers in Jesus Christ, who should know that they have eternal life in Jesus Christ is contradiction of the scriptures. God did not say this “sin unto death” was to the believers, He just said “*There is a sin unto death:*”. “*Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. (32) And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.*” Matthew 12:31 – 32 If you reject the very gift the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ which the Holy Spirits delivers to every child of God, then the “sin of death” is your sin of death.

Thoughts for Your Heart!

Opinions? Theology? Religion?

By Horatius Bonar

It is not opinions that man needs, it is TRUTH.

It is not theology that man needs, it is GOD.

It is not religion that man needs, it is CHRIST.

Church News:

Please do not forget to continually pray for our upcoming Bible Conference Friday September 15th and Saturday September 16th.

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list daily. Please check our list and see if someone needs to be added or removed.

Update on Nate Hille is he is doing better than expected and has gone home.

Update on Baby Titus Massey is doing much better, but still needs lots of prayers.

There will be a memorial service in 3 - 6 week for Sister Velma Hammon here at the church. According to the Family.

Psalms 145:10 – 12 "All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom."