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"A Church Seeking To Please God In Prayer, Song, Preaching, And Worship."

Please Join Us As We Pray For:

All of Our Military, Their Family's & All the Civilian Workers in The Middle East, Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frankie Baldrige and daughter, 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, Danny & Nita Mollette, their cousin Kayla, The Muncy Family, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Matthew Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, Donna Johnson, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas, Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Vickie Adkins, Shirly King and family, Brother Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, Christel and her daughter, Ruthie Craft, Bertito Craft, James Jackson and wife, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

The Pastors Message:

A Good Soldier for Jesus Christ.

"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." 2 Timothy 2:1 - 4

We who are True Christians will never enjoy living on this world, it is not our home. We are awaiting our flight to God's glorious Kingdom; we are waiting to appear in the place Jesus has prepared for us with Him. *"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."* John 14:3 Here on this earth we are hated just as He was and for His sake. Oh, we can enjoy a few things in this life, but life on this earth is not ours to enjoy. As Christians the Lord tells us not to love this world, which I believe is the system of it not the world itself. God created this world, and He created it for Himself and for us who trust Jesus Christ as our Saviour. Always remember when Jesus said He created a place for us it must be close to Him because as Christians we are His, a gift from His Father and His love for us will never cease, NEVER! The churches are His Bride, not all churches but His churches, not all members but those who have been good soldiers for Jesus Christ. See, not all church members are good church members are worthy of the title Bride. Churches are like her members, none are infallible, and we do not always know what our membership are doing in secret, but God does. *"Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD."* Jeremiah 23:23 - 24 Only church members that are faithful to God, their family, and their churches can enjoy being part of the bride. Being a good soldier in Jesus Christ requires being a good soldier in church and being a good Christian in this life. We must understand that God sees everything and no sin hides from His eyes. Paul wrote *"be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."* We are not on our own, we do not have to travel this life by our own power. It is Gods grace not only that brings salvation, but it is the same grace that sustains us in our everyday life. It is that grace that we must stand strong in, we have no power to sustain ourselves no more

than we could save ourselves. *“But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.”* Ephesians 4:7 We must recognize those graces given to us and be strong in them, striving to serve and worship the Lord, being good church members, and recognizing what God wants and expects of us as His elect soldiers. Listen closely to Albert Barnes *“Grace is bestowed upon all true Christians, and all have enough to enable them to live a life of holiness. Yet we are taught here: (1) That it is a “gift.” It is “bestowed” on us. It is not what is originated by ourselves. (2) It is by a certain “measure.” It is not unlimited, and without rule. There is a wise adaptation; an imparting it by a certain rule. The same grace is not given to all, but to all is given enough to enable them to live as they ought to live. (3) That measure is the gift of Christ, or what is given in Christ. It comes through him. It is what he has purchased; what he has obtained by his merits. All have enough for the purposes for which God has called them into his kingdom, but there are not the same endowments conferred on all. Some have grace given them to qualify them for the ministry; some to be apostles; some to be martyrs; some to make them eminent as public benefactors. All this has been obtained by Christ; and one Should not complain that another has more distinguished endowments than he has.”* Well Said Brother!!! We must recognize that life is our battlefield and fight life everyday to win the battle of life with the tools God has given to us, remembering always while God’s grace will bring us to victory, we must run the race. God has chosen your life, it is a gift and the race is yours, the battle is yours no matter what God has chosen for you i.e. Job, it is your to run. While we do not understand why that God elected for us a life on poverty, a life of illness, a life of misery, or a life of wealth and joy, it is God that chose it for us and that life is our battlefield. Just make sure the life you are living is God’s will for you and fight for that life even if it leads to being a martyr for Christ. The harder the battle in this life the greater the rewards in heaven. *“...be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”* Hebrews 13:5 Beloved, our old nature is to sin and our new nature is to be holy, it is a battle within to fight the good fight always remembering we are not fighting the fight of life alone, **we live, move, and have our being by God’s grace.** Therefore, let us pray for much grace to be strengthened because we will not always be perfect, but when we fall God will pick us up and tell us to keep fighting. We ought to pick each other and help our Brothers and Sisters edifying them without damnation or criticizing them. *“Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.”* James 5:20 It is our work in life to serve the Lord our God in this life and if we fail, we not only fail ourselves, but we fail the church and God. Your life is not yours, it is Gods on loan to you, therefore it is to be used for the purpose that God has chosen for you, no matter how ugly the battlefield gets, **FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF LIFE FOR God and Jesus Christ,** and in the end God will reward you with eternal rewards. *“Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.”* John 6:27

The most unpopular, hated and feared teaching in the entire Bible!

By Brian Schwertley, "The Biblical Doctrine of Hell Examined"

"The rich man also died and was buried. In Hell, where he was in torment . . ." Luke 16:22-23
The doctrine of eternal punishment is probably the most unpopular, hated and feared teaching in the entire Bible. The thought of people burning in Hell for eternity is most repugnant to the human mind.

Yet in spite of the terrifying nature of the doctrine, and in spite of the fact that people find the idea of everlasting torment revolting, the strongest support of the doctrine comes from the lips of Jesus Christ. Think of it: the most terrifying imagery and detailed descriptions of Hell are found in the discourses of the Redeemer! Jesus continually warned men and women of the danger of going to Hell. Jesus Christ, who foretold that He would come again to judge the entire human race, spoke more about Hell and its terrors than all the prophets and apostles combined. To ignore and disregard the clear teaching of Jesus, is to deny Christ.

The Bible sets before us many differing aspects of the torments in Hell as a warning. The torments of Hell help us to understand how much God hates sin. Oh what dreadful torments await those who die without Christ!

Matthew 10:28 *“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”*

Matthew 13:42 *“And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”*