

A Meditation for Your Week

By J.C. Philpot

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18

Growth is the sure mark of life. We see this in vegetation, in the animal creation, in the growth of our own bodies, and of every other thing in which there is life. Where, then, there is the life of God in the soul, there will be a growth in that life. Paul says to the Thessalonian Church—"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fit, because your faith grows exceedingly" (2 Thess. 1:3); and Peter says, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." There is "an increasing in the knowledge of God" (Col. 1:10), and "a coming in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13). It was for this increasing knowledge of the Son of God that Paul stretched every desire of his soul when he followed after, if that he might apprehend that for which also he was apprehended of Christ Jesus; and thus reaching forth unto those things which were before, he pressed toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:12-14).

This is not what is called 'progressive sanctification', as if the flesh got holier and holier, for that is still ever "the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;" but this is a growth of that "new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." After this growth in grace, this closer conformity to the image of Christ, should we ever be striving with all the powers of our soul; not satisfied with a low and lean state before God, but with unceasing prayer and supplication, begging of the Lord that we might be "filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that we might walk worthy of the Lord, unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9, 10).



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Welcome to the Sovereign Grace Missionary Baptist Church

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Our Prayer List

"Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, 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, Danny Mollette, 12-year-old Lucas, Joshua Kidd, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirley King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, and Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Mark and Kathy Johnson, Baby Jud, Sister Rebecca Johnson, Missionary Dan Sullivan and Sister Sunny, Vickie Adkins, Mateo Lorenzo Vero, Doug Newell III, Nicholas - Madison and Emory Patty, Sarah Henderson.

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." Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

“A Thought From Our Pastor.”

“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;” 1 Peter 5:2

“Are you prepared?”

Hebrews 9:27 “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”

Death is coming, I know people ignore the subject, but death is not far away, and the fires of hell await those who have ignored the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you live your life at your pleasure and ignore God and His word, please be aware that judgment day is coming. Your final place for eternity is either in heaven or hell. Think of it as a joke if you please, ignore it if you please, but the day of judgment without mercy and grace is coming, it is going to happen. 1Cor. 15:52 *“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”* As Christians all we can do is plant and water the seeds of God, any increase is of God. So, the seed and the water is this article, hate it, laugh at it, ignore it, but in judgment you will wish you had taken it to heart. Luke 16:24 *“And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.”*

Here is the solution for your redemption, *“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”* Hebrews 9:28 and in Luke 16:23 - 24 *“And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.”*

John 5:22 - 27 *“For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.”*

John 8:16 *“And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.”*

Romans 2:2 *“But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.”*

2Cor. 5:10 *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”*

Pastor's Thought Continue.

Revelation 20:11 - 15 *“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”*

So, as we can all see, that judgment is coming and the lack of thinking about it will not delay it. There is a place called hell, and the road is wider than the road to heaven. When a lost sinner dies not amount of prayer, no amount of hoping, no minister preaching your funeral and just insert you into heaven. Only Jesus Christ, His being, His life, His work, His most painful suffering, His crucifixion, His death, His burial, His resurrection, and His blood shed can save you from hell. Titus 3:3 - 7 *“For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”*

Church information and Happenings

- **Please continue to pray** for our church!!!
- **Happy Birthday** to Brother Larry Mollette Monday June 23rd
- **Happy Birthday** to Pastor Johnson Friday June 27th
- **The church** will have a special church meeting Wednesday Night. Please make every attempt to be here.